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# Notes & News

## Sunday 29 August 2021

### Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

#### \* PARISH UNITED ALL-AGE OUTDOOR SERVICE – TODAY \*

We hope many of you will be attending our outdoor service for the whole parish at St Mark's today at 11.00am, inviting friends and family and staying on for the free BBQ and games afterwards. Whilst chairs will be available you may wish to



bring picnic blankets.

The weather forecast is looking good and there

will be sunny and shady areas on the grass, depending on your preference!



#### \* EVERYDAY FAITH AND SONGS OF PRAISE – NEW \*

Today is the last in our *Everyday Faith* series and to mark it we would love it if in this morning's service a few people could briefly say where they have seen God at work recently in their lives or how the *Everyday Faith* series has helped them in some way. Please consider if God has something he would like you to share on Sunday.

From next month we will be starting a 'Songs of Praise' slot in some of our Morning Worship services in each church. It will involve someone choosing a hymn or song and being prepared to say briefly in the service why it means so much to them. We hope that many of you will join in with this so if you would like to please let Jonathan know.



**Sunday 29 August**  
*Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*

**St Mark's 11.00am – Parish United Outdoor Service**  
*This service will not be livestreamed*

HYMNS The splendour of the king  
Our God is a great big God  
Guardian  
We believe in God the Father  
Be thou my vision

READING Genesis 28: 10–22

SERMON **A Man of Commitment**

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

the family and friends of Liam Horley  
Eileen and Peter Bliss, Patrick Chapman, Anne Clapp, Barbara Jones,  
Barbara Lanaway, Isabel Langrishe, Barbara Lloyd, Trevor Lloyd,  
Doreen McKinnon, Joy Storkey and Brian Whitehorn.

**\* HELEN IS ON HOLIDAY - NEW \***

Helen will be taking annual leave from Saturday 4 September to Wednesday 15 September (inc). The Parish Office will be unmanned during this time. However, Jonathan and Sam will be checking the answerphone and any emails that come through.

**\* RIDE AND STRIDE – Saturday 11 September \***

Ride and stride is an informal way to have fun, walking or cycling, visiting as many churches in the area as you can on this day and raising money, half of which goes to the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust and the other half to our parish. If you are interested in participating on your own or with others please let Jonathan know and he can send you details of participating churches and sponsorship forms etc

**\* ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY'S VISIT TO WOKING - REVISED \***

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is visiting Woking on **Sunday 26 September at 3.30pm** for a 'Big Questions' event at Woking Football Club for people who are exploring faith where there will be questions from the public and Justin will speak on how to find security and hope in uncertain times.

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family to hear the good news of Jesus from a gifted communicator so please be praying about who you might invite to go with you. We have invitation cards at each church so please take some to hand out. Whilst it is primarily aimed at people exploring faith and those who invite them there should be enough space for anyone who is interested.

**In addition** On **Friday 24 September** there is an evening of worship, prayer and a keynote address from Justin at Lakeside Country Club near Camberley to which all are invited.

**More information and how to book can be found at**  
<https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/whats-on/events/archbishop-of-canterbury-mission-sept21>.



**\* MICK'S MUSINGS \***

*Recently I read Psalm 8. Once again I was reminded of the wonder of creation. During this holiday season you may have looked at unfamiliar scenes and thought what how wonderful and beautiful creation is. How true! But creation includes so much more.*

*The other day I was reading a scientific research paper, something I don't usually do, it was way above my head. It dealt with part of creation that tends not to bring out our admiration. The fruit fly. The only reason I was reading this paper about the behaviour of the fruit fly, was because my grandson's name was included and appeared in the list of the research team. Yet the one who made the stars, the mountains and the hills also made the fruit fly! Creation is wonderful, beautiful, detailed and complex, but the most wonderful thing of all is that the one who made it all, cares and loves you. As the Psalmist says "What are humans that You are mindful of them"*

*Mick*

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

We meet on **Monday to Friday**, 9.00am to 9.30am via Zoom as below.

**Next Week's Bible Readings**

Mon 30	Psalm 124	Mark 8: 11-21
Tue 31	Psalm 132	Mark 8: 22-26
Wed 1	Psalm 119: 153-176	Mark 8:27 – 9:1
Thu 2	Psalm 143	Mark 9: 2-13
Fri 3	Psalm 144	Mark 9: 14-29

**On Thursdays Morning Prayer now takes place in St Peter's as well as on Zoom for those who would like to join in person.**

If you wish to join in via Zoom, please email me on [curate@stpeterwoking.org](mailto:curate@stpeterwoking.org) for details.

Rev Sam – Curate

**\* SERVICE PATTERN FROM SEPTEMBER \***

A reminder that we begin our new service pattern in church in September. In addition, one of the services will be livestreamed every week.

