

Welcome to St Peter's today.

A special welcome to our visitors and to any worshipping with us for the first time.

A loop system is installed in the church; please turn your hearing aid to the T position. We also provide large print copies of the Common Worship Services.

Toilet facilities are available in the Cottages via the main glass doors at the rear.

SERVICES AND EVENTS TODAY

08.00 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion with Junior Church

Hymns: 95, 93, 385, and a hymn at

Communion: 393 Brother Sister let me serve you, 533

Voluntary: Trumpet Voluntary by John Stanley

14.30 Baptism preparation in the Cottages

16.50 Bell ringing

18.00 Evening Prayer

In our prayers this week

Within the Worldwide Church we pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa, Archbishop Albert Chama.

Within the Porvoo Communion we pray for the Diocese of Roskilde, Denmark, Bishop Peter Fischer-Moeller.

In the Diocese of Gloucester we pray for David Humphries being licenced as Chaplain, Gloucester Charities Trust.

In the Diocesan Partnership we pray for our five overseas partner Dioceses and especially today the Diocese of Western Tanganyika, Bishop Sadock. We pray for the students at the Theological college who are sponsored by Gloucester Diocese,

giving thanks for the support and relationships.

In our own Parish Calendar we pray for local industries, farms, shops and pub, and for the residents of Daisybank Road, Delancey Crescent, Delancey Close and Duckworth Close.

08.30 Morning Prayer every Weekday and Saturday.

17.00 Evening Prayer every Weekday and Saturday.

THIS WEEK

Monday 19th February

11.00 Holy Communion at The Grange

19.30 Bell ringing

Tuesday

Morning in church: work on the boiler.

10.00 Tuesday Club mother and toddler group in the Cottages

17.00 Team Baptism meeting in the Cottages

Wednesday

09.00-12.30 St Peter's craft group in the Cottages.

10.30 Holy Communion

19.00 Compline for Lent

19.30 Leckhampton Local History Society - in the Cottages. See 'This Week'

19.45 Bell ringers' practice

Thursday

11.00 Holy Communion at Middleton House

18.00 Brownies in the Cottages

Friday

Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c. 155

15.15 Funeral of **Griffiths** at Cheltenham Crematorium

Choir practice: 19.00 Children 19.30 Adults

Sunday 25th February – the Second Sunday of Lent

08.00 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion with Junior Church

16.45 Bell ringing

18.00 Evening Prayer

NOTICES

Lunches in Lent - please come and share a bowl of soup or ploughman's lunch at the home of Sally & Peter, 1 Vineries Close, 12.30 to 2pm, on Friday 23 Feb, and 9 & 23 March. Donations for the Children's Society welcomed.

Compline in Lent

There will be a short service of Compline each Wednesday night at 7pm during Lent, commencing on 21st February, at St. Peter's. Please do put this in your diary.

Lent Course

The Lent course for 2018 will be a 'Journey of Love'. We'll be meeting together as a South Cheltenham Team at a different church each week to study together, beginning on 22 Feb at St. Philip & St. James. All sessions are on a Thursday evening, beginning at 7.30pm. There is an information flyer + sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Revd Gary

HOST Lent Appeal

HOST's mission is to give a welcome to international students in British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. Our volunteer hosts can offer hospitality for one day (daytime only) or three days and two nights at the weekend. We operate all year round and would very much welcome more volunteer hosts to join us. More info from: www.hostuk.org or email us at info@hostuk.org or call 020 7739 6292

Pictures of St. Peter's

We are currently re-thinking our website and would like to include some up-to-date pictures of 'our life together' here. If you

have any such photos, of any of the myriad of activities that we get up to, then please would you send them to revgarygrady@btinternet.com. Thanks, Revd Gary.

Meeting at the Cross

There will be 4 opportunities this Lent to join in discussion and teaching led by Bishop Rachel:

18-Feb St. John the Evangelist, Elkstone, 6pm

25-Feb St. John the Baptist, Chipping Sodbury, 6pm

4-Mar St. Lawrence, Bourton-on-the-Water, 6pm

25-Mar St. Nicholas, Ashchurch, 3.15pm

All sessions are 1 hour and followed by refreshments, no booking required.

40 Acts is a Christian movement run by the Stewardship charity. It challenges us to show God's generosity to others by suggesting a daily challenge throughout Lent. If you would like to learn more about this exciting venture, have a look at 40acts.org.uk. I have put up a Wallchart in the Cottages for you to peruse when waiting in the coffee queue after church: perhaps there is a challenge you would like take up. Liz J

Revd Jo Pestell – Tanzania visit

Jo Pestell says thank you to all those who have given bibles and study books for Tanzania. She now has plenty, and the team of 9 people from the diocese will be heading to the Diocese of Western Tanganyika on 22nd February. Jo asks for us to pray for the following: safe travels and good health for the team, that we would be able to strengthen the church there, and in turn learn from the rapid growth of the church there, that good friendships would be made, and (since women are not ordained in the Anglican Church in Tanzania) that our presence can help bring about a change in perception of women's ministry.

