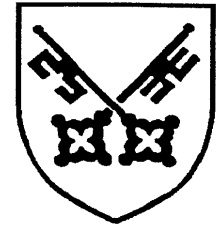


# St Peter's Church Magazine



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## May Festivals

The month of May this year holds several key festivals of the Church.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> May, 40 days after Easter day we celebrate the Ascension – the day when the risen Christ left us for his place with the Father in heaven. Ascension Day is a day of Holy Obligation – one when traditionally every member of the church attends a Eucharist. Ways of celebrating the Ascension vary – the Eastern Orthodox Church, for example, has a solemn procession to commemorate the last walk that the disciples took with Jesus on earth. Because it is such an important event, many churches, particularly Roman Catholic ones, move the festival to the Sunday to make it easier for Christians to attend. This year at St Peter's, we will have a said mass with short homily at both

9.30am and 7pm on Ascension Day itself.

That first Ascension Day saw the disciples left a bit puzzled about recent events and, it might seem, spiritually twiddling their thumbs. But following this there was a ten day period of preparation for them for the great Feast of Pentecost. This was the day that saw the birth of the Christian Church, when the disciples in the Upper Room received the gifts of the Holy Spirit and rushed out into the world to proclaim the Good News. In my last parish of Hanworth, the birth of the Church at Pentecost was taken so seriously that the churches in the area celebrated one Eucharistic service together in the local park (or when the weather was bad in the village hall). In John's Gospel, the Holy Spirit is

described as “the Comforter” but the word used literally means “one called alongside”. The Holy Spirit is the one whom God calls alongside us to help us on our Christian journey. Pentecost falls on 19<sup>th</sup> May and will be marked with services at the usual times of 8am and 10am.

Pentecost is always followed by Trinity Sunday, reminding us that our God is one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Trinity Sunday thematically links the events of Easter, Ascension Day and Pentecost, demonstrating that God the Father, loved the world so much that he gave us his only Son, Jesus Christ, that whoever believes in Him may

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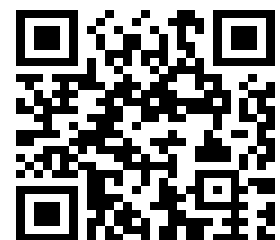
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Wednesday 22 May 2013 is the next magazine deadline. Please telephone or email the editor with any articles—210525 or [maurice.meardon@ntlworld.com](mailto:maurice.meardon@ntlworld.com)

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have everlasting life (John 3:16) and that although we don't have Jesus with us anymore, we have the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, to guide us through our lives and to strengthen our relationships with each other and with God.

Finally, on the Thursday after Pentecost, 30<sup>th</sup> May, the Church has the Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Holy Communion – which we know better as Corpus Christi. Because the celebration of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday is overshadowed by the Cross of Good Friday, the Church decided it needed a celebration of Jesus' gift of himself in the bread and the wine of the

Eucharist (or Mass or Holy Communion). At St Peter's we will be marking this great, joyful celebration with a full High Mass and Benediction at 7.30pm.

Each of these feasts and festivals has a character of its own and they are celebrations that the Church of England has marked for many centuries. I do hope you will be able to join us for some or all of them, and so deepen your knowledge and spiritual experience of God's gift of the Church in all her glory.

*Hannah*

## Subscription and website information

St Peter's offers a few ways in which one can keep up-to-date with events and happenings at the church—the website, the monthly magazine, the weekly news-sheet. The website—www.stpeters-didcot.org.uk is updated on a weekly basis.

If you would like to subscribe to the monthly magazine or electronically receive the weekly news-sheet, please contact the editor, Margaret Meardon, on 01235 210525 or email maurice.mearдон@ntlworld.com.

## Changes to PCC

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting saw an election for the two available places on the PCC with Mark Stanley and Alison Driscoll being elected for a three year term. At the subsequent PCC meeting Craig Bull was elected as Treasurer and Frances Hall secretary.



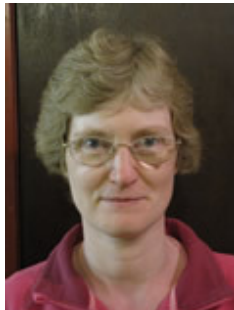
*Mark Stanley*



*Alison Driscoll*



*Craig Bull*



*Frances Hall*

## Wednesday Church

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at 11.30AM.

**Next meeting—1st May 2013**

We are committed to offering equal opportunities for all people to worship God.

Come and join us for worship, friendship and activities.

Tea and biscuits are available; bring your own lunch.

## Lunchtime Fellowship

St Peter's have an increasing number of members who can no longer attend the Sunday services mainly because of mobility problems, and although they may receive home communion they very much miss the fellowship of worshipping within a group.

The Wednesday Lunchtime Fellowship meets monthly during the middle of the day so that people have time to arrive. The programme consists of coffee on arrival, followed by the service of Holy Communion and ends with a two course lunch. Transport is offered via the County Council disabled mini bus and driver. It aims to provide a lunch of good quality which is home cooked. The fellowship is open to anyone who would welcome fellowship, good company, and a home-cooked lunch.

### Next meeting - 8 May 2013

- Join others for a short time of worship.
- Enjoy a 2-course set lunch together in the Church Hall. (Vegetarian option available)
- Transport available using Oxfordshire County Council mini-bus. Can take wheelchairs.
- Normal cost £6.00 to include tea/coffee on arrival, lunch and transport.
- Arrive between 11.00 – 11.15 am Leave between 1.30 – 2.00 pm.

