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Notes & News

Sunday 4 October 2020 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

* HARVEST THANKSGIVING – THIS SUNDAY *

We will be celebrating Harvest across our parish in our online service and at the service in St Peter's at 10.00am. All are welcome to come to St Peter's from any of our churches and either join in with the service in church or the outdoor 'Forest Church' service in the churchyard, also at 10.00am.



Gifts of non-perishable food items will be welcome and will be donated to the South Woking Foodbank as we will not be doing Harvest boxes this year.

Forest Church isn't just 'normal church outside', it attempts to participate with creation and meet with God through creation. It is suitable for all ages and will take place whatever the weather (unless we are actually at risk of being blown into Oz!) so please dress for the weather on the day and for walking around. If you want to explore the wilder reaches of the churchyard then covering your arms and legs would be advisable. You may find it helpful to bring a plastic bag to sit on.

We will be making a natural harvest display so please bring any apples, pine cones, seed heads etc with you if you can

In line with Diocesan guidance people will still need to wear face masks

*PHONE IN FOR ONLINE SERVICES AND CHAT AFTERWARDS *

Apologies to anyone who phoned in for last week's online service and didn't get to hear it. Zoom, the computer software we use, made a change to their security which we didn't realise they had done which led to the technical problem.

It means that in future (from Sunday 11 October) when you call in you will need to enter a password which will be **1090** and will be in the instructions in N&N. For this week (4 October) we have a work around to give everyone time to hear about the password.

The same will apply for those who join the Zoom chat afterwards.

Sunday 4 October
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
HARVEST THANKSGIVING

St Peter's 10.00am Parish United Morning Worship

HYMNS

Come you thankful people come

Cornerstone

We plough the fields and scatter

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 24: 19-22

NEW TESTAMENT

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

SERMON

Why are we generous?

St Peter's Churchyard 10.00am Forest Service

10.00am Online Morning Worship

Join from 9.45am to listen to music played by Matthew
and St Peter's bells calling us to worship.

HYMNS

Come you faithful people come

For the fruits of his creation

Cornerstone

We plough the fields

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 24: 19-22

NEW TESTAMENT

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

SERMON

Why are we generous?

*** COVID-19 RULE OF SIX ***

This is the new 'Rule of Six', which we thought would be helpful for everyone to know,

In England, the limit of up to six people from multiple households meeting up applies both indoors and outdoors, and to all ages.

When seeing friends and family you do not live with you should:

1. meet in groups of six or less
2. follow social distancing rules
3. limit how many different people you see socially over a short period of time
4. meet people outdoors where practical; meeting people outdoors is safer than meeting people indoors because fresh air provides better ventilation.

As well as the above, venues following COVID-19 secure guidelines will be able to continue to host more people in total - such as religious services in places of worship - but no one should mix in a group of greater than six.

After services you are strongly encouraged to move on promptly to minimise the risk of contact and spread of infection and legally must not be in a group of more than six.

For more specific information please see www.gov.uk/coronavirus.

*** SOCIAL MEDIA ***

In a time when it is much more difficult for us to meet together in person, social media is a wonderful tool to keep us connected. We will be sharing updates on things we are doing, how we can help you, useful resources, and ways to connect with each other. Please do come and find us on:

Facebook: facebook.com/stmarkswestfield, facebook.com/stpetersoldwoking, facebook.com/allsoulssuttongreen, and on Instagram: @stpeterwoking

*** ALL SOULS' DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE - Sunday 1 November ***

Our annual service, at St Peter's, to remember those we have loved who have died and light a candle in their memory will still take place this year (assuming government regulations don't change). As well as remembering our loved ones we will also especially be remembering all who have died from COVID-19.

However, because of the limit on numbers due to social distancing we will be holding two short services, one at 4.00pm and one at 5.30pm. In order to manage numbers you will need to book in to one of the services. This can be done by contacting Helen in the parish office on 01483 755852 or emailing admin@stpeterwoking.org, saying how many people are coming, which service you wish to attend and the names of any people you wish to be remembered. Alternatively you can book online at www.stpeterwoking.org/MemorialService.

If you are unable to attend the event, but would like a loved one to be remembered by name please let Helen know as there will be no book of names in the church in advance of the services.

