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Notes & News

Sunday 5 March 2023

Second Sunday in Lent – MISSION GIFT DAY

CMS MISSION SUNDAY TODAY– NEW

In our services today we will be hearing more about the ministry of our CMS Mission Partner, Malcolm Pritchard who is based in Uganda, through a video we will watch together. It is an edited version and the full version can be watched via www.stpeterwoking.org/mission.



There is also a prayer letter from Malcolm, which will be handed out in church today. It's available at www.stpeterwoking.org/mission and there is a summary inside Notes & News.

As well as supporting him in prayer and taking interest in his ministry we support him financially to the tune of £1,000 a year. There will be opportunities to give to his work in the following ways:

- In the brown Gift Day envelopes available in each church today and in coming weeks. Put in the collection one Sunday this month or drop it in at the office
 - Online at www.stpeterwoking.org/mission
 - Through the PayAz Giving Station card reader at the back of St Peter's (this week only)
 - By sending cash or a cheque to St Peter's Parish Office, Church Street, Old Woking, GU22 9JE marked 'Gift Day'
- All cheques should be made payable to 'The Parish of St Peter Woking.'
Please Gift Aid any contributions you can.

*** PEWS FOR SALE ***

We still have some pews from the chancel area of St Peter's for sale. **If you are interested please contact Martin Maguire or Jonathan by today, Sunday 5 March.** There is no fixed cost we are looking for donations, which will go to the Chancel Open Space project.

Sunday 5 March 2023
Second Sunday in Lent
MISSION SUNDAY

All Souls'	9.30am	MORNING WORSHIP (CW)
<u>HYMNS</u>	51	Be thou my vision
	50	Be still, for the presence of the Lord
	111	Dear Lord and Father of mankind
	200	Great is thy faithfulness
<u>PSALM 121</u>	said from the church Bible (p622)	
<u>OLD TESTAMENT</u>	1 Kings 19: 1-18 (p361)	
<u>NEW TESTAMENT</u>	Mark 14: 32-42 (p1021)	
<u>SERMON</u>	The Whisper of God	
St Peter's	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (CW) and Sunday School
		<i>This service will be livestreamed</i>
<u>HYMNS</u>	496	O for a thousand tongues to sing
	1008	The Lord's my shepherd
	995	Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice
	16	All my hope on God is founded
<u>OLD TESTAMENT</u>	1 Kings 19: 1-18 (p361)	
<u>GOSPEL</u>	Mark 14: 32-42 (p1021)	
<u>SERMON</u>	Finding Sanctuary	
St Mark's	11.00am	MORNING WORSHIP (CW)
<u>HYMNS</u>	178	Go forth and tell
	50	Be still, for the presence of the Lord
	111	Dear Lord and Father of mankind
	857	I the Lord of sea and sky
<u>PSALM 121</u>	said from the church Bible (p622)	
<u>OLD TESTAMENT</u>	1 Kings 19: 1-18 (p361)	
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*** 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 ***

I'm sure most of you are aware that the Church of England's Governing body, General Synod, last month debated and voted on issues regarding human sexuality including same-sex marriage and blessings that followed on from the 'Living in Love and Faith' initiative we engaged with in 2021.

It was always going to be a subject with strongly held opinions that was going to divide the church and the bishops did their best in a very difficult situation to present a way forward. In the end General Synod, which is made up of three houses – Bishops, Clergy and Laity – voted in favour of a motion which included providing prayers to bless same-sex couples in church, but would not change the church's doctrine on marriage that is define as being between a man and a woman.

This caused upset to many at both ends of the debate – those who believe that all non-celibate same-sex relationships are unbiblical and those who want the Church of England to allow same-sex marriage services in church. It threatens to divide the Church of England and the Anglican Communion, and the bishops are working hard to find ways of enabling unity. We have differing views here in the parish, but please continue to pray for the Church of England and her bishops and for unity as Christ prayed for unity. It is hard to find neutral discussion on this topic in the media, and the secular media rarely understands the nuances of the debate. You can get detailed reports on the Synod debates and differing views from the Church Times either online at

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/topics/general-synod> or I can lend you a paper copy if you ask. I would like to hold an open forum in due course, probably after Easter, for those who would like to discuss these issues further.

Jonathan

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

the family and friends of Olive Briggs, aged 99, of Heathside Care Home and the family and friends of Clive Kiberd, of Rydens Way.

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

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

Monday 6 March	Dust & Glory	Romans 3: 21-26
Tuesday 7 March	Dust & Glory	Genesis 2: 15-17
Wednesday 8 March	Dust & Glory	Psalms 51: 1-5
Thursday 9 March	Prayer Walk, starting at St Peter's	
Friday 10 March	Dust & Glory	Romans 5: 18-21

All days are on Zoom except Thursdays when we usually meet in St Peter's Church .

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 this week –

Please note:

St Peter's will not be open during weekdays from Monday 13 March onwards whilst the Chancel Reordering works are taking place.

All Souls' is open on Sundays from 9.00am-6.00pm.

