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**Notes
& News**

Sunday 12 March 2023

Third Sunday in Lent

The Surrey Half Marathon takes place today
Many local roads will be closed this morning
Affinity Water have confirmed that the Old Woking Road will be re-opened on the afternoon of Friday 10 March

Chancel Open Space

making space for God and us

The contractors start work tomorrow which is very exciting and as you will notice we have prepared the chancel area for them so it all looks different at St Peter's this morning. The contractors have said they will complete their work by Good Friday, though the floor may not have dried enough to have the carpet laid by then.

We plan to hold Sunday services in St Peter's whilst the work is done, but please wrap up warm as the heating needs to be switched off. The church will be closed during the week for visitors.

Thank you to all who have given to the work. We have raised approximately £13,000 so far with another £3,000 pledged of the £22,000 needed. Gifts have been made for 18 of the 20 chairs we will be purchasing.

If you have made a pledge and can give by the end of April that would be appreciated, but any time this year is fine. We will continue to fundraise and await the outcome of grant applications and welcome any additional gifts.

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St Peter's 10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (CW) <i>This service will be livestreamed</i>
<u>HYMNS</u>	708 To God be the glory 275 I heard the voice of Jesus say One more step along the world I go 201 Guide me O thou great Jehovah said from the church Bible (p602)
<u>PSALM 95</u>	Exodus 17: 1-7 (p75)
<u>OLD TESTAMENT</u>	Romans 5: 1-11 (p1132)
<u>NEW TESTAMENT</u>	
<u>SERMON</u>	For the journey
St Mark's 4.00pm	ENERGISE Service
<u>HYMNS</u>	Our God is a great big God O wow what a God Guardian
<u>READING</u>	Exodus 17: 1-7 (Dramatised)
<u>TALK</u>	We're thirsty!
All Souls' 6.00pm	EVENING PRAYER (BCP)
<u>HYMNS</u>	708 To God be the glory 463 May the mind of Christ my saviour 132 Father hear the prayer we offer 488 O breath of life said from the Book of Common Prayer (p468)
<u>PSALM 95</u>	Exodus 17: 1-7 (p75)
<u>OLD TESTAMENT</u>	Romans 5: 1-11 (p1132)
<u>NEW TESTAMENT</u>	
<u>SERMON</u>	Grumblers

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

the family and friends of Clive Kiberd, aged 73 of Rydens Way and the family and friends of Joan Boucher, Mary Williams' mother.

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

*** 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.

*** JENNY'S JOTTINGS ***

Earlier this week marked International Women's Day. Raising a daughter has definitely made me think more about this day. About the woman that she will grow up to be, the example that I set for her, and the wonderful women that she has around her as she grows up. I know she has some great female role models in her family and in our church community, but we can also find examples of great women in the Bible too.

My favourite woman in the Bible is Hannah, the mother of Samuel. She longs to be a mother and prays persistently and passionately to God, despite this prayer remaining unanswered for so long. And when God answers her prayers, Hannah is obedient and gives Samuel back to God, to grow up and serve in the temple. To me, she is a wonderful example of the power of prayer and giving everything back to God for his glory.

My prayer this week for myself, for my daughter, and for women everywhere is that we can pray with faith and persistence, and do all things for the glory of God.

Jenny

*** 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>

*** AFFINITY WATER – OLD WOKING ROAD AT HOEBRIDGE – NEW ***

Councillor Will Forster posted on the “Nextdoor” site on Thursday that **Affinity Water has confirmed that Old Woking Road will reopen to traffic from Friday afternoon, 10 March.** This will help ease congestion in the Woking area and ensure motorists are not ‘trapped’ by road closures on Sunday when the Surrey Half Marathon place.

However, Affinity Water have said they may need to return to fix the ongoing issues on Old Woking Road in future – but those works shouldn’t involve a full road closure.

*** 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 as soon as possible. Classes will then be arranged to prepare candidates for confirmation.

***CMS MISSION GIFT DAY – REVISED ***

If you were not able to give towards the work of Malcolm Pritchard last week then please consider doing so this week as we aim to support him financially to the tune of £1,000 a year.

You can give in the following ways:

- In the brown Gift Day envelopes available in each church today. Put in the collection one Sunday this month or drop it in at the office
 - Online at www.stpeterwoking.org/mission where you can also find his latest newsletter
 - 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.

*** REFRESHMENTS AT ST PETER’S ***

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 the services.

For further details please contact Pauline Wilde 722098

Sunday 19 March 2023

Lent 4

MOTHERING SUNDAY

All Souls’ 9.30am All-Age Worship

St Peter’s 10.00am All-Age Worship

This service will be livestreamed

St Mark’s 11.00pm All-Age Worship



***MOTHERING SUNDAY – 19 MARCH– NEW ***

Our services in all three churches will be all-age services, suitable for the whole family, with an opportunity to thank our mothers for all they do and think about their generosity to us. Posies will be given out as usual. Please invite your children, mothers, friends and neighbours on this special day.



BISHOP OF GUILDFORD’S LENT APPEAL *

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.

*** EMERGE WOMEN'S DAY – NEW ***

Saturday 29 April – St Mary of Bethany Church

This great event run by Activate encourages Christian women to deepen friendships and reach out in new ways. There will be speakers and practical ideas, lunch and a chance to meet other Christian women. The cost is £15, which includes lunch and it runs from 9.30am–3.30pm. Tickets are available at www.activateyourlife.org.uk or phone their church office on 01483 723424. Sarah Thomas will be going so please speak with her if you are interested.

*** SUMMARY OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS – NEW ***

Our church councils from each of our three churches met last month. The main items of note were:

- At St Peter's and St Mark's we reviewed the use of individual cups for Communion and whether to return to the Common Cup, but felt it was too early to do so
- We looked at the Church Development plan for 2023 which focuses on Children and Families, Welcoming, Giving and Prayer
- At St Peter's we looked at possibilities for preserving in the short term and replacing in the medium term the windows in the Church Centre, which are in poor condition

***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 Meeting 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, 70 Elmbridge Lane, Woking, email: brigitte.morton@sky.com

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

Monday 13 March	Dust & Glory	Luke 18: 9-14
Tuesday 14 March	Dust & Glory	Hebrews 5: 11-14
Wednesday 15 March	Dust & Glory	2 Samuel 12: 1-7a
Thursday 16 March	Dust & Glory	Matthew 5: 21-26
Friday 17 March	Dust & Glory	Isaiah 43: 16-25

All days will be on Zoom, we will not be meeting at St Peter's on Thursdays during the Chancel Open Space work. To join Morning Prayer on Zoom enter Meeting ID: 498 905 544 Passcode: 668876

WHAT'S ON

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.

Tuesday 14 March	Tots	10.00am	St Mark's
Tuesday 14 March	Refresh Café	3.15pm	St Mark's
Wednesday 22 March	Bereavement Group	3.00pm	Lower Vestry?

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.

***PARISH PRAYER MEETING – NEW ***

Thursday 30 March 7.30pm at St Mark's

Prayer is so important for the life of this parish and especially as we seek to grow, so please come along to pray with others for the parish and our mission partners.

We would love to encourage people who don't normally come to attend. There will be opportunities to pray quietly through prayer stations and there is no requirement to pray out loud. Please don't leave it to others to pray. Refreshments will be served at the start.

*** CONNECTIONS CAFÉ IN MARCH – NEW ***

Please note that due to Holy Week our next Connections Café meeting will be on Friday 31 March. More details to follow. Pauline Wilde, 722098