

NOTICES

APCM Date: The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in Church House on **Sunday 2nd April 2023 at 2pm**. Please do join us for a **communal lunch from 12.30pm** before the meeting begins. Church House is located on Broadway Rd, WR11 1BH, next to the Lidl supermarket.

Pancake Party: All are invited, young and old, for Pancakes at St Peter's on Shrove Tuesday, **21st February 2023 between 5.30pm-7pm**. We will have savoury pancakes, a toss the pancake race, followed by sweet pancakes. Booking is necessary. Please book online or using the sheet in church.

Safeguarding Training Event: You're invited to join a Safeguarding Training Event at St Peter's Church on **8th March 2023, 6.30pm to 9pm**. Anyone involved in volunteering at St Peter's is welcome. Please book online.

Bringing Death to Life: A new course exploring 'everything you ever wanted to know about death but were afraid to ask' is being held at All Saints Church, Evesham. For more information, please visit the website: eveshamparish.com

For our Prayers this Week: For those who are sick, in special need or housebound. Mark, Dave, Kate, Sylvia, John, Colin, Sigi, Pat, Anne, Thelma, Helen (Pat's daughter).

For the family and friends of those who have died: Leslie, Ron, Aileen, Rita, Clive.



Today's Services and Events – 2 Before Lent

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.15am Morning Praise
- 11.00am Informal Gathering: All Together Service

Gluten free Communion breads are available. Do please ask one of the welcomers or the Wardens if you require this. The Church is fitted with a loop system. To use this, please switch your hearing aid to 'T'.

Church Diary for the Week

- Mon 13th Feb - 7.00pm: Standing Committee Meeting
- Tues 14th Feb - 7.30pm: Prayer Meeting
- Wed 15th Feb - 10:00am: Holy Communion
- Weds 15th - 1.45pm: Bengeworth Academy Assembly
- Thus 16th Feb - 3.00pm: Songs of Praise & Communion at Cavendish Park
- Fri 17th Feb - 9.00am: Bengeworth Academy Assembly
- Fri 17th Feb: Choir Practice (time tbc with choir)

Next Sunday's Services and Events – 19th February

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.15am Morning Eucharist
- 11.00am Informal Gathering: Children's Groups

Collect:

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:25-end

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Post Communion:

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour’s cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

