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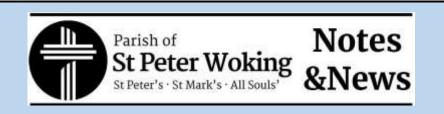
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Sunday 19 March 2023 Fourth Sunday in Lent

MOTHERING SUNDAY



Happy Mothering Sunday to all our wonderful mothers.

We'd like to thank Lynne Moore for putting together the lovely posies that are being given out today.

* CHANCEL REORDERING UPDATE - NEW *

The work has started as those at St Peter's this morning will see and is going well so far.

A reminder that the central heating has had to be turned off so wrap up a little warmer and bring a blanket, though we may have some secondary heating and the temperatures aren't too cold this weekend.

A reminder that the church is closed to visitors during the week.



Sunday 19 March 2023 Fourth Sunday in Lent MOTHERING SUNDAY



All Souls' 9	.30am	ALL-AGE WORSHIP		
<u>HYMNS</u>	152	For the beauty of the earth		
	275	I heard the voice of Jesus say		
	170	Give thanks with a grateful heart		
	631	Tell out my soul		
OLD TES	TAMENT	1 Samuel 1: 20-28 (p271)		
NEW TES	<u>STAMENT</u>	2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 (p1163)		
SERMON A mother's generosity				
St Peter's 1	0.00am	ALL-AGE WORSHIP This service will be livestreamed		

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<u>HYMNS</u> 631		Tell out my soul
	376	Jesus put this song into our hearts
	170	Give thanks with a grateful heart
		Bless the Lord O my soul
OLD TESTAMENT		1 Samuel 1: 20-28 (p271)
NEW TESTAMENT		2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 (p1163)

SERMON Hannah's generous gift

St Mark's 11.00am		ALL-AGE WORSHIP		
<u>HYMNS</u>	200	Great is thy faithfulness		
	354	Jehovah Jireh		
	376	Jesus put this song into our hearts		
	170	Give thanks with a grateful heart		
	631	Tell out my soul		
OLD TESTAL	MENT	1 Samuel 1: 20-28 (p271)		
NEW TESTA	<u>MENT</u>	2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 (p1163)		
SERMON A mother's generosity				

* 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 Kimnell, 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

*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

* RACHEL'S RAMBLINGS *

The mothers of the Bible were an interesting bunch – just read about Jochebed, Hannah, Naomi, Hagar, Rebekah or Mary. They laughed and cried, schemed and lied, doubted and trusted, despaired and rejoiced, prayed and waited, made great sacrifices and showed great courage. Above all, they learnt to trust in God, who was with them like a mother who nurtures, protects and guides her children, 'like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them aloft.' (Deuteronomy 32:11).

Whatever this day means to you, may you know God's motherly care, protection and guidance today.

Rachel

* MORNING PRAYER BIBLE READINGS - UPDATED *

Monday 20 March	Dust & Glory	Ephesians 3: 7-13	
Tuesday 21 March	Dust & Glory	Galatians 5: 16-26	
Wednesday 22 March	Dust & Glory	Ephesians 6: 10-20	
Thursday 23 March	Dust & Glory	Matthew 5: 23-24	
Friday 24 March	Dust & Glory	John 17: 20-24	

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:

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

All Souls' is open on Sundays from 9.00am-6.00pm.
CONNECT GROUPS MEET THIS WEEK

Sunday 19 March	Youth Group	6.00pm	St Mark's
Tuesday 21 March	Tots	10.00am	St Mark's
Tuesday 21 March	Refresh Café	3.15pm	St Mark's
Wednesday 22 March	Bereavement Group	3.00pm	Zouche Room
Tuesday 28 March	PCC Meeting	7.45pm	All Souls'
Thursday 30 March	Parish Prayer Meeting	7.30pm	St Mark's
	Parish Prayer Meeting Connections Café		St Mark's Church Centre

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>jennydicking8@gmail.com</u> for more information.