MICK'S MUSINGS

I suppose this weekly slot, which appears regularly in Notes & News, is meant to be helpful, interesting, encouraging and topical.

My Musing for today is certainly not topical; in fact I shall not mention the word that is heard so much these days. Perhaps today's musing is meant to be thought provoking.

In my reading I came across this definition of 'ego', - 'edging God out'. Of course this is not the definition found on Google or in a dictionary. But what do you think?

Blessings Mick

DAILY MORNING PRAYER

We meet every morning via Zoom for half an hour, pray, study the Bible and encourage one another. If you haven't already and wish to join, please do get in touch with me and I will take you through the very simple steps of how to join.

In the meantime, find below, next week's Bible readings.

If you have a prayer request, a testimony, an encouragement, be it yours or someone else's, that you would like us bring up at morning prayer, please do let me know by email, text or call on the details below. I look forward to hearing from you.

Please note that from this coming week, morning prayer in St. Peter's will now be held on Thursday mornings instead of Monday mornings.

Next Week's Bible Readings

Mon	Psalm 72,	Acts 21: 37 – 22: 21 (<i>only via Zoom</i>)
Tue	Psalm 74,	Acts 22: 22 – 23: 11
Wed	Psalm 119: 81-104	Acts 23: 12-35 (<i>led from St Mark's</i>)
Thu	Psalm 78: 1-39	Acts 24: 1-23 (<i>led from St Peter's</i>)
Fri	Psalm 55	Acts 24: 24 – 25: 12

Morning Prayer on Wednesday and Thursday each week will be held in St Mark's and St Peter's Churches respectively at the usual time of 9.00am. These will be live streamed as well for those who would wish to join in via the Zoom app. If you wish to join us in church, please do carry along your own Bible (on your gadget or a physical Bible). And if you would wish to join in via Zoom, please email me on curate@stpeterwoking.org for details.

Rev Sam, Curate

*** MISSION GIFT DAY FOR CHERITH ***

It was wonderful last week to hear from Cherith Withington, our Mission Partner with the Church Army in Norris Green. Thank you to all who gave towards supporting her ministry in the past week. We aim to raise £1000 for each of our Mission Partners each year so, if you have not done so and are able to, please consider prayerfully giving towards her work. This can be done in one of three ways:

- online at www.stpeterwoking.org/giving which will direct you to our KindLink page where you can make a donation
- in any of our church services over the next few weeks using a dedicated envelope for Cherith which can also be used to Gift Aid your donation
- sending a cheque made payable to 'The Parish of St Peter, Woking' to the Parish Office, Church Street, Old Woking, GU22 9JF, indicating it is for Cherith.

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

the family and friends of Alexander Howie, aged 84, of Grove Road
the family and friends of Tricia Wright, of Sutton Green
the family and friends of Graham Daborn, Frances Daborn's son,
and also for Eileen and Peter Bliss, John Hunter, Catherine McCormack (Doreen McKinnon's daughter), Olive Park and Joy Storkey.

*** CHURCH OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER ***

St Peter's and All Souls' churches are now open for private prayer. Please make use of our churches if you would like to and have no Covid-19 symptoms and abide by the rules for everyone's protection.

St Peter's is open: Mon to Fri 9.00am-12.30pm
 Sunday 9.00am-6.00pm

All Souls' is open Sunday 9.00am-6.00pm

*** PASTORAL SUPPORT ***

Everyone who attends our services has been assigned a Link Person who will keep in touch with you by phone or email. If you have not heard from your Link Person or would like any form of pastoral support please contact our Pastoral Assistant Brenda Cox on 07921 160684 or brendaatno7@gmail.com.

*** ANNUAL MEETINGS ***

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting was postponed from May, but will now be held on **Tuesday 20 October at 7.45pm in St Peter's** where we will be reflecting on 2019 and electing our churchwardens and Deanery Synod representatives.

In addition brief Annual Church Meetings, where Parochial Church Council and District Church Council members are elected, will be held after services on these dates:

- ♦ **Next Sunday 11 October -10.15am at All Souls'**
- ♦ **Next Sunday 11 October – 11.45am at St Mark's**
- ♦ **Sunday 18 October – 11.00am at St Peter's**

For those unable to attend you can join via Zoom at all churches except All Souls' where there is no internet connection. The Zoom link is the same as the Sunday live services, meeting id 585531880, password 1090. The annual report will be sent out in advance by post and email and the agenda and minutes from last year will be available in church or on our website on the day

Nomination forms for all elected positions are available in each church from this Sunday so please can all those on our councils put their names on the forms and get someone to propose and second them before these meetings.

