

## NOTICES

**Pancake Party – NEXT WEEK:** All are invited, young and old, for Pancakes at St Peter's on **Shrove Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> 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 located by the main entrance.

### **Ash Wednesday Service:**

A traditional service will be held on Ash Wednesday at St Peter's on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 at 10am**. If you can, please join us as we formally mark the first day of Lent with ashing and prayers.

**Lent Talk Series:** This Lent at St Peter's we'll be holding a series of talks called 'Live Differently'. The first talk will take place during the Ash Wednesday service, then during the following 11am Sunday Services across Lent. Please find a summary of the talks below:

- Ash Wednesday 22nd February: **Pretence- *Masks Off, Come as You Are***.
- Sunday 26th February: **Probation - *Hold Your Nerve***.
- Sunday 5th March: **Persecution - *Part of The Deal***.
- Sunday 12th March: **Penitence - *Any Skeletons in There?***
- Sunday 19th March: **Prodigal - *Cast Caution Aside***.
- Sunday 26th March: **Perfume - *Holding Nothing Back***.
- Sunday 2nd April: **Procession - *Lives of Purpose***.

**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:** Rita, Clive, Jenny.



### **Today's Services and Events – 1 Before Lent**

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

**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**

- Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 5.30 - 7.00pm: Pancake Party
- Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Feb - 7.30pm: Prayer Meeting
- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb - 10:00am: Ash Wednesday Service
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Feb - 10.00am: Choir Practice

### **Next Sunday's Services and Events – 26<sup>th</sup> February**

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

**Collect:**

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Bible Reading: Acts 17:1-4**

**17** When Paul and his companions had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. <sup>2</sup>As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, <sup>3</sup>explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah,” he said. <sup>4</sup>Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women.

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 17:1-9**

**17** After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. <sup>3</sup>Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

<sup>4</sup>Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

<sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

<sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” <sup>8</sup>When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

**Post Communion:**

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