*PARISH PRAYER MEETING *

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.

Sunday 26 March 2023

Lent 5

All Souls' 9.30am Morning Worship (CW)

St Peter's 10.00am Energise Service for Families

Church Centre 10.00am Energise Plus

St Mark's 11.00am Morning Worship (CW)

This service will be livestreamed

St Peter's 5.00pm Holy Communion (BCP)

* 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.

* BEREAVEMENT GROUP - NEW *

Next Wednesday's Bereavement Group will be meeting in the Zouche Room in the Church Centre. This is due to the ongoing building works in the church.

* CONNECTIONS CAFÉ IN MARCH *

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

* CLOCKS GO FORWARD NEXT WEEKEND *

We move to British Summer Time next weekend. Your clocks and watches will need to be put forward by one hour on Saturday night.

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NB Our evening services at St Peter's will revert to the 'summer' time of 6.30pm on Sunday 2 April.

* LETTER FROM LUCY *

Hello! I'm Lucy, your new curate, due to start with you after my ordination in July. I've been training at Trinity College Bristol for the last three years (one of them in lockdown!), along with my family – Dave, Lydia (3), and Dominic who was born in August last year. It's been a busy time for us of much studying, exploring our faiths, and of course, learning how to parent well (is there such a thing?!) – and



now we're ready for the next stage. Lucky for us, that will be with you!

In a past life, our spare time was spent enjoying lots of walks, going to the cinema, and eating out with friends, but now with two small children we mostly crash on the sofa and watch trashy TV whenever we have some downtime! But my love of nature remains, and we try to cook fun (and seasonal) food and watch new films whenever we can muster the energy! A recent retreat to the Brecon Beacons reminded me how much I enjoy being out in creation – though I was much slower ascending the peaks than I used to be!

To be completely honest, I'm quite nervous about starting my curacy. We had the Vestments Fair at college recently where I tried on all the clergy clothes and it all started to feel a bit real. However, I know from meeting many of you that you are a lovely bunch, and I can't wait to start serving among you in the parish. I come with a particular passion for preaching, children, inclusion, and eco-concerns, and I look forward to joining in with the many ministry opportunities that you provide, and to learning from you about your contexts.

As we begin to see the signs of Spring around us in the snowdrops and daffodils popping up, I am reminded of God's goodness in all seasons — whether we notice it or not. God has certainly been good to me in this season of training in all the difficult and fun times, and I feel confident that God will be good in this next season too.

I'd love to ask for your prayers for us as we say goodbye to good friends in Bristol, and for us to settle in well in Woking – and especially for a school place for Lydia! We can't wait to meet you all again in the Summer!

Lucy Bush

EASTER SERVICES

Our Easter services will be as follows:



Maundy Thursday 6 April

7.30pm at St Peter's

Holy Communion

with washing of feet and hour's vigil

Good Friday 7 April

10.00am Walk of Witness, starting from St Peter's, reflecting on the way of the cross leading to St Mark's for:

11.00am All-age outdoor service at St Mark's

2.00pm -3.00pm - An Hour at the Cross at All Souls'

with guided reflection and hymns led by the Rev'd Rob Bennett

11.00am Churches Together Act of Witness in Woking Jubilee Square

EASTER SUNDAY 9 April

6.00am Sunrise Service, outdoors at St Mark's

Be up with the sun to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection around a fire, followed by cooked breakfast!

9.30am All-Age Communion at All Souls'

10.00am All-Age Communion at St Peter's-

followed by an Easter Egg hunt

11.00am All-Age Communion at St Mark's

6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP) at St Peter's

* FREE WOOD AVAILABLE - NEW *

There is wood from the floorboards under the choir pews at St Peter's available to anyone who would like it.

It is behind the boiler room on the south side of the church so please take it.

Donations towards Chancel Open Space welcome, please use the envelopes in church or online at www.stpeterwoking.org/chancelopenspace