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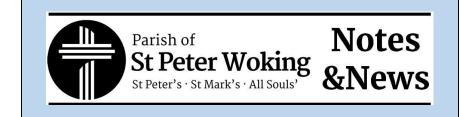
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## Sunday 21 April 2024 Easter 4

# **ST GEORGE'S DAY**



\* ANNUAL MEETING – NEXT SUNDAY 28 APRIL - REVISED \*

Next Sunday our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held after our shortened 10.00am Parish United Service at St Peter's; there will be no Morning Services at All Souls' and St Mark's. It is for all who are on the Electoral Roll or regularly attend our services.

Nomination forms for council roles are available in each church so please sign up if you are on a Council or are interested in being on one.

We have two positions with vacancies, could you serve us in this way:

- **Deanery Synod**, which represents our parish in the Woking Deanery of 15 parishes and is a great way to see what goes on in other churches.

- **A St Peter's rep for PCC**, our parish council which meets 4 times a year. If you are interested in either of these posts please speak to Jonathan, Pauline or Mark. The 2023 Annual Report, the 2023 Financial Report, the APCM Agenda, and last year's minutes are now available in each church so please take a copy.

### \* CMS MISSION SUNDAY \*

If you didn't get an opportunity to give towards our Mission partners Sarah and Simon Cawdell last week you can do so this week either by:

- Putting your gift into a designated brown mission envelope in the collection this Sunday OR
- Online at <u>www.stpeterwoking.org/mission</u>

You can also find the latest video from the Cawdells on the website as well as their latest newsletter which is also available in each church.



## Sunday 21 April 2024 Easter 4 ST GEORGE'S DAY



All Souls' 9.30am <u>HYMNS</u> 689 296 660 746 <u>PSALM 23</u> <u>FIRST READING</u> <u>SECOND READING</u>	±		
St Peter's 10.00am	MORNING WORSHIP (CW)		
<u>HYMN</u> 957	(This service will be livestreamed) We want to see Jesus lifted high		
<u>Baptism Welcome for Sophie Flynn</u>			
<u>HYMNS</u> 498 143	O God our help in ages past Fight the good fight Jerusalem National Anthem <i>(2 verses)</i>		
<u>PSALM 126</u> OLD TESTAMENT NEW TESTAMENT	On video		
Church Centre 10.00am ENERGISE Service for Families			
<u>SONGS</u>	Every move I make		
O wow what a God <u>READING</u> John 20: 19-29 (p1089)			
St Mark's 11.00am <u>HYMNS</u>	MORNING WORSHIP (CW) with the Band King of love and grace (Guardian) The Lord's my shepherd The splendour of the King What a friend we have in Jesus My hope is built on nothing less -Cornerstone		
<u>FIRST READING</u> SECOND READING	John 10: 11–18 (p1076) Acts 4: 5–12 (p1095)		

Sunday 28 April 2024 Easter 5 St Peter's 10.00am Parish United Service Followed by Annual Parochial Church Meetings and Commissioning of PCC and DCCs The service will be livestreamed

St Peter's 12.15pm St Peter's 6.30pm Baptism of Zoe Anne Rose Leary Holy Communion (BCP)

#### \* 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

#### \* RACHEL'S RAMBLINGS \*

As we approach St George's Day I've been thinking about courage. The legend of St George tells us that George had the courage to face a dragon, whilst history tells us that George, a soldier in the Roman army, had the courage to face death rather than deny his Christian faith – a courage shown by many of the apostles.

But Thomas, famously known as doubting Thomas, shows a different kind of courage – the courage to disagree with his friends and express his doubts and fears. Through doing so he has a very powerful encounter with the risen Jesus. I'm sure many of us can relate to Thomas – after all, we haven't seen Jesus in the flesh and we have many questions about God – but facing up to our doubts and questions can be the starting point to a deeper relationship with God. May we, like St George, be among those of whom Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (John 20:29)

Rachel

#### \* CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY \*

A Churchyard working party is being organised on Saturday 27 April from 9.00am until 12 noon.

We will be concentrating on tidying the flower beds, so please bring along any gardening equipment that you would find useful and also some rubbish sacks. Refreshments will be served.

For more details please contact Pauline Wilde on 722098.

#### \* CONFIRMATION – NEW \*

Woking Deanery will be holding a Confirmation service at a local church in June or July for all Woking churches. If you are interested in being Confirmed, or reaffirming your Baptism vows, or want to know more about what it means then please speak with Jonathan, Lucy or Rachel.

#### \*COMMUNITY GARDEN PARTY AT ST MARK'S - REVISED \* Saturday 18 May 2.30pm-4.30pm

We are again joining with our friends from New Life Church to run a Community Garden Party at St Mark's Church, to bring together our local community.

Amongst other things we're running a tombola. If you have any suitable new or good quality used items for prizes, for adults or children (e.g. bottles, confectionary, toiletries, small gifts, soft toys), please pass these to Rachel. In particular we are after small party bag/stocking filler type items and wrapped sweets.

Flyers are available from this week and volunteer sign-up sheets from next week.

