

NOTICES

Magazine enthusiasts – we need you!

St Peter's is looking for someone to edit and produce a new quarterly church magazine. IT support for reformatting the content to an e-magazine will be available from the church administrator. If this is something of interest, please do get in touch by speaking with Andy or emailing hello@stpetersbengeworth.org. All applications will be gratefully received.

Bostock Room Renovations:

Please be aware renovations are planned for the Bostock room, toilets, and adjoining corridor in church. We do not yet have a date for commencement of the works but will include a notice when these are due to start. Disruption will be kept to a minimum, but please expect some changes to access in these areas while the work is ongoing.

Maundy Thursday Meal: **Thursday 6th April, 6.30pm – 8.30pm.**

Come along on Maundy Thursday for an evening of delicious food and good company. A special meal will be held in church accompanied by dramatic Bible readings exploring the story of Jesus' final Passover with His disciples. Lamb will be served as the main course and a vegetarian option will also be available (if you are vegetarian, please add this information to your booking). If you have other specific dietary requirements, you are very welcome to bring food from home. Please sign up online or using the sheet in church.

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

For the family and friends of those who have died: Thelma Ree.



Today's Services and Events – Lent 3

- 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 March - 1.30pm: School Rehearsal
- Tues 14th March - 9.30am: School Rehearsal
- Tues 14th March - 7.30pm: Prayer Meeting
- Weds 15th March - 10:00am: Holy Communion
- Thurs 16th March - 9.30am: School Rehearsal
- Thurs 16th March - 3.00pm: Cavendish Park Songs of Praise
- Fri 17th March - 9.00am-12.30pm: School Assembly
- Fri 17th March - 12.30pm: Choir Practice

Next Sunday's Services and Events – 19th March

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

Important notice: Please be aware there will be two special gatherings over Lent and Easter that will replace the regular 9.15am and 11am services. These services will be on: **Palm Sunday**, 2nd April at 10.30am and **Easter Sunday**, 9th April at 10.30am.

Collect:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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: Romans 5:1-11

5 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2** through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. **3** Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; **4** perseverance, character; and character, hope. **5** And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. **7** Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. **8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! **10** For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! **11** Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel Reading: Luke 13:1-9

13 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. **2** Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? **3** I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. **4** Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? **5** I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

6 Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. **7** So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'

8 "'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. **9** If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

Post Communion:

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

