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# Sunday 19 February 2023 Sunday before Lent

#### \* LENT \*

**Lent begins next week on Ash Wednesday 22 February** and I hope many will enter into the spirit of Lent, as a time of prayer, fasting and reflection. Whilst it may feel difficult it is very rewarding to have a spiritual clean-up. Ways we can support you journey through Lent:

• **Dust and Glory booklets** – these are the official C of E devotions for Lent. They are available in each church for individual daily prayer and reflection in Lent. There should be enough for every household so please take one and use it.

• **Ash Wednesday Service** – start Lent with this reflective service with imposition of ashes. Wed 22 February, 7.30pm at All Souls'.

• **Morning prayer** – join us as we use the Dust and Glory booklets and journey together through Lent. See Morning Prayer section for details of how to join. 9am daily on Zoom except Thursdays at St Peter's

#### \* PANCAKE CAFÉ \*

**Tuesday 21 February 2.00pm-4.30pm at St Mark's** Enjoy pancakes with a wide variety of toppings on Shrove Tuesday. There will be other activities and games for all ages including Pancake races. Pancakes are free, but donations welcome to cover costs. All welcome and please invite friends.



\* ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE \* – 22 February 7.30pm at All Souls' Join us for our special reflective service including imposition of ashes

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All Souls' 9.30am MORNING WORSHIP (BCP)			
<u>HYMNS</u> 708			
251			
41	At the name of Jesus		
449	Love Divine		
<u>PSALM 99</u>	said from the church Bible (p603)		
<u>FIRST READING</u>			
SECOND READING			
<u>SERMON</u> List	en to Him		
St Peter's 10.00am	MORNING WORSHIP (CW) and Sunday School This service will be livestreamed		
<u>HYMNS</u> 525	O thou who camest from above		
1012			
378	Jesus shall take the highest honour		
200			
<u>PSALM 99</u>	said from the church Bible (p603)		
FIRST READING	Matthew 17: 1-9 (p984)		
SECOND READING	<b>N N</b>		
<u>SERMON</u> Thi	<u>SERMON</u> This is My Son		
St Mark's 11.00am	MORNING WORSHIP (CW)		
<u>HYMNS</u> 708			
790			
217			
41			
449			
PSALM 99	said from the church Bible $(p603)$		
FIRST READING	Matthew 17: 1-9 (p984)		
<u>SECOND READING</u> SERMON Unv	<u>6</u> 2 Peter 1: 16–21 (p1222) z <b>eiled glory</b>		
St Mark's 6.00pm	REVIVE SERVICE, with the Band		

\* ACCESSING OUR LIVESTREAMED SERVICES \*

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

\* WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE – Friday 3 March at 10.00am \*

The annual World Day of Prayer service has this year been prepared by the women of Taiwan, on the subject of 'I have heard about your faith', and will be held at St Andrew's Church, Goldsworth Park.

This is always a lovely service, showing us something of the life and faith of our sisters and brothers in other parts of the world. It's very special to know that Christians right across the world are sharing in the same act of worship. Everyone is very welcome to come and there is plenty of parking. You can also follow the service on <a href="https://youtu.be/iG\_P8aHGD9k">https://youtu.be/iG\_P8aHGD9k</a>. For more information get in touch with Rachel.

# \* ROB'S REFLECTION \*

Prayer is not just about asking God to help us in various ways but it includes that. (Philippians 4: 6).

In his wisdom God may not give us all the things we ask for but I hope we can all remember times when he has granted our requests. In the past year God has answered two of my prayers in a very positive way and I was full of praise and thanksgiving—for a while.

Unfortunately, I can quickly forget what God has done for me or, come to think of it, regard it as so normal that I take it for granted. I probably need a way to remember God's goodness and answers to prayer so that I remain thankful for more than a few weeks.

Perhaps the first thing on the list should be that he has chosen and called me to be adopted into his family.

Do those feelings ring any bells with you?

Rob

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

Monday 20 February	Psalm 55	2 Chronicles 6: 22-42
Tuesday 21 February	Psalm 59	2 Chronicles 7
Wednesday 22 February	Dust & Glory	Genesis 3: 19
Thursday 23 February	Dust & Glory	Genesis 3: 8-15
Friday 24 February	Dust & Glory	Genesis 3: 17-18

All days are on Zoom except Thursdays when we usually meet in St Peter's Church . However, on the second Thursday of the month instead of Morning Prayer in St Peter's we will be starting at St Peter's at 9.00am and walking around our local community to pray for 30-40 minutes. All welcome

To join Morning Prayer on Zoom enter Meeting ID: 498 905 544 Passcode: 668876

#### 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. CONNECT GROUPS MEET THIS WEEK

Tuesday 21 February Tuesday 21 February	Tots Pancake Café	10.00am 2.00pm	St Mark's St Mark's
Tuesday 21 February	All Souls' DCC	7.45pm	Church Room
Wednesday 22 February	Bereavement Group	3.00pm	Lower Vestry
Wednesday 22 February	Ash Wednesday Service	7.30pm	All Souls'
Friday 24 February	Poetry, Prose & Pudding	s 7.00pm	<b>Church Centre</b>
Sunday 26 February	Street Angels' Service	4.00pm	St Paul's Church

The Youth Group (School years 7-13), meets twice a month, 6.00-7.30pm at St Mark's, for food, fun and discipleship.