CONNECT GROUPS MEET THIS WEEK

TODAY	Youth Group	6.00pm	St Mark's
Tuesday 7 March	Tots	10.00am	St Mark's
Tuesday 7 March	Refresh Café	3.15pm	St Mark's
Wednesday 8 March	Funeral of Olive Briggs	1.30pm	St Peter's

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 vicar@stpeterwoking.org or Jenny Jones on jennydickin98@gmail.com for more information.

*** HELP NEEDED – NEW ***

On Friday 10 March we will be removing the chancel pews and floor boards so that work on the Chancel Open Space can start on Monday 13 March. We would appreciate some extra help from 10.00am, please wear old clothes and bring your gardening gloves.

Many thanks. David Wilde 722098

*** REFRESHMENTS AT ST PETER'S – NEW ***

We are in urgent need of people to join the refreshment team. We have vacancies on both the 2nd and 3rd Sunday mornings.

Please be aware that if no one comes forward to help, we may not be able to serve tea and coffee after these services.

For further details please contact Pauline Wilde 722098

Sunday 12 March 2023

Lent 3

Please note:

Roads will be closed this morning for the SURREY HALF MARATHON and Old Woking Road may still be closed for works by Affinity Water. These will be our services for that day.

St Peter's 10.00am Morning Worship (CW)
This service will be livestreamed

St Mark's 4.00pm Energise Service for Families
This will be similar to our lively Energise service at St Peter's aimed especially at families, but open to everyone

All Souls' 6.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)
This replaces Evening Prayer at St Peter's so there is a service at All Souls' that day and we hope both congregations will come along.

***REVISION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL ***

We are entering another period of revision of the Church Electoral Roll, which needs to be revised before the Annual meetings.

If you are resident in the parish or have attended public worship regularly at one of our churches in the past six months and you are baptised and aged 16 or over, you can now be added to the Electoral Roll. Fill in an application form, available in each church, sign it and return it to me or one of the churchwardens.

You can then attend the Annual Parochial Church Meetings where the elections take place for the churchwardens and church council representatives. If you are already on the Electoral Roll, please let me know if any of your details have changed since last year.

The closing date is 9 April 2023. – Brigitte Morton, Electoral Roll Officer,

*** MALCOLM PRITCHARD – MISSION PARTNER ***

Malcolm's main work at Gulu, Uganda, has continued to be his teaching work of trainee ministers at the theological college there.

In recent months however, he has additionally been running the Alpha course for some 75 inmates at the main Gulu prison, and has enjoyed, together with the enthusiastic support of the inmates there, a blessing through *Hebrews 13.3* 'Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison'. Bibles distributed to all and gratefully received, and the spine tingling acapella singing of the male voices in confined spaces an encouragement and joy for all. Malcolm comments that a significant proportion of them will be in prison there through false or malicious allegations, and one of the virtues of the Alpha course may be to help stop them looking for revenge on release...!

Malcolm has also been very busy in helping with the departure of the college principal and the provision and arrival of her replacement – lots of administration and other support work. He asks for our prayers for the Revd. Sarah Cawdell, and her husband Simon, as she takes on the role.

In addition, as a local representative of CMS and our Church of England, he has also spent time in conversations with senior Ministry & Clergy in Uganda over the recent voting of the Anglican Church at its General Synod on the doctrine of marriage with regard to same sex couples, with many of the nuances of the debates rather getting lost in translation to the local cultures and languages.

That would be a busy agenda for anyone, and although Malcolm has recovered from his suspected minor stroke some months ago, he has decided nevertheless that it is now the right time for him to leave Uganda fairly soon in the months ahead, although not necessarily to leave from other CMS work. Jonathan will keep us further informed when details become clearer.

I am sure you will all join me in giving thanks in our prayers for Malcolm's time at Gulu and for his good health and further ministry in the future.

Geoff Pugh



*** CONFIRMATION -REVISED***

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. You can also be baptised at this service before being confirmed or affirm your confirmation vows if you have been confirmed before. The Bishop leads the service and confirms each candidate. It is a very special service.

If you are interested in being confirmed then please speak to Jonathan as soon as possible

BISHOP OF GUILDFORD'S LENT APPEAL – NEW *

Every year the Bishop has an appeal during Lent to support his Community Fund, which works locally and supports another charity.

Details of this year's appeal can be found at <https://localgiving.org/appeal/Lent-Appeal-2023/> so please do read about it

*** CHANCEL OPEN SPACE WORK ***

The contractors will start on this project on Monday 13 March, during which the chancel area of St Peter's will be screened off. We will still be holding services in church during the period of the work but will be unable to use the organ or grand piano so will be using the electric piano.

The church will not be open during the week whilst the works are happening. The contractors are aiming to finish the work by Maundy Thursday 6 April.

If you have made a pledge and are able to fulfil it before mid-April that would be helpful, but if not then any time this year is fine.

Please either put a cheque in the Chancel Open Space envelope or contact the Parish Office if you wish to pay by bank transfer.

*** VIDEO ON WOKING ***

Woking U3A Film Group have put together a video on Woking past and present, which includes some images of St Peter's and a short interview with Jonathan. It is an interesting project and can be seen at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8eLmJu1MKY>