Next Sunday 11 October
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

All Souls' – 9.30am Morning Worship (CW)
followed by Annual Church Meeting

St Mark's – 11.00am Morning Worship (CW)
followed by Annual Church Meeting

St Peter's – 6.30pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

10.00am – Online Morning Worship

*** ACCESSING OUR ONLINE SERVICES ***

- via www.stpeterwoking.org/sundaylive which provides a link to YouTube and other information about the service
- subscribe to the Parish of St Peter Woking YouTube channel (click the Subscribe button below the video) to get direct access from YouTube without needing to go via the website
- listen via telephone for those without internet access. It is simple so please give it a try. Just before the service call **0330 0885830**, enter the meeting id as 585531880 when prompted then press #, then when asked for a participant id press # again and you will be able to listen to the service. It is a local call cost which is free for most people.

For those watching live via YouTube use the chat facility to talk to one another before, during and after the service. If you can't watch it live, it will be available online afterwards, but not by phone.

If you would like to meet face to face and chat after the online service, join us on Zoom with your coffee or tea. Use the Sunday Live meeting id of **585 531 880**

If you receive N&N by email you can download the service sheet from www.stpeterwoking.org/sundaylive or email the office for a copy.

If you have any problem or need technical help, please contact Sam on 07923 331108.

*** WEDNESDAY EVENING CONNECT GROUP ***

We are a small group who currently meet on Zoom every Wednesday evening from 7.45 to 9.00 pm. We are enjoying a varied series of short 'Stand-Alone' Bible Studies, followed by a time for discussion and chat; we end with a short time of prayer.

The group is open to anyone who would like to come and we would be very pleased to welcome new members. There is no pressure to come every week and no series of studies to keep up with; just join in whenever you can.

If you would like to give it a try, please contact Rosemary McCrum at rosemary.mccrum@ntlworld.com or call 01483 772735 for details.

*** OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - SHOEBOX SUNDAY – 1 NOVEMBER 2020 ***

"We want boys and girls around the world to know that God loves them and has not forgotten them during this time of fear and uncertainty. Children need great joy now more than ever."

In spite of Covid-19 we shall again be participating this year and our boxes need to be ready by Sunday 1

November. (Boxes can be brought to St Peter's, either to the morning service or, if you are attending one of the All Souls' Day Memorial Services later in the day, you could leave it in the church then). **Details of what can (and cannot) be included in the boxes are given in the leaflets that are now available in the churches, together with flat-pack shoeboxes.**

Each shoebox needs to be accompanied by a donation of £5 to cover distribution costs etc. If you are unable to fill a shoebox perhaps you could consider making a financial contribution towards this or the cost of the flat-pack boxes.



Filling your shoebox

Select a quality toy such as a doll, toy truck, deflated football and pump or a cuddly toy. Then pack the box full with other fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. All items should be new. **New for this year! Hand-made or knitted stuffed toys can be included, providing they are stuffed with commercial stuffing and not, for example, old stockings or beans.**

Multi Age items

We have been asked to knit items that are not too age specific. Where a hat can fit all ages it not only makes processing the boxes easier but also means that child has a gift for life. Please could you knit either "one size versions" of hats and gloves where you can, and where not, please aim to knit medium and or large sizes (whatever the age of the child your box is for.) These can quite easily be adapted downwards by rolling up the edge so the children still get a lot of use from them. They also encourage donors to try to stick to a few main knitted items (hats, gloves, scarves, glove puppets, finger puppets, pencil cases, bags, hairbands etc.) but to do them in a wide variety of patterns. I have some patterns if you need one.



Full details are also available on the OCC website - <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> where you can also find details of how to pack a box online, choosing the gifts that you would like to be included and a video that shows how excited the children are when they receive a box.

Each online shoebox costs £20, which includes the £5 for shipping and distribution costs.

If you have any questions or need a box or further information, please give me a ring or drop me an email. Sue Harvey 714632, svharvey@btinternet.com