

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 & EVENTS TODAY

08.00 Holy Communion

10.00 Parish Communion with Junior Church

Hymns: 165, 136, 604, 191

At Communion the Choir will sing 'Behold O God our Defender' by Noel Rawsthorne

Voluntary: Royal Knights March by Christopher Tambling

14.00-16.00 Baptism preparation session in the Cottages

16.45 Bell ringing

18.00 Evening Prayer

In our prayers this week

Within the Worldwide Church we pray for the Diocese of Temotu, Melanisia, Bishop Leonard Dawea.

Within the Porvoo Communion we pray for the Diocese of Vaxjo, Sweden, Bishop Fredrik Modeus.

In the Diocese of Gloucester we pray for North Nibley C of E Primary School, Paul Batchelor (Headteacher), and Blue Coat C of E Primary School, Mark Ryan (Headteacher).

In the Diocesan Partnership we pray for our five overseas partner Dioceses and especially today the Diocese of El Camino

Real, Bishop Mary. We pray for the church Community of St Jude, Cupertino.

In our own Parish Calendar we pray for the Altar Servers and for the residents of Merlin Close and Merlin Way.

08.30 Morning Prayer every Weekday and Saturday.

17.00 Evening Prayer every Weekday and Saturday.

Morning & Evening Prayer

We continue to pray each morning and evening at St. Peter's for the life of the church, the world and all those whom we love. This is an important part of our daily witness, so do come and join us at 8.30am or 5pm. There should be someone there to lead this, if not then St. Peter's will always be open for you to pop in and spend some quiet time praying at these times. Revd Gary.

THIS WEEK

Monday 23rd October (half term week)

19.30 Bell ringing

Tuesday

18.00-19.00 Wedding rehearsal in church

19.30-21.00 Bell ringing practice

Wednesday

10.30 Holy Communion

14.00 Wedding preparations by the Flower Guild in church

Thursday

Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899

11.00 Holy Communion at Middleton House

13.30 Marriage of **Morris** and **Brookes**

Choir practice: 19.00 Children 19.30 Adults

Friday

09.30 Flower Guild in Church

11.00 Interment of ashes of **Russell**

Saturday

Simon and Jude, Apostles

Clocks go back tonight

Sunday 29th October – Bible Sunday - the Last Sunday after Trinity

08.00 Holy Communion

10.00 Parish Communion with Junior Church

16.45 Bell ringing

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NOTICES

Christian Aid Reps

Can you help by being a Christian Aid rep for St. Peter's? You would be the point of contact for information and for any collections which take place. A big thank you to Sara and Brad who are stepping down from this role after a number of years of service. Revd Gary

Electoral Roll

If you are baptised and 16 or over, live in the parish or are a regular church goer, then please would you consider joining our electoral roll (if not on it already).

The strength of the electoral roll reflects the strength of a church; it is a statement of belonging, service and commitment + gives you voting rights at open/annual PCC meetings. Forms are at the back of church, more info from Eric or Revd Gary

Pioneer ministry

Revd Jo is holding a meeting in Sardar's café in Warden Hill at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 7th November to talk about next steps for pioneer ministry in that area. Please come along if you would like to pray for this or find out more about getting involved.

Street Pastors Commissioning Service

The above service will take place on Saturday 9th December, 4pm at Holy Apostles, Cheltenham followed by tea and cake. All are

welcome, Bishop Rachel will be giving the address.

Times for Quiet Prayer and Reflection

within the South Cheltenham team.

The first of these will take place on Wednesday 15th November in the Cottages from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Do come along to this, our first event. We are seeking to be open to God's leading in the face of today's fresh challenges, to make listening a vital part of our prayer.

Revd Jo Pestell from the Cheltenham Network Church will share her experience of 'listening to God'.

There will be times for quiet prayer and reflection. Please bring a packed lunch – drinks are provided. Also a Bible and perhaps a cushion!

Please phone the parish office if you intend to come. Enquiries, comments and offers of help to Rachel W, please.

All Souls Service

Our service of remembrance and thanksgiving for those whom we love, but see no longer, will be at 3pm on Sunday 5th November, here at St. Peter's. Please add any names you would like read out to the list at the back of church. There will be refreshments afterwards.

Prayer Walking

I am looking for someone to represent St. Peter's as part of a South Cheltenham Team who will be looking at arranging prayer walks in our parishes from April to July 2018; the format being that we start/end at the church and stop at places of concern, beauty and community along the way, where we pray and celebrate God's blessing. Please let me know if you're interested, or would like more information. Revd Gary.

