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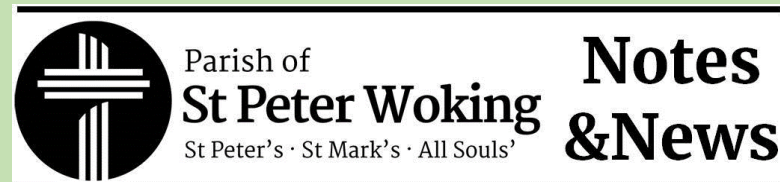


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Sunday 3 March 2024

Lent 3

*** 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 Meeting on 28 April. 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 our Electoral Roll, which is like a membership list. Please 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 7 April 2024. – Brigitte Morton, Electoral Roll Officer, 70 Elmbridge Lane, Woking, email: brigitte.morton@sky.com

*** CANDLES FOR UKRAINE APPEAL ***

We are appealing for candles to donate to Ukraine. Any sort of candle will do, new ones or even burned down stumps! Candle wax is required to recycle into portable cookers to help people survive and stay warm near the fighting areas where there is little or no infrastructure.

The wax will be melted down and combined with cardboard to make "Trench candles", which were invented in WWI to help people survive. Because God loves us all these 'candles' will be made available to both civilians and troops in response to humanitarian needs. We would be grateful for all types of candle wax that you might be able to spare and collection boxes will be available in our churches.

Thank you and God bless.

Mark and the Ukraine Mission Team.

Sunday 3 March 2024
Third Sunday in Lent

All Souls' 9.30am

MORNING WORSHIP (CW)

HYMNS 649 The King of love my shepherd is
67 Breathe on me breath of God
755 When I survey the wondrous cross
949 Thy Kingdom come, O God
PSALM 19 said from the church Bible (p552)
FIRST READING Luke 4: 14-21 (p1031)
SECOND READING James 3: 1-12 (p1214)
SERMON Paul Stanistreet

St Peter's 10.00am HOLY COMMUNION (CW) and Sunday School
This service will be livestreamed

HYMNS 528 O worship the King
50 Be still for the presence of the Lord
755 When I survey the wondrous cross
41 At the name of Jesus
EPISTLE James 3: 1-12 (p1214)
GOSPEL Luke 4: 14-21 (p1031)
SERMON Sticks and Stones

St Mark's 11.00am

MORNING WORSHIP (CW)

HYMNS 560 Praise my soul the king of heaven
50 Be still for the presence of the Lord
1008 The Lord's my shepherd
501 O Jesus I have promised
PSALM 19 said from the church Bible (p552)
FIRST READING Luke 4: 14-21 (p
SECOND READING James 3: 1-12 (p
SERMON Richard Hay

Please note: There is no evening service at St Peter's this week

*** 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

*** RACHEL'S RAMBLINGS ***

One of my more unexpected Christmas presents was an ariel for my car so that I can listen to the radio (the desire of other members of the family to listen to the football may also have been a factor). Some 6 weeks later it was finally attached and so far I have mostly been tuning into Greatest Hits radio, which naturally features a plentiful diet of 80s music!

The gospels show us that Jesus was completely tuned into his Father and that he stayed tuned in through regular prayer. This was the foundation for everything he said and did in his earthly ministry. What can you do to stay tuned into God this season of Lent? Have a chat with me, Jonathan or Lucy if you need some ideas.

**"Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,
who walk in the light of your presence, Lord."**

Psalm 89:15

Rachel

*** GAZA – WHAT CAN WE DO? – NEW ***

Further to my note last week sharing the House of Bishops' statement calling for an immediate ceasefire, here are some suggestions of what we can do. Many of us feel helpless, we don't know how to help, and we may feel nervous about how our actions could be perceived. Here are some suggestions that enable us to act positively according to our conscience:

Pray. I'm sure most of us are praying, but continue to do so, prayer makes a difference and we are encouraged to be persistent in prayer. Use the prayer below, but also pray with others. We regularly pray for the situation in Gaza in Morning Prayer and all are welcome to join (see separate note for details). We are holding a Parish Prayer meeting on Tuesday 26 March, during Holy Week, to pray especially for peace, in Gaza and the Middle East, in Ukraine and in other places that rarely get into the media. See the separate note for details.

Give. There are many organisations providing humanitarian aid who need money. Recommended ones are:

Unicef <https://www.unicef.org.uk/donate/children-in-gaza-crisis-appeal>

Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP) <https://www.map.org.uk/>

Red Cross <https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/israel-and-occupied-palestinian-territory-appeal>

Write. Express your view by writing to your MP: the more correspondence they receive the more pressure is put on them to act. Jonathan Lord is MP for Woking and his contact details are: jonathan.lord.mp@parliament.uk or House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

Sign. There are various petitions online at <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions?q=Gaza+&state=open> or <https://www.amnesty.org/en/petition/demand-a-ceasefire-by-all-parties-to-end-civilian-suffering/> or <https://www.change.org/p/sign-and-share-this-urgent-petition-calling-for-a-ceasefirenow-in-gaza-and-israel>

Learn. While the current conflict began on 7 October, many of us know that there is a long history here. Let's do our best to be informed: watch documentaries, read opinions (especially from people who live in Israel and Palestine) and make sure our conversations are based not just on what we've heard from the media and social media.