Benevolent Landlords Required

'Cheltenham Welcomes Refugees' is looking for benevolent landlords who would be prepared to consider leasing their property to house a refugee family. If you, or anyone in your congregation, knows of such a person, could they contact Bill Flynn at: flynn.bill1@gmail.com for further details.

Reading in Church

The rota is now rather lower than I would like, so please consider volunteering. We welcome people of any age, can give instruction and will always support you. I nominate readers two months in advance, so that we can get the names into the magazine ahead of the event. Business is done by e-mail for the most part, but I am happy to call those who do not use it. The office sends lesson texts out about a week ahead by e-mail, or leaves a printed version at the back of the church.

Why not try it? You do not have to commit yourself to any specific period. Who knows, you might actually enjoy it! You would certainly be giving a most useful service to our church. If you would like to give it a try, please contact Bob at bobpeters40@icloud.com

Confirmation

Bishop Robert will be visiting the South Cheltenham Team on Sunday 22 April for a Confirmation Service at St. Peter's. Anyone wishing to be confirmed will need to complete a course of preparation. The adult course will begin on Tue 6th March, 7.30pm in the Church Cottages at St. Peter's, and will run for 6 weeks: 6-Mar, 13-Mar, 20-Mar, 27-Mar, 10-Apr & 17-Apr.

There will also be a course for young people on a Sunday with Revd Natalie at 58 Hall Road, commencing on Sun 25th Feb at 6pm, and running: 25-Feb, 4-Mar, 11-Mar, 18-Mar. If you would like to be confirmed, or have any questions, then please speak to one of the clergy.

A Reception with Bishop Robert - @ The Rock

Bishop Robert of Tewkesbury, The Rock's Patron, is hosting a Reception at The Rock (St Peter's Church, Tewkesbury Road) on Wednesday 21st February from 7pm. The evening will include an opportunity to find out more about the work and vision of The Rock and how regular individual support makes such a difference. The evening will include hot food. All welcome.

RSVP Sharon Macaulay
(sharon@therock.uk.com) 01242 700700

CCP – CARING FOR COMMUNITIES AND PEOPLE

2018 has got off to an excellent start with your generous donations. By the end of January a total of 65.3 kgs of food, consisting of much needed tinned pies, tinned meat products and tinned vegetables had been taken to CCP.

There continues to be a pressing need for these items so your ongoing contributions are always appreciated. The crate is in the usual place in the porch and items are taken to CCP on a weekly basis. If anyone has any queries then please speak to me.

Gilly

Walking with God on the Streets of our Parishes

South Cheltenham Churches have embarked on a new venture to raise our awareness of the life of our communities beyond our buildings, to discern and celebrate where God is at work in our communities, to pray into what we see around us, and to build relationships across parish boundaries.

To achieve this we are running a series of prayer walks starting from four of our churches, and on each walk will be stopping at a place to celebrate God's creation, a place of concern, a place to listen to and pray for a secular community group, and a place to celebrate God's blessing. The walks are suitable for all ages, and there will be provision for those who would prefer to stay at the church and pray.

These walks will all take place on Saturday mornings: on 14 April from Emmanuel Church, on 12 May from Warden Hill, on 9 June from St Peter's and on 14 July from St Philip and St James. We will gather for a bracing bacon/mushroom buttie and coffee at 9am, with each walk starting at 9.30am and ending with short prayers at 11.30am at the "host" church. Do come and join us. You never know where it may lead. For more information please speak to Bob.

THIS WEEK

Open the Book

Your prayers please for the Open the Book team and their work at Leckhampton Primary School and the Richard Pate School on Wednesday morning.

Craft-Tea-Time, St Peter's Craft

Group will be meeting on Wednesdays in the Cottages from 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Please come along to share and learn new craft skills. Do bring a current project if you have one!
For further information, please contact Helen S.

Leckhampton Local History Society are celebrating their **25th birthday** on Wednesday 21st February with an evening of special events which will include a short play entitled 'Below the Devil's Chimney' compiled from the records by Eric.

NEXT WEEK AND LATER

South Cheltenham Churches 'Time to Listen' – dates for 2018

Following the success of the 'Quiet Day' at the Cottages, more dates are scheduled at St Peter's for the coming year.

Thursday 22 March 10.00-15.00 with the retired Bishop of Crediton, Bishop Robert Evens.

Tuesday 22 May 19.00-21.30

Thursday 26 July 10.00-15.00

The events are free, though donations for refreshments would be welcome. Please bring a packed lunch; drinks will be available. See posters and flyers in church. To reserve a place, please contact the Parish office on 513647.

More information from Rachael or Dereck.

GENERAL NOTICES

Gift Aid Envelopes are available at the ends of pews for visitors and impulsively generous regulars. Gift Aid helps us turn every £1 given into £1.25. Please remember to fill in your full name (first name and surname) and your address (particularly your postcode). Many thanks.

The Parish Magazine is available in Church. Great value. For free delivery to your home, contact Sue.

Online Newsletter is at www.stpeters-leckhampton.org.uk
Contributions should be given to the Parish Office by **10am on Thursday**. You can post them through the letterbox in the Glebe Cottages or call in (Monday - Friday 9am-1pm) E-mail: parishofficeleckhampton@btinternet.com or phone 513647