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**Notes
& News**

Sunday 5 May 2024
Easter 6

*** THIS WEEK – NEW ***

Thursday 9 May 7.30pm Ascension Prayer and Praise at St Peter's
Saturday 11 May 10.00am Prayer walk from St Mark's
Sunday 12 May 12.30pm Bring and Share lunch for the whole parish
at St Peter's Church Centre

More details on all these activities can be found inside. Please join in where you can.

*** 'BEING WITH' COURSE – NEW ***

The 'Being With' course exploring the Christian faith went really well last term and was much appreciated by those who attended it. So we have decided to run another course covering different topics from the last one, which is suitable for those who came on the last one and those who didn't.

We will be covering topics like Communion, Baptism and Discipleship, bringing our own life experiences as well as the Bible into our discussions.

We will be meeting at the Vicarage, 66 Westfield Road, roughly fortnightly on Mondays 13, 20 May, 3, 17 June, 1, 15 July from 7.30pm - 9.00pm.

If you or someone you know are interested please speak with Rachel or J Jonathan.

Sunday 5 May 2024
Easter 5 – Rogation Sunday

All Souls' 9.30am	MORNING WORSHIP (CW)
<u>HYMNS</u>	24 All things praise thee
	379 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
	329 In Christ there is no east or west
	16 All my hope on God is founded
<u>PSALM 98</u>	said from the church Bible (p603)
<u>OLD TESTAMENT</u>	Ezekiel 47: 6b-12 (p880)
<u>NEW TESTAMENT</u>	Mark 4: 26-32 (p1006)
St Peter's 10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (CW) and Sunday School
	<i>This service will be livestreamed</i>
<u>HYMNS</u>	152 For the beauty of the earth
	111 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
	755 When I survey the wondrous cross
	207 Hallelujah, sing to Jesus
<u>OLD TESTAMENT</u>	Ezekiel 47: 6b-12 (p880)
<u>GOSPEL</u>	Mark 4: 26-32 (p1006)
St Mark's 11.00am	MORNING WORSHIP (CW)
<u>HYMNS</u>	881 Lord I lift your name on high
	1000 King of kings, majesty
	870 Jesus is the name we honour
	825 Faithful one
	1012 These are the days of Elijah
<u>PSALM 98</u>	said from the church Bible (p603)
<u>OLD TESTAMENT</u>	Ezekiel 47: 6b-12 (p880)
<u>NEW TESTAMENT</u>	Mark 4: 26-32 (p1006)

*** WE ARE TAKING PART IN RHS "GROW WITH IT" – NEW ***

We are holding a **Big Seed Sow** at Refresh Café *this week 3.00pm on Tuesday 7 May* at St Mark's – all are welcome, whether you regularly come to Refresh Café or not!

The RHS have sent us some seeds; we will pot them up together, nurture them in our homes, and hopefully plant them in the Community Garden.

If you have spare seed trays / pots, please bring them along. Any questions, contact Lucy: curate@stpeterwoking.org, 07803 851711.

Sunday 12 May 2024
Easter 7 – Environment Sunday

All Souls' 9.30am	Morning Worship (CW)
St Peter's 10.00am	Morning Worship (CW)
	<i>This service will be livestreamed</i>
St Mark's 11.00am	Morning Worship (CW)
St Peter's 6.30pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)

*** "REVIVE" – SUNDAY 19 MAY 6.30pm @ ST MARK'S – NEW ***

Our next Revive service on Pentecost Sunday at the slightly later time of 6.30pm will be our usual opportunity to encounter the Holy Spirit through contemporary worship, prayer and silence. At the end of a busy weekend it will be a lovely opportunity to unwind and give ourselves over to God.

*** ACCESSING OUR LIVESTREAMED SERVICES ***

The Sunday morning services are livestreamed from St Peter's most weeks on YouTube at 10.00am except the 4th Sunday when they usually come from St Mark's at 11.00am via www.stpeterwoking.org/sundaylive which provides a link to YouTube, a service sheet and other information about the service

*** VICAR'S VIEW ***

This Tuesday 7 May I celebrate 10 years of my induction as Priest-in-Charge in this parish and there is much joy to reflect on for me and I believe the parish. I was very moved last Sunday at the United Service when this was remembered and representatives from each church thanked me for my ministry and presented me with cards, beautiful flowers and a voucher which had come from your generous donations. It meant so much to me and Sarah to be appreciated and thanked like this and we would like to thank you all in return for your gifts and kind words and for your support in our time here. It reminded me so much of the need to thank other people and not take them for granted whatever role they have in our lives, and to continually thank God for our lives, his love for us, and for sending Jesus as our saviour.