You may also wish to join the peace marches in London or join in with local groups. Do talk about it with others: we may hold different views in our churches, so be aware and sensitive, but we shouldn't stay silent on important matters.

*** PRAYER FOR PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST FROM CHURCH OF ENGLAND ***

O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world.

Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief in Israel and Palestine.

We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding may begin.

Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace.

In Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

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

the family and friends of St Peter's member, Pam Eales of St Peter's Road.

and Mary Angus, Wendy Aplin, Eileen & Peter Bliss, Lynda Kirk, Eric Rice, Carol & Brian Whitehorn, and Mary & Geoff Williams.

Sunday 10 March 2024

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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 11.00am

All-Age Worship

St Peter's 5.00pm

Evening Prayer (BCP)



*** SUNDAY SERVICES – NEW ***

Next Sunday 10 March is Mothering Sunday and we have All-age services in each church, so children bring your parents and we have something lovely for you to give to them. As well as celebrating mothers, we will be thinking about turning brokenness to beauty, there will be something for everyone.

*** CAN YOU HELP? ***

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who over the years have served as either welcomers or on the refreshment team at St Peter's on Sunday mornings.

However, we could do with having people who would be prepared to go on to a reserve list so as to fill in when the regular team members are unable to do a Sunday or to cover a fifth Sunday or extra services. We could also do with a regular person to help serve refreshments on a Second Sunday in the month. If you are able to help or for further information in any way please talk to Pauline Wilde on 722098.

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

Using Watch and Pray booklets

Monday 4 March	Psalm 86	Watch and Pray	p44
Tuesday 5 March	Psalm 87	Watch and Pray	p46
Wednesday 6 March	Psalm 91	Watch and Pray	p48
Thursday 7 March	Psalm 56	Watch and Pray	p50
Friday 8 March	Psalm 88	Watch and Pray	p52

To join Morning Prayer on Zoom

enter Meeting ID: 498 905 544 Passcode: 668876

On Thursdays we usually meet in person at St Peter's

*** ST PETER'S FLOWERS FOR EASTER – SATURDAY 30 MARCH – NEW ***

We will be decorating the church on Saturday morning 30 March from 9.30am.

Any help will be gratefully received, please just bring along your scissors or secateurs.

Any queries – please phone Lynne Moore 01932 351029. Thank you.

*** BIG PARENTING QUESTIONS – TUESDAY 30 APRIL – NEW ***

A 'Care for the Family event to be held at the Welcome Church, 1-5 Church St West, Woking GU21 6DJ at 7.30pm, Entrance £6.00.

Link to Woking booking and more details:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/big-parenting-questions-woking-tickets-780136558447>

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.

CONNECTIONS (LENT) GROUPS MEET THIS WEEK

Tuesday 5 March	Tots	St Mark's	10.00am
Tuesday 5 March	Refresh Café	St Mark's	3.15pm
Wednesday 6 March	Hale End Court Service		3.30pm

The Youth Group (School years 7-13), meets twice a month, 6.00-7.30pm for food, fun and discipleship. Contact Lucy Bush at

curate@stpeterwoking.org

*** PARISH PRAYER MEETING FOR PEACE -**

TUESDAY 26 MARCH 7.30pm, in ST PETER'S CHANCEL- NEW *

With the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East, Ukraine and elsewhere we thought it appropriate that our focus for our next Parish Prayer meeting is on praying for peace in these places of conflict. It feels particularly relevant in Holy Week, a week of turmoil for Jesus and his disciples to be praying for God's peace. We will be lighting candles and praying for our Mission Partners as well and would encourage everyone who longs for peace to come along, there is power in praying together.

*** BISHOP OF GUILDFORD'S LENT APPEAL-NEW ***

Each Lent the Bishop of Guildford launches an appeal for the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund (BGCF). It is there to help bridge the gap between the needs of the communities and the ability of churches to respond to them, providing grants to support parishes and other church-linked organisations to reach out into the most challenged parts of our communities with the love of Christ.

Parishes are encouraged to support this important local fund. If you would like to find out more and/or want to give to the fund go to <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/mission/growing-community/bishop-of-guildfords-communities-fund#lent> or by bank transfer to BGCF, sort code 30-98-97, account number: 68771768 or by cheque to BGCF sent to Willow Grange, Woking Road, Guildford, Surrey GU4 7QS.