Contact Sarah Thomas via <u>vicar@stpeterwoking.org</u> or Jenny Jones on <u>jennydickin98@gmail.com</u> for more information.

#### \* REVIVE SERVICE – THIS SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY \* St Mark's Church at 6.00pm

For those who have not been before Revive is a band-led informal service with a strong focus on contemporary musical worship and the ministry of the Holy Spirit and all are welcome.

# Sunday 26 February 2023 Lent 1

All Souls'	9.30am	Morning Worship (CW)
St Peter's	10.00am	Energise Service for Families
<b>Church Centre</b>	10.00am	Energise Plus
St Mark's	<b>11.00am</b> <i>This</i>	Morning Worship (CW) service will be livestreamed
St Peter's	5.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP)

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

the family and friends of Simon Crooks-Meredith, of West Byfleet.

Mary Angus, Eileen & Peter Bliss, Jan Kimnell, Lynda Kirk, Barbara Lloyd, Trevor Lloyd, Carol & Brian Whitehorn, Mary & Geoff Williams and Christian Wolters.

# \* FREE HOME ORGAN \*

Barbara Lloyd is wanting to give her beloved organ to a good home for free. If you are interested, please let Jonathan know and he can give you more details.

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### \* POETRY, PROSE AND PUDDINGS EVENING \*

The next Poetry, Prose and Puddings evening will take place on **Friday 24 February in the Church Centre at 7.00pm**. The theme is 'Four Seasons in one evening' but don't worry if the item you want to read doesn't fit the theme – we'd love to hear it anyway.

If you just want to sit and listen you would be very welcome too. One important element is the 'Puddings' – if you can provide one please let me know and we'll ensure a plentiful supply 😨. Caroline Harvey

# \* CORONATION GARDEN PARTY \*

We will be having a Coronation Garden Party on Bank Holiday **Monday 8 May 2.30pm -4.30pm at St Mark's**, for the whole community.

It will be very similar to the wonderful Jubilee Garden Party we held last year. Please make a note of the date for now. More details to follow nearer the time.

### \* CONFIRMATION \*

We are participating in a Woking-wide Confirmation service on Sunday 14 May at 6.30pm at Christ Church. Confirmation is for anyone who has been baptised as a baby or young child and wishes to confirm their faith as a teenager or adult. The Bishop leads the service and confirms each candidate. It is a very special service.

If you are interested in being confirmed along with others from this parish and other churches in Woking then please speak to Jonathan by the end of February. Classes will then be arranged to prepare candidates for confirmation.

### \* BBC AT GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL \*

The BBC is coming to the Cathedral on Tuesday 7 March and Wednesday 8 March for two special services.

**On Tuesday,** the BBC will be recording a service from the Cathedral at 5.30pm that will be broadcast on Mothering Sunday. The service will last an hour and people are welcome to come along to be part of the congregation. Please arrive at 5.00pm to be seated by 5.15pm.

**On Wednesday**, the BBC will broadcast Evensong live from the Cathedral on BBC Radio 3 at 4.00pm. The service will last an hour and all are welcome to come along to be part of the congregation. Please arrive at 3.30pm and be seated by 3.45pm.

#### \* BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP \*

A group that will provide a safe place to meet and talk about the pain and grief of loss, find mutual support and encouragement and be able to discuss strategies for dealing with your grief and loss.

Everyone's experience of grief is personal but talking about it does help. We meet monthly on a Wednesday and this month's meeting will be on Wednesday 22 February in St Peter's Church Vestry at 3.00pm.

Please contact Brenda Cox on 07921 160684 or <u>brendaatno7@gmail.com</u> or contact Jonathan if you are interested.

#### \* WOKING STREET ANGELS \*

Woking Street Angels would like to invite all church ministers and members of their congregations to its annual Commissioning Service. They are blessed to have great support



from many Woking Churches, financially, with volunteers and with prayer and have now passed their tenth anniversary.

The Service will be held at **St. Paul's Church**, **Oriental Road**, **Woking** on **Sunday**, **26 February 2023**, **commencing at 4.00 pm**. It should last less than an hour and will be followed by a social time with tea and cakes. We would be delighted if you could please support this by coming along. There will be a chance to find out more about our current work, meet some of the operational Angels and trustees, hopefully also Emma, our new Woking Street Angels Coordinator and other guests. Inquiries: contact wokingstreetangels@gmail.com

#### \* SPONSORING FLOWERS FOR ST PETER'S \*

Normally, we do not have flowers in church other than for festivals or weddings.



on the list at the back of church. The arranger will contact you to discuss cost, flowers and colours etc. Any queries please call Lynne Moore 01932 351029.