

NOTICES

Electoral Roll Forms:

Forms are available in church and on the website to join the Electoral Roll. The Church Electoral Roll is St Peter's register of electors. Inclusion allows you to have a vote in church matters, stand for election to the PCC and attend the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting). For more details on what this is and why it matters please visit: stpetersbengeworth.org/electoral-roll.

Renewal Project Feedback Report:

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Renewal Project feedback sessions! Digital copies have been sent to the mailing list. Paper copies are available in church.

Book Swap Shelf:

A little reminder that the community 'Book Swap Shelf' is now available in St Peter's Church. This is located to the right of the entrance, underneath the wooden notice boards.

Please feel free to borrow books and bring in your own for lending. Fiction, non-fiction, and children's books are very welcome.

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 daughter).

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



Sunday 5th February 2023



Today's Services and Events – 3 Before Lent

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.15am Morning Eucharist
- 11.00am Informal Gathering: Children's Groups
- 3.00pm Thanksgiving Service – Teddy and Emily

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 6th Feb - 7.00pm: MST Meeting
- Tues 7th Feb - 7.30pm: Prayer Meeting
- Wed 8th Feb - 10:00am: Holy Communion
- Thurs 9th Feb - 7.30pm: Alpha
- Fri 10th Feb - 10.00am: Choir Practice

Next Sunday's Services and Events – 12th February

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

Collect:

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Bible Reading: Isaiah 58:1-11

Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet. Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins. ² For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them. ³ ‘Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?’ “Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers. ⁴ Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high. ⁵ Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves? Is it only for bowing one’s head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶ “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? ⁸ Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. “If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the

pointing finger and malicious talk, ¹⁰ and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-9

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” ⁹ Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

Post Communion:

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

