

Welcome to St. Peter's Leckhampton

A special welcome to any visitors and to any worshipping with us for the first time. Please join us after the service for refreshments in the Church Cottages.

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Sunday 17th June 2018 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

TODAY

08.00 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion with Junior Church

Hymns: **6, 589 (first tune) 275, 444**

Choir Motet: Grow in Grace – Malcolm Archer

Organ Voluntary: Sabbath Joy by Norman Warren

14.00-17.00 Afternoon Teas in the Cottages – see Notices

16.45 Bell ringing

18.00 Evening Prayer

THIS WEEK

Morning and Evening Prayer

Held at 08.30 and 17.00 weekdays and Saturday; do come and join us for this.

Monday 18th June

11.00 Holy Communion at The Grange

19.30 Bell ringing

19.30 Ladies Group – see Notices

Tuesday

10.00-12.00 Toddler Group in the Cottages

Wednesday

09.00-12.00 St. Peter's Craft Group in the Cottages

10.30 Holy Communion

19.30 Bell ringing practice

Thursday

11.30 Funeral of **Collingridge** here, followed by Gloucester Crematorium

18.00 Wedding Rehearsal in Church

18.00 Brownies in the Cottages

19.00 Choir Practice

Friday Alban, First Martyr of Britain, c.250

9.30-12.00 Flower Guild in Church

12.30 Lunch with Friends – see Notices

Saturday Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, c.678

13.00 Wedding of **Jones and Gray**

Sunday 24th June 2018 THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

08.00 Holy Communion

10.00 Holy Communion with Junior Church

14.00-16.30 Afternoon Teas

16.45 Bell ringing

18.00 Evening Prayer

Please remember our overseas partner Dioceses in your prayers - Dornakal, Karnataka, Western Tanganyika, El Camino Real and Vasteras.



Toilets are across the churchyard in the Cottages.



A loop system is installed in the church; please turn your hearing aid to the T position.



Large print copies of the service are available at the back.



There is a carpeted area with toys, books and an activity table for children. If they wish, children are invited to come to Junior Church in the Cottages for part of the service. Pre-schoolers should take their adult with them!

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17.22-24

²²Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5.6-10, 14-17

Brothers and sisters, ⁶we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight.

⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁴The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died.

¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

GOSPEL

Mark 4.26-34

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables.

²⁶Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.

²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.

²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

³⁰Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?

³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it;

³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

NOTICES

Contributions should be given to the Parish Office by 10am on Thursday. You can post them through the letterbox in the Glebe Cottages, pop in (Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm), call us on 01242 513647 or e-mail:

parishofficeleckhampton@btinternet.com

NB. Any notices over 70 words may be edited.

ST. PETER'S

Ann Collingridge RIP

A funeral service for Ann, led by Revd Kerry Samuel, will be held at St. Peter's on Thursday 21 June at 11.30am.

Joan Millington RIP

A service of thanksgiving will be held for Joan on Thursday 28 June, 2pm at St. Peter's.

THIS WEEK Friday Lunch with Friends

– come and enjoy a light lunch with friends old and new on Friday 22 June, 12.30 – 2pm at the home of Peter and Sally in Vineries Close (off Kidnappers Lane). Donations for the Children's Society welcome. Please come and join us!

New Ladies Group

Thank you very much for such great support for this group. Our first meetings will be:

Monday 18 June and Monday 30 July, both at 7.30pm at the Cottages. We look forward to seeing you there! More information from Maggie or Hermione.

Quiz & Nibbles

Rob G is holding a fund-raiser for his trip to India this summer with the diocesan Youth Team. Please come along to the Cottages on Friday 29 June at 7.30pm for a fun quiz, refreshments and some info about the trip. Tickets £5 each on the night, teams of 6 where possible.

Petertide Bring and Share Lunch– Sunday 1st July following the 11am service. Please bring your plate of finger food (savoury) to the cottages before the service. The Social Committee are providing the "afters" - wine and soft drinks will be provided. All welcome.