Sunday	All Souls' 9.30am	St Peter's 10.00am	St Mark's 11.00am	St Peter's 6.30pm (5.00pm in winter)
1st	Morning Worship	Holy Communion + Sunday School	Morning Worship	-
2nd	Holy Communion	Morning Worship + Band	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer BCP
3rd	Morning Worship BCP	Morning Worship + Sunday School	Morning Worship + Band	-
4th	Morning Worship	Energise and Energise +	Morning Worship	Holy Communion BCP
5th	Parish United Service (at one of our three churches)			Evening Prayer BCP

**\* LIVING STONES SURVEY – REVISED \***

Thank you to all who responded to the Living Stones survey, it was very helpful. We are still looking at everyone's responses and will be in contact with a number of you who expressed interest in certain areas. In the meantime do contact Jonathan if you would like to be involved in any specific area of the church's life.

We recognise that many of you have been away over the summer so will keep the survey open until Monday 6 September for any who have not responded as we would love to have more responses to help us get to know our whole church family better. Paper copies are available in church or it can be completed online at [www.stpeterwoking.org/livingstones](http://www.stpeterwoking.org/livingstones)

**\* CONNECTIONS CAFÉ – Next Friday 3 September – NEW \***

Come and join us at St Peter's Church Centre. This is a group for adults of all ages and will be the first time we meet together. Arrive between 2.30pm and 3.00pm for a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit, ready to start.

This time we will be painting flower pots and maybe a game of skittles if the weather is dry, followed by a short Bible reflection and then a tea of sandwiches, cake and more tea/coffee.

If you would like to come but need help with transport please let me know.

Brenda Cox 07921 160684 [brendaatno7@gmail.com](mailto:brendaatno7@gmail.com)



**\* CONNECTIONS CAFÉ – HELP NEEDED – NEW \***

Help is needed:

- ◆ Serving refreshments
- ◆ Setting out tables at 1.00pm and taking down at about 4.30pm
- ◆ Providing transport.

If you feel that you could help please let me know.

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**\* LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH COURSE \***

*Living in Love and Faith* is a new Church of England initiative that all parishes are being encouraged to engage with in 2021. We will be running a five-session course across the parish in small groups beginning late September, which we would love everyone to be involved with and more details will follow in early September.

So what is it? *Living in Love and Faith* is about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. The purpose of course is for churches across the country to participate in a process of learning, listening and praying together as part of discerning a way forward for the C of E in relation to these matters. We have run this course for Connect group leaders and the pastoral team and it has been very good.

Why participate? Many of you will feel that these issues are not relevant to you, but they almost certainly will be for your children, grandchildren, family member or friend and we all have a lot to learn from each other.

Isn't this area contentious? Yes! But for too long Christians haven't really engaged in or discussed these topics knowing that they can cause division meaning we haven't really addressed some fundamental issues surrounding these areas.

The course, together with a book and other materials, has been carefully put together following years of shared conversations from people with a wide range of views and expertise. The course is about listening, learning, respecting, honesty, sensitivity, being non-judgmental. It is not seeking to impose a viewpoint, but learn and discern together from the Bible, theology, history and the social and biological sciences, as well as from the real-life stories of followers of Christ with diverse experiences and convictions.

How can I find out more? Visit the website [www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith](http://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith) and/or come along to one of our one hour taster sessions with refreshments:

Wednesday 8 September at 3pm at St Peter's Church Centre

Thursday 9 September at 8pm at St Mark's

If you would like to attend one of these taster sessions please let Jonathan know on 01483 762707, [vicar@stpeterwoking.org](mailto:vicar@stpeterwoking.org).

**Sunday 5 September**

*Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*

<b>9.30am</b>	<b>All Souls'</b>	<b>Morning Worship (CW)</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>	<b>Holy Communion (CW) (Livestreamed) + Sunday School</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>St Mark's</b>	<b>Morning Worship (CW)</b>

**\* TOTS TODDLERS – Restarting on Tuesday 7 September \***

TOTS will be restarting on Tuesday 7 September at 10.00am at St Mark's. We are delighted that Tots will restart this term after an 18 month gap. It is an informal weekly group providing free play, craft, stories, snack and songs for under 5s and their parents/carers. Tots offers opportunities for friendship, learning and play for parents, carers and children.

Flyers will be available in each church if you would like to invite friends and neighbours. For more information please contact Jonathan.

**\* REFRESH CAFÉ – NEW \***

We will be restarting our Refresh Café at St Mark's in September, now on Tuesdays from 3.15-4.00pm, beginning on 7 September for families to drop in for a drink, games and a chat after school. All are welcome so please come along and let others know about it.

We would love some extra HELPERS on a monthly, fortnightly or weekly basis to help serve refreshments, set up, clear away or talk with families. This is a really important and effective outreach for the whole parish so please consider if you could help and let Jonathan know.

**\* OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD \***

We will again be participating in this initiative, which sends shoeboxes of toys, stationery and colouring pens and crayons, hats and scarves, hand and finger puppets, etc etc to children across the world for whom this may be their only Christmas gift.

More details – and flatpack boxes – will be available soon but in the meantime you could get your knitting needles out again! I have some knitting patterns if you need one

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