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Notes & News

Sunday 2 August 2026

Trinity 9

* HARVEST FESTIVAL SHOW – NEW *

Following the success of last year's show at All Souls' we will be holding it again on Saturday 19 September so get growing those fruit, veg and flowers. More details at www.stpeterwoking.org/harvestshow or on flyers in church. Let others know, we'd love to have a good number of entries.

* COMMUNITY LITTER PICK – NEW – THURSDAY 20 AUGUST *

Together with New Life Church we are organising a litter pick in the parish. Meet at New Life Church at 9.30am. Litter pickers are provided. There will be refreshments afterwards and hopefully an opportunity to meet our local PCSO, Rob Freeman, and his car.

All are welcome for this great community event. Flyers are available in church to invite friends and neighbours. If you are able to provide any homemade cakes or biscuits for refreshments it would be appreciated. Please let Andrew Bates andrew@newlifechurch.org.uk or the St Peter's Parish Office know.



* CRAFT AND CHAT – NEW *

Craft and Chat's meeting for August is on Friday 21 August at St Peter's Church Centre 2.30pm to 5.00pm. Bring along your own craft projects or just come for a chat. Tea/coffee and biscuits served throughout the afternoon. For further details please contact Pauline Wilde 722098 or the parish office.

Sunday 2 August – Trinity 9

ALL SOULS' 9 30am MORNING WORSHIP (CW)

HYMNS 7, 200, 1008, 486
FIRST READING Matthew 14: 13-21 (p981)
SECOND READING Romans 9: 1-5 (p1135)

ST PETER'S 9.30am HOLY COMMUNION (CW)

This service will be livestreamed

HYMNS 7, 200, 1008, 486
EPISTLE Romans 9: 1-5 (p1135)
GOSPEL Matthew 14: 13-21 (p981)

ST MARK'S 11.15am MORNING WORSHIP (CW)

HYMNS 7, 200, 1008, 486
PSALM 17: 1-7 said from the church Bible (p550)
FIRST READING Matthew 14: 13-21 (p981)
SECOND READING Romans 9: 1-5 (p1135)

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

Sunday 9 August

Trinity 10

9.30am All Souls' Morning Worship (CW)

9.30am St Peter's All-Age Worship,
accompanied by the Band
This service will be livestreamed

11.15am St Mark's Holy Communion (CW)

6.30pm St Peter's Evening Prayer (BCP)

* WARDEN'S WINDOW *

"Come unto me all of you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest" Matthew 11 v28

Jesus reminds us by example how important rest is. Jesus is seen in the Gospels setting himself apart, spending time with his heavenly father in prayer, he also spends time with his disciples teaching and equipping them for all that lays before them.

Sometimes it is easier to hear what God is saying to us when we are removed from everyday distractions. Maybe, by visiting a local beauty spot or sitting in our gardens, listening to the bird song or looking at creation around us we will hear what God is saying to us more clearly.

Pauline

* THIS WEEK'S MORNING PRAYER – Daily at 9.00am *

Monday 3 August	Psalm 49	Acts 1: 1-14
Tuesday 4 August	Psalm 48	Acts 1: 15-end
Wednesday 5 August	Psalm 119: 65-80	Acts 2: 1-21
Thursday 6 August	Psalm 150	Acts 2: 22-36
Friday 7 August	Psalm 54	Acts 3: 1-10

On Thursdays we usually meet in person at St Peter's. To join Morning Prayer on Zoom enter Meeting ID: 498 905 544 Passcode: 668876

* THIS WEEK PLEASE PRAY FOR ...*

Wendy Aplin, David Atkinson, Peter Bliss, Alison & Ian Cole, Valerie Hendricks, Gordon Kidd, Lynda Kirk, Barbara Lloyd, Patrick Phillipps, Chris & Denise Randall, and Carol & Brian Whitehorn.

* LUMOS EXPERIENCES – FRIDAY 14 AUGUST – NEW *

Following successful concerts in January, we welcome back Lumos Experiences to St Peter's Church as they present 'A Ludovico Einaudi Candlelight Experience' on Friday 14 August, with two sittings: 7.00-8.00pm and 9.00-10.00pm.

They've arranged some discounted tickets for our community (although these are limited, so please advise family & friends to be quick!):

Ticket link: <https://www.lumos-experiences.com/event/a-ludovico-einaudi-candlelight-experience-in-woking-friday-14th-august/>

On checkout use the code: WELCOME15 and this will apply 15% off gold tickets.

All queries regarding the event should be directed to Lumos Experiences.

* OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD *

The National Collection Week will be 9-16 November. We shall be collecting our boxes and other donations at the Shoebox service at St Peter's on Sunday 1 November. (They can also be taken to All Souls' and St Mark's on that day if that is easier for you.)



Please get your knitting needles out and also start collecting items to go in the boxes. Sue Harvey has flat-pack shoeboxes available – there will be some placed in each church or you can phone her on 714632 to arrange to pick one up. We also need cash donations to cover shipping costs; a suggested donation of £5 is essential to cover project costs including collection, processing, shipping, project materials and training local churches to lead a safe, well-organised children's event where your shoebox will be given to a child in need. You can also ask Sue for knitting patterns for hand puppets, bags, pencil cases, etc

* SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS *

Special Item – Football with pump, Doll, Cuddly toy

Toys Toy cars, skipping ropes, Yo-yos, Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

Personal care items Toothbrushes, facecloths, combs, hairbrushes

School supplies Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, colouring and picture books, solar calculators

Accessories Socks, hats, gloves, sunglasses, jewellery and watches, torches (wind-up or with extra batteries)

Please DO NOT include Toothpaste, soap, sweets, lotions and liquids, war related items, seeds, gum, chocolate or food items, medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.