Afternoon Teas in Cottage Gardens

Every Sunday afternoon between 17 June and 22 July from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

The following events will run alongside the Teas in the Cottages:-

17 & 24 June – a display of Artwork by Year 2 pupils from Leckhampton School.

1 July – Local History walk led by Paul and Eric on the theme “St Peter's Church and Churchyard”. Meet at 2.30pm at the Church lych gate.

8 July – a talk by Eric, “The church and its monuments” at 3pm in church.

15 & 22 July – Exhibition of work by St Peter's Craft-T-Time group in the Cottages.

Bring a friend along to any or all of these events, and top the afternoon off with refreshing Tea and delicious Cake.

There are still a few empty slots on the helpers' rota, so if you can help, please contact Jennie or Sally.

More Flower Guild news

An enthusiastic lady has come forward to discover more about the joys of flower arranging. Over the coming weeks I will be helping her get started. If this inspires anyone else to come forward, please contact me.

Once you feel confident to be added to the rota it would involve about one morning a month. All the flowers are provided and if you do not have greenery in your garden the Cottage garden has some.

Diana, Flower Guild Co-ordinator.

Couples to join the Coffee team on Sunday mornings. Please contact Penny if you can help.

CCP – CARING FOR COMMUNITIES AND PEOPLE

Thank you again for your generous donations. During May 52.7kg of food was donated by members of the congregation, and has been taken down to the CCP offices. These donations are helping to support the CCP FoodShare scheme that provides food parcels for people and families in times of crisis. These are people who suddenly find they are facing poverty and hunger. There continues to be a demand for tinned pies, tinned meat/fish products, tinned vegetables and dried goods, and indications are that this demand is increasing. Your ongoing support is always appreciated.

The crate remains in the porch and items are taken to CCP on a weekly basis. Please speak to Gilly if you have any queries.

SOUTH CHELTENHAM TEAM

Fundraising evening for ICAHD at St Christopher's Church on Friday 29 June at 7.30pm – see the posters in church.

Events at St Stephen's, Tivoli

A concert of folk and jazz on Sunday 8 July at 3 pm – and a charity fundraising cupcake afternoon on Saturday 14 July at 2pm. Details of both from the Parish office.

Walking with God – a SC Team prayer walking initiative

The next walk starts at St Philip & St James on Sat 14 July at 9.15am.

SC Churches: Time to Listen

Following their success, another *Quiet Day* is scheduled at St Peter's on Thursday 26 July from 10am to 3pm. The event is 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.

Cheltenham Festival Family Tent – Volunteers Are Needed to help run a new 'Family Tent' in the heart of the Cheltenham Festival Village for this year's Literature Festival from 5-14 October. Volunteers will support families with arts and crafts and be happy to chat with lots of people! For more information, and to register your interest, please contact Kerry Pateman on kpateman@glosdioc.org.uk or 01452 835512.

SC Team Youthworker appointment in collaboration with Youth for Christ

A further advert has gone online. In the meantime we are very grateful for the work Paul Bennett and his team are doing in running the Rock Solid group. If you feel you could support in any way, please contact Ken Shill, or Paul Bennett directly on paul@yfc.gloucestershire.co.uk

SCT Syrian Refugee Sponsorship

The family we are sponsoring are settling in well since their arrival last November. However we are required under the Home Office Community Sponsorship scheme to provide housing for them for two years. We need to raise a further £3,000 to cover a Housing Benefit shortfall, and any other additional expenses that may arise. Please send any contributions to Peter Marlow at St Peter's, with cheques made out to *St Peter's PCC*, specifying that this is for the Syrian family. Any surplus at the end of the two years will either be used for the benefit of the family or donated to GARAS.

IN BRIEF

Street Pastors news – their latest bulletin is in church, or ask at the Parish office.

Cheltenham Welcomes Refugees

A programme of events for later in June is on the posters in church, or ask at the office.