Craft-Tea-Time, a new St Peter's Craft Group will be meeting on Wednesdays in the Cottages from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Further sessions are now planned in November on 1, 8, 17 (a Friday), 22 and 29th.

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.

Cheltenham Connect - the online community magazine has been printed out for the back of church, or ask at the parish office.

Syrian refugee resettlement project

We have a family! We have been offered and accepted a Syrian family of six from Jordan. They are a mother, father, 11 year old daughter, two sons of 10 and seven, and the father's mother. They will be arriving towards the end of November.

The house is being made ready, with furniture, curtains, new electric cooker and washing machine, so that all will be ready to welcome the family when it arrives. RKW

Syrian Refugee Family

Many thanks to those who donated the items on the list for the house. There will probably be further requests for donations at a later stage, so watch this space!

Thank you. Penny

Suites for Syria Concert

Benjamin Dry will play Bach's Cello Suites in a fund-raising concert here at St Peter's church on Saturday 20th January 2018 at 7.30 p.m. Benjamin was originally booked to play in June this year but unfortunately broke his arm, so it will be nice to welcome him again now that he has fully recovered.

Free admission with a retiring collection. Please see the posters in church.

Forthcoming events at St Stephen's church in Tivoli

The popular ukulele concert and workshop is being held again on Saturday 11th November. Please contact Ali for information.

The autumn fair with crafts, books, cakes and teas will be held on Saturday 18th November from 2-4 p.m.

The Christmas concert will be held on Sunday 3rd December at 3 p.m. with mulled wine and mince pies.

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.

Emmanuel Church is celebrating its 80th anniversary in its current building. We are marking the event with a display of the history of the church and surrounding community. The display will extend beyond the 80 years, from the birth of the church as a St Luke's initiative in the 19th century, to visions for the future of the church in the community. It will be in place from October 25th to November 5th, when the church will be open between 10am and 4pm.

On Saturday 28th October at 3pm there will be a TEA PARTY when we will hear and share memories of Emmanuel over the last 80 years. Please contact us if you want to come, by e-mail at

emmanuel.church@btconnect.com
or leave a message on 01242 570075.

Then, on Sunday October 29th we have a special service of thanksgiving at 10a.m. - café style with brunch. All are invited to come and thank God for what he has done in the past, celebrate his presence with us today, and dedicate our future to him.

Arts Ecclesiastica concert

Flautist and multi-instrumentalist Simeon Wood makes a return visit to Cheltenham this week. He is in concert at Gas Green Baptist Church on Friday 27th October at 7pm. Tickets priced at £7 and £5 (concessions) with limited free places for children are available from Tony Dymock at the Church or from organisers Arts Ecclesia. See the poster in church or contact 01242 696094 or artseccles@googlemail.com

NEXT WEEK AND LATER

Christians in the World

Our next meeting starts at 8pm on Monday 6th November in the Cottages at St Peter's. Revd Jo will be talking to us about the Cheltenham Network Church, and what is involved in a "pioneer ministry". As always, all are welcome, whether to join in the discussion or just listen.

Christian Aid

The annual autumn fair will be held at St Andrew's Church, Montpellier on Saturday 11th November from 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. Please see the posters and flyers in church.

A Celebration of Christmas will be held at Cheltenham College Chapel on Saturday 9th December at 7 p.m. with choirs and refreshments, in the presence of Bishop Rachel.

Proceeds will go to the Mayor's charity. Tickets are available from the Wilsonian and elsewhere. See the poster in church or enquire at the parish office.

Carols at Cheltenham General

Hospital on Thursday 21st December at 6.45 p.m. Revd John Thompson of the Gloucestershire Hospitals Department of Spiritual Care invites all churches to join the choir for this event, which goes round the wards, with light refreshments afterwards. See the posters in church or call 0300 422 6200.

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.

CCP FOOD DONATIONS

CCP – now known as Caring for Communities and People (formerly County Community Projects) are very grateful for your donations of food and still have a pressing need for them. Tinned pies and tinned meat products as well as tinned vegetables are very welcome. A crate can be found in the porch.

Their latest newsletter can be seen in church, or ask at the parish office.

They offer over 700 food parcels a year to those in need. Our latest donation, in September, totalled over 15kg.

More information at www.ccprojects.org.uk

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