#### \* BIG PARENTING QUESTIONS – TUESDAY 30 APRIL \*

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

## \* PARISH BRING AND SHARE LUNCH – NEW \*

**Sunday 12 May 12.30pm-2.30pm, St Peter's Church Centre** A few olives, a slice of cheese, a sausage roll (okay, two), a dollop of casserole, a hunk of bread and a spoon of hummus. Followed by a bowl of crumble, Swiss roll, meringue and ice cream, all washed down with a glass of Shloer. Some of the fun combinations I've found myself eating at church Bring & Share lunches – and we are having one in our parish in a few weeks! Everybody Brings something to Share: main dishes/sides/ desserts/drinks/nibbles, homemade or shop-bought, we place them on a buffet table, and we let the joy commence! Whether you take the chance to show off with perfectly iced cupcakes and 48hour marinated chicken, or you grab a punnet of grapes and a bag of crisps as you run out the door, we all Bring and we all Share. And it is always good fun (often with leftovers to bring home too)!

And we are fortunate to also have some wonderful guests with us on 12 May – Karen Park from A Rocha (Christian environmental charity) will be helping us think about caring for creation, WEAct will tell us about their work in Woking, and the Refill Room in Kingfield will explain how they operate a zero-waste business in our parish. (Bring your containers if you fancy buying some produce!).

We'll be thinking about our environmental impact over lunch, so consider that as you decide what you'll Bring and Share: can you source any of the elements locally or organically, or even home-grown?

No need to sign up – just turn up on 12 May with your contributions whichever church you are from, this is for everyone to enjoy being together – I can't wait to taste what we all Bring!

Any questions, feel free to ask me! Lucy (<u>curate@stpeterwoking.org</u>)

#### \* ENGAGE NEWSLETTER – NEW \*

The latest newsletter from Engage, the Woking schools' charity that we support, is available in each church.

#### \* WOKING HEALING (HOTS) TRAINING \*

'Woking Healing' are offering training for individuals who would like to join their team, which offers prayer to passers-by in the town centre on the first Saturday of the month, from 1.00pm-3.00pm.

Training will take place at New Life Church on Tuesdays 23 and 30 April in the evening. Cost @ £12 to cover cost of training manual. Church leader recommendation required.

To find out more contact Andrew Bates - <u>info@wokinghealing.org</u>

#### \* CRAFT AND CHAT \*

Craft and Chat meets this Friday 19 April from 2.00pm until 5.00pm in the Church Centre. Bring along your own craft projects or just come along for a chat. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served throughout the afternoon.

This month we have some wool that has been donated for people to take away to use. For further details please contact Pauline Wilde on 722098.

#### \* THE MIKADO – REVISED \*

**St Peter's Church – Saturday 4 May at 6.00pm** We are delighted to welcome back *Opera Anywhere*, featuring Matthew Rickard, to St Peter's to perform the Mikado.

Tickets are now available from <u>www.stpeterwoking.org/mikado</u>. We would love to have a good turnout, which raises money for the whole parish so please invite friends and neighbours. There are plenty of leaflets so take some to deliver to your neighbours.

We particularly need help with serving refreshments and can offer a 50% discount on tickets for anyone who volunteers to do so. We would also love some volunteers to make cakes and biscuits etc. If you can help in either of these ways please let Jonathan know.

#### 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.

Sunday 21 April Piano Concert-Matthew Rickard St Peter's 3.00pm Sunday 21 April Youth Group St Mark's 6.00pm Tots Toddler Group Tuesday 23 April St Mark's 10.00am Tuesday 23 April Refresh Café St Mark's 3.15pm Wednesday 24 April Bereavement Group St Peter's 3.00pm Saturday 27 April Churchyard working party St Peter's 9.00am-12noon **Opera Anywhere 'The Mikado' St Peter's** Saturday 4 May 6.00pm Parish Bring and Share Lunch Church Centre 12.30pm Sunday 12 May -Saturday 18 May – Community Garden Party St Mark's 2.30pm- 4.30pm Saturday 29 June Priesting of Rachel and Lucy at Guildford Cathedral (Time to be confirmed)

The Youth Group (School years 7-13), meets twice a month, 6.00-7.30pm for food, fun and discipleship. Contact Lucy Bush at <u>curate@stpeterwoking.org</u>

## \* PIANO CONCERT WITH MATTHEW RICKARD \*

Sunday 21 April at 3.00pm at St Peter's Many of you know that our former organist, Matthew Rickard, plays for Farnham Youth Choir, who have given concerts at St. Peter's before. In July, the choir (with Matthew) will be travelling to New Zealand to compete at the World Choir Games. A bit like the Olympic Games for choirs!

To help raise funds for this tour, Matthew will be giving a piano concert at St. Peter's at 3.00pm on Sunday 21 April. The concert will last for around 50-60 minutes and will feature music by Bach, Brahms and Schubert. Matthew will be joined by a small ensemble from the choir, who will also perform a few items.

Entry will be free with a retiring collection for the choir's New Zealand tour fund. Do come along if you're free.