Jonathan

*** YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE ***

One of the biggest differences you can make to the life of the church and its ministry to is to help with particular roles. Due to our upcoming revised service pattern, people moving away and being unwell we have the following needs for help. Please prayerfully consider if you can help in one or more of these ways. Training will be given:

- St Peter's**
- ◆ Welcomer (once a month)
 - ◆ Refreshments (once a month)
 - ◆ Sound and AV system (once a month)
 - ◆ Sunday school helper (once a month)
 - ◆ Premises Committee member (3 meetings a year)

- All Churches**
- ◆ Leading prayers (once every 2-3 months)
 - ◆ Youth Group (once or twice a month)

Or maybe you have skills or interests that would help other church groups; extra volunteers are always welcome. Please speak with Jonathan, Pauline or Lucy if you could serve God in any of these ways.

*** WOKING YOUNG MUSICIANS TRUST (WYMT) – NEW ***

The WYMT are holding their annual awards ceremony on Sunday 19 May in St Peter's Church. They award grants to outstanding young musicians to help them on their music journey and our own Isaac Johnson received one such award a few years ago.

They are looking for 2-3 people to help serve post-event drinks in the church centre from 6.00pm-7.15pm. There will be a small financial recompense for your time. If you can assist, please let Caroline in the Parish Office know today or Monday.

*** MORNING PRAYER BIBLE READINGS – UPDATED ***

Easter Season until Wednesday, then using Novena booklets

Monday 6 May	<i>Bank Holiday - No Morning Prayer</i>	
Tuesday 7 May	Psalm 124	Luke 6: 1-16
Wednesday 8 May	Psalm 119: 105-128	Luke 6: 17-36
Thursday 9 May	Psalm 150	Novena p8
Friday 10 May	Psalm 81	Novena p10

To join Morning Prayer on Zoom

enter Meeting ID: 498 905 544 Passcode: 668876

On Thursdays we usually meet in person at St Peter's

*** THIS WEEK PLEASE PRAY FOR ...***

Mary Angus, Wendy Aplin, Eileen & Peter Bliss, Alison Cole, Brenda Cox, Lynda Kirk, Eric Rice, Carol & Brian Whitehorn, and Mary & Geoff Williams.

*** PARISH BRING AND SHARE LUNCH ***

Sunday 12 May 12.30pm-2.30pm, St Peter's Church Centre

A few olives, a slice of cheese, a sausage roll (okay, two), a dollop of casserole, a hunk of bread and a spoon of hummus. Followed by a bowl of crumble, Swiss roll, meringue and ice cream, all washed down with a glass of Schloer. Some of the fun combinations I've found myself eating at church Bring & Share lunches – and we are having one in our parish in a few weeks! Everybody Brings something to Share: main dishes/sides/desserts/drinks/nibbles, homemade or shop-bought, we place them on a buffet table, and we let the joy commence! Whether you take the chance to show off with perfectly iced cupcakes and 48hour marinated chicken, or you grab a punnet of grapes and a bag of crisps as you run out the door, we all Bring and we all Share. And it is always good fun (often with leftovers to bring home too)!

And we are fortunate to also have some wonderful guests with us on 12 May – Karen Park from A Rocha (Christian environmental charity) will be helping us think about caring for creation, WEAct will tell us about their work in Woking, and the Refill Room in Kingfield will explain how they operate a zero-waste business in our parish. (Bring your containers if you fancy buying some produce!).

We'll be thinking about our environmental impact over lunch, so consider that as you decide what you'll Bring and Share: can you source any of the elements locally or organically, or even home-grown?

No need to sign up – just turn up on 12 May with your contributions whichever church you are from, this is for everyone to enjoy being together – I can't wait to taste what we all bring!

Any questions, feel free to ask me! Lucy (curate@stpeterwoking.org)

*** CRAFT AND CHAT – NEW ***

Our next Craft and Chat meeting is on **Friday 17 May at a new time 2.30pm to 5.00pm in St Peter's church centre**. Bring along your own craft projects or just come for a chat. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served.

