

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 South Cheltenham Team Confirmation service with Bishop Robert

Hymns are in the Order of Service 538, 470, 398, The Lord's my shepherd. At Communion the Choir will sing: 'Lord of all hopefulness' by Malcolm Archer
Organ Voluntary: Toccata, from the 5th Symphonie by Widor

16.45 Bell ringing

18.00 Evening Prayer

In our prayers this week

Within the Worldwide Church we pray for the Province of Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Anglican Church in Japan); Primate of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai and Bishop of Hokkaido, Archbishop Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu.

Within the Porvoo Communion we pray for the Diocese of Brechin, Scotland, Bishop Nigel Peyton.

In the Diocese of Gloucester we pray for the Cirencester Deanery, Howard Gilbert (Area Dean) and Karen Czapiewski (Lay Chair).

In the Diocesan Partnership we pray for our five overseas partner Dioceses and especially today the Diocese of Karnataka Central, Bishop Prasana Samuel. We pray for the strengthening of ecumenical relationships in the Diocese.

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

Further prayers:

John Anderson asks us to pray for Revd Thomas Mwanyela and his community of Kanisa Anglikana in the Diocese of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, East Africa.

08.30 Morning Prayer every Weekday and Saturday.

17.00 Evening Prayer every Weekday and Saturday.

THIS WEEK

Monday 23rd April

George, Martyr, Patron of England, c.304

19.30 Bell ringing

Tuesday

10.00-12.00 Tuesday Club mother and toddler group in the Cottages

Wednesday

Mark the Evangelist

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

10.30 Holy Communion

Thursday

11.00 Holy Communion at Middleton

House 18.00 Brownies in the Cottages

18.30 Choir practice

19.30 Annual Parish Council Meeting in the Cottages

Friday

09.30 Flower Guild in church

Saturday

12.00 Baptism of **M. Duncan**

Sunday 29th April – the Fifth Sunday of Easter

08.00 Holy Communion

10.00 Parish Communion with Junior Church

16.45 Bell ringing

18.00 Evening Prayer

NOTICES

Deputy Churchwarden Needed

Andrew P is stepping down as Deputy Churchwarden at the end of April, so there is an opportunity for someone to take on this role for St. Peter's.

Deputy Churchwardens uphold the life of the church by serving on the PCC and Standing Committee and by supporting the vicar and Churchwardens when they need help, or are not around.

It's important that many hands make light work, so if you are interested, please speak to either David W or myself.

Thank you Andrew for all you have given to St. Peter's over the many years. Revd Gary

Local history walk at Petertide

Following on from the success of last year's local history walk around Leckhampton Village, Paul and Eric will lead another walk this summer.

This year's walk will cover St Peter's Church and the churchyard surrounding it, with a focus on some of the eminent Cheltonians buried there.

The walk will start from the Parish Pound car park opposite the church at 14:30 on 1st July (Petertide).

Tea and cakes will be available in the Church Cottages after the walk, which should last around an hour.

Christian Aid at St Peter's

Thank you to everyone who has been a marvellous and loyal collector for Christian Aid in previous years. Brad and Sara have stepped down from co-ordinating the collections this year. I am very happily taking over their role for St Peter's .

My name is Rachel Baker and I live opposite the Co-op in the house which used to be the Malvern Inn Pub. I will be in touch with past collectors soon to see whether you are happy to continue as usual or would like to change your road or volume of envelopes! However NEW COLLECTORS would be very very welcome. It is not onerous and can be tailored to your personal time frame. Please contact me by first week of May 2018 for more information and street availability.



Mobile (txt pls) 07786 103235. Home 01242 584137. Email : rachelbaker164@gmail.com. Address: 164 Leckhampton Road.

Come and Worship - TODAY

Please join us at the URC Centre in Warden Hill on Sunday 22nd April at 6pm for a contemporary service of worship, led by Revd Gary (with worship group). During the service, we will sing, listen to scripture and think about how God has given us a new heart. Please come and join us.

Walking with God – a SC Team prayer walking initiative

The first walk, starting from Emmanuel church on 14th April was a great success, blessed with a sunny morning.

For just over two hours, at a relaxed pace, the group walked and prayed, visiting various sites including a café before returning for final prayers in church.

Please join us for further walks (meet at 9.15 a.m.) from St Christopher's on 12 May, St Peter's on 9 June, and St Philip & St James on 14 July.

CCP – CARING FOR COMMUNITIES AND PEOPLE

Thanks to your continuing generous donations, (24.2 kgs during March), we at St. Peters 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. This can be due to loss of salary, change in benefits, unexpected large bills, illness or family breakdown.

In an average year the scheme distributes around 800 food parcels in and around Gloucestershire and there are indications that this demand is increasing. Your ongoing support contributes to this and is always appreciated.

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

Parish Magazine

Thank you to all who have collected money for their delivery round or paid directly to me for their copy to pick up in church. As of now all cheques should be made payable to St Peter's Leckhampton PCC. All monies are still to come to me, to be paid directly into the church bank account.

Thank you all for your support.

If you would like to pay for your magazine and collect it in church or have it delivered for free please contact Sue M.

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.

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

Coffee helpers for the Tuesday Club

Help! We need another coffee person due to Joan stepping down. Happy to have one person, or several working on a rota basis. Please contact Hermione M

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.

NEXT WEEK AND LATER

A Family Fun Day – showing the Royal Wedding live!

– will be held at St Christopher's Hall in Salisbury Avenue on Saturday 19th May from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a bouncy castle, science fun, hot food, face-painting, bracelet-making, paper craft, a gospel choir, tea and cakes, and games.

The day is supported by local churches, the Diocese, CNC and the Borough Council. See the posters in church.

South Cheltenham Churches 'Time to Listen'

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

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.

'Gospel Cannibalism and the Battle Over Jesus'

The 18th annual Biblical interpretation lecture will be given by Chris Keith, Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity, in Room TC001 at the Francis Close Hall campus, Swindon Road GL50 4AZ on Tuesday 22nd May at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets are free but please e-mail slpa@glos.ac.uk to reserve your place, or book via icblecture.eventbrite.co.uk

Friday Lunch with Friends – come and enjoy a light lunch with friends old and new. Lunches will be held monthly on Friday 25 May & Friday 22 June, 12.30 – 2pm at the home of Peter and Sally, 1 Vineries Close (off Kidnappers Lane).

Donations for the Children's Society welcome. Please come and join us!

The 30th Annual Sue Ryder hospice 'Ride for Ryder' event will take place on Sunday 24th June. You can choose to ride 40, 90 or 130 km, starting at Dean Close School in Shelburne Road to raise funds for the only inpatient hospice in Gloucestershire.

See the flyers in church, and sign up at:

www.sueryder.org/rideforryder30

01242 246162 or by e-mail at

Leckhampton.events@sueryder.org

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 M.

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