Shoeboxes online. It's also possible to make a donation of £25 and OCC will then pack and send a shoebox on your behalf. There's also an option for you to choose the items that you would like included in the box. Full details on their website (see link below.)

Further information: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ
www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox#gift-suggestions

* UNWRAPPING GIFTS – REVISED *

If you haven't received a copy of this note about opportunities to serve in the parish please take one from church or email the office for a copy. We haven't had many responses so please consider whether you, or someone you know, might be able to help with any of these. We'd particularly like to know anyone who can help with any of our Comms opportunities.

* COMMUNICATIONS – HELP REQUIRED *

We are currently looking to improve our communications in certain areas, which will help make our churches and activities more visible.

- ◆ **Communications strategy** – advising us on our overall strategy and tasks
 - ◆ **Social media** – overseeing our social media platforms and helping create content
 - ◆ **Photography** – creating a stock of photos of services, events and buildings for our communications in all forms
 - ◆ **Website** – helping us review our current website design and content and helping maintain content
 - ◆ **Printed material** – designing and updating flyers, posters, leaflets
- If you could help with any of these or know someone who could please speak with Jonathan or Rachel

* HERITAGE OPEN DAY – SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER – NEW *

As part of Heritage Open Days 2026, St Peter's Church, will be opening its doors on Saturday 19 September from 11.00am to 3.00pm for an afternoon celebrating the history, heritage and hidden stories of one of Surrey's oldest churches.

Majesty & Mysteries invites visitors to step inside this remarkable historic church and uncover the fascinating people, events and legends that have shaped it over the centuries. Through engaging talks and displays, you'll discover stories rarely told—including the intriguing mystery of why one person was buried at midnight.

Ring those bells! Have you ever wondered what it's like to ring church bells? Throughout the day, St Peter's team of bell ringers will be demonstrating the ancient art of change ringing, and visitors will have the opportunity to learn more about this unique tradition—and even have a go themselves under expert supervision.

Tea, coffee and homemade cakes will also be available, offering a warm welcome to everyone who comes along.

Whether you're interested in local history, architecture, bell ringing or simply looking for a fascinating free day out, Majesty & Mysteries promises an enjoyable experience for all ages. Admission is free!

Our Mission Partners

There have been various changes with our Mission Partners recently which not everyone is aware of. Connect Groups support them in prayer.

Dr Denis Ruhama, Principal Janani Luwum Theological College, Uganda



Supported by Thursday Connect Group

Denis took over from Sarah Cawdell as college principal so when the Cawdells left CMS we decided to continue to support the college's ministry through Denis. The college trains pastors and lay ministers in the Church of Uganda and will soon be starting to train teachers too. We held a Mission Gift Day in May and our giving goes toward Denis' salary which the college cannot afford to pay in full.

Idris Rishak – supported by Wednesday morning Connect Group



Idris is a Syrian Christian convert from Islam who partners with Interserve, a Christian mission organisation. Idris lives in Woking and visited our churches in 2025 to share his ministry. His main focus is on sharing the gospel with Muslims in Woking and beyond, through befriending them and helping them. He is about to embark on a trip to Iraq where he helps raise money for a homeschool for 45 Syrian refugee

children, providing educational materials for them. His visits provide opportunities to share the gospel and use his training as a trauma healing facilitator. He will be visiting St Peter's and St Mark's on Sunday 27 September when we will hold a gift day for his ministry.

St Michael's Sheerwater – Supported by Wednesday evening Connect Group



This C of E church in our Woking Deanery is in one of the most deprived areas of Surrey. For 5 years we, with other churches and individuals, have been supporting this small church financially so they could afford their own minister under a Bishop's Mission Order (BMO) and grow the church. They

have grown some wonderful ministries in Sheerwater, but the BMO has come to an end, Rev Gillaine Holland has finished her contract and the church will be reverting to being part of the parish of All Saints' Woodham. As they are finding their feet and finances as a single parish they have asked if we can continue to support the work at St Michael's, especially their Community Worker, Gracie Luke, for another year, which we agreed to do. We will hold a Gift Day for St Michael's in November.

Tabitha Thomas



Tabitha is Jonathan and Sarah's daughter and in September will be a missionary with Impact Spain, a creative arts ministry within Youth With a Mission (YWAM) Madrid. Impact is an evangelistic ministry that uses creative arts like dance to bring the gospel to people who may never set foot in a church. They make the gospel accessible and relevant. Through high quality evangelistic events, conversations are sparked, and relationships with Jesus are ignited. The PCC have agreed to give Tabitha £500 towards her ministry in 2026 and hold a Gift Day for her in 2027 when our partnership with St Michael's finishes. If you would like to support Tabitha financially or in prayer email tabithat@jcum.com.

Engage Woking – Supported by Kirsty's Monday evening Connect Group



Engage is a Christian schools' charity for the Woking area that delivers Primary School assemblies, runs lunchtime and after-school Christian clubs, undertakes small group work focusing on well-being and mental health, delivers RE lessons and prayer spaces,

organises Christian Unions and supports school staff in a pastoral capacity and mentoring. Jonathan is a trustee and we give £900 a year as a parish to Engage's ministry.

Steph Cox – Supported by Jacquie's Monday evening Connect Group



Steph is a leader of Eastgate church, Gravesend and the daughter of St Peter's member Brenda Cox. Steph oversees the children's, families and youth work at this large, thriving church. As a parish we have supported Steph financially in a previous church, but now that she is in a paid role we primarily support her through prayer.

Project Return

St Peter's Rocks, the Sunday School, sponsor Thoa, a Vietnamese girl £15 a month through Project Return and has been doing so since 2015.