For further details please contact Pauline Wilde on 722098.

*** PARISH REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2024-2025 - NEW ***

The following people were elected and commissioned at our Annual Meeting last Sunday.

Churchwardens: Rosemary McCrum, Pauline Wilde

Deanery Synod Reps: Lesley Dixon, Anthony Morton, Geoff Pugh

Parochial Church Council:

St Peter's: Brenda Collard, Caroline Harvey, Celia Murray

St Mark's: Kay Dodds

All Souls': Patrick Chapman

St Peter's Church Council: Kirsty Angus, Simon Grant

St Mark's DCC: Chris Heisig, Andy Holcombe, Mark Lempriere,
Suzanne Smith

All Souls' DCC: Clive Boyle, Patrick Phillips, Angela Quitman,
Margaret Walker

Thank you to all who are willing to serve our churches in this way.

*** THY KINGDOM COME 9-19 MAY ***

We have been supporting this international prayer initiative for a number of years and this year will be putting some events on. Please join in where you can, prayer is so important and there is something for everyone.

Thursday 9 May 7.30pm

Ascension Prayer and Praise in St Peter's Chancel

To launch *Thy Kingdom Come* we will be having a special service to celebrate Jesus' Ascension to heaven, with worship and prayer for our parish, mission partners and the wider world.

Saturday 11 May 10.00am

Prayer Walk starting from St Mark's

We plan a gentle 5-mile circular walk around some scenic parts of the parish, including a pleasant stretch of the River Wey, stopping to reflect and pray as we go, aiming to finish around 12.30pm. Bring sturdy shoes.

Thursday 16 May 10.30am

Holy Communion (BCP), followed by coffee and cake, at St Peter's

A traditional said Holy Communion service from the Book of Common Prayer, followed by coffee and cake in the church.

In addition there will be some special *Thy Kingdom Come* Prayer Artwork in each church during regular opening times for **meditative prayer** so please use them. From next Sunday free **Novena booklets** will be available in each church for everyone who wants one to take and use. These give daily Bible readings for us to follow in our own quiet times during the 11 days between Ascension and Pentecost.

*** COMMUNITY GARDEN PARTY AT ST MARK'S ***

Saturday 18 May 2.30pm-4.30pm

We are again joining with our friends from New Life Church to run a Community Garden Party at St Mark's Church, to bring together our local community with fun for all ages with refreshments, live music, stalls, bouncy castle, face painting etc.

Amongst other things we're running a **tombola**. If you have any suitable new or good quality used items for prizes, for adults or children (e.g. bottles, confectionary, toiletries, small gifts, soft toys), please pass these to Rachel. In particular we are after small party bag/stocking filler type items and wrapped sweets.

Please **volunteer** to help in any way you can, this is an important event and we need support from our congregations across the whole parish. You can bake cakes, be on a stall, welcome people etc. Sign up on the list at the back of church or online at

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1QZ77ixDQj-oXE1aHW7Hj3D6EhZYahVmQOV7b5_xChk8/edit#gid=0

Flyers are available from this week so please give out to friends and neighbours.

WHAT'S ON

St Peter's is open Monday-Friday 9.00am -12.30pm, Saturday and Sunday 10.00am-6.00pm All Souls' is open on Sundays from 9.00am-6.00pm.

CONNECTIONS GROUPS MEET THIS WEEK

Sunday 5 May	Youth Group	St Mark's	6.00pm
Tuesday 7 May	Tots Toddler Group	St Mark's	10.00am
Tuesday 7 May	Refresh Café	St Mark's	3.15pm
Tuesday 7 May	St Peter's CC	Church Centre	7.45pm
Thursday 9 May	Ascension Day Service	St Peter's	7.30pm
Saturday 11 May	Prayer Walk from St Mark's		10.00am
Sunday 12 May	Parish Bring and Share Lunch	Church Centre	12.30pm
Saturday 18 May	Community Garden Party	St Mark's	2.30pm- 4.30pm
Saturday 29 June	Priesting of Rachel and Lucy	at Guildford Cathedral	
(Time to be confirmed)			

The Youth Group (School years 7-13), meets twice a month, 6.00-7.30pm for food, fun and discipleship. Contact Lucy Bush at curate@stpeterworking.org