Lunch and transport must be pre-booked on the day before the event at the latest. To do so contact Keith Mintern, Tel No 01235 862936 or email [kmintern@aol.com](mailto:kmintern@aol.com)

## Pictures from the Past



One day last year a gentleman called Mike Harris turned up in Church and told me that he use to sing in the choir at the old St Peter's many years ago.

He now lives in Canada but was visiting friends and relations in England, found our website, and decided to look us up. I took him up to the choir vestry to show him some old photos that Mark had framed and mounted. He said that he thought he had some old pictures somewhere, and would email them to me.

Time passed, I received nothing and forgot all about it - until last Sunday - when he turned up again, full of apologies, and presented me with the following photograph of the choir which he thinks was taken in 1949 or 1950 outside the old Church.



Back Row: Cecil Evitts, Ron Treadwell, ???, Brian Greene, ???, Mr Dawson,  
Rev Pat Keating

Middle Row: Tony Marter, Peter Ashmore, Roger Woodley, Bob Newton

Front Row: Richard Andrews, Reg Yates, Arthur MacGibbon, Graham Brown,  
Robert MacGibbon, Tony Lovelock, Mike Harris, Alan Holiday

The above is his recollection of their names - can anyone confirm, correct or fill in the blanks before I put it on the website?

*Keith Mintern*

# Plant Sale



**Saturday, 4th May**

**10.30 am–1.00 pm**

**Refreshments, Raffle, Cakes**

**St Peter's Church  
Newlands Avenue, Didcot**



## Didcot All Saints' & The Ladygrove Church Services

### All Saints'

Sunday 8:00 AM The Holy Eucharist (Common  
Worship Order One, Traditional  
Language)

10:00 AM The Parish Eucharist (Except first  
Sunday of Month)

10:00 AM Family Service (First Sunday of  
Month)

6:30 PM The Holy Eucharist with a hymn  
and  
Prayer for Healing (Common  
Worship Order One, Traditional  
Language, First Sunday of  
Month)

Tuesday 9:30 AM The Holy Eucharist (Common  
Worship Order One, Traditional  
Language)

### The Ladygrove Church

Sunday 10:00 AM At the Ladygrove Community  
Centre  
(All ages, with Sunday School)

## Didcot & District University of the Third Age

DIDCOT & DISTRICT  
UNIVERSITY OF THE  
THIRD AGE meetings  
are held on the third  
Tuesday of each month.

The May meeting will  
be held at 2pm on  
Tuesday 21 May at  
Didcot Civic Hall. The  
meeting will be held in  
the Ladygrove Room,  
where seating is  
restricted to 100.  
Admission is therefore  
by ticket only. Ring  
07804159993 to  
enquire. The topic will  
be **Opera – not all  
shrieking ladies and  
fat tenors.**

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## *Services*

### Sundays

8.00AM Morning Prayer  
& Holy Communion  
10.00AM Parish Sung  
Eucharist  
6.00PM Evensong  
(1st Sunday in month)

### Weekday Services

Tuesday 12.00NOON  
Little Fishes Eucharist

Thursday 9.30AM  
Eucharist

**The Sacrament is  
reserved at St Peter's  
and is available to any  
who wish to receive it  
in their home or in the  
hospital.**

### Weekday Offices

Morning Prayer:  
usually said at 8.30AM  
on weekdays (except  
Fridays) & Saturday.

## *Registers*

### **Baptisms 'made one with Christ'**

Elizabeth Barnes Jay-Jee Clark

### **Marriages 'those whom God has joined together'**

None this month

### **Funerals 'may they rest in peace and rise in glory'**

Marjorie Newynskyj

## Flower Pots



potting up ready for  
the plant sale. For  
further information  
please contact  
Margaret Meardon.  
(01235 210525)

If you have any  
unwanted flower  
pots, please do not  
discard them. They  
are very useful for



# Faith notes...

Just a minute -

## REST

Whatever does God mean in Hebrews Chapter 4 by entering his rest?

He means giving up our do-it-yourself religion and relying on Christ who said: 'Come to me and I will give you rest.' Rest of soul, rest in our relationship with God, confidence in God's mercy and help.

Hebrews Chapter 4 mentions three ways in which we may enjoy this rest.

\* Sincere dealings with God. 'The word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword... Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.'

\* Firm faith in our great high priest. Jesus, the Son of God, sympathizes with our weaknesses. He has become human and remembers what it's like to be 'tempted in every way, just as we are.'

\* Confident prayer at God's throne of grace. 'Throne' stands for power and authority; 'grace' for kindness and favour. With our great high priest at God's right hand 'we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.'

So take the mercy, accept the help and rest in the Lord.

GORDON HARMAN

Hebrews 4 : 1-16, Matthew 11:28

## Forthcoming Social Events

2013

May 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30AM	Plant Sale
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30PM	Quiz 'n' Chips
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30PM	Quiz 'n' Chips

## Year's Mind for May

1	Olga Everitt Percy Major Frank Martin	18	Lynne Atkinson Robin Buckley Norman Calvert
2		19	Florence Mitchell Sidney Cherrill
3	Alfred Macken Gladys Snow Ivy Stevens		John McNamara Clifford White
4	Samuel Berry		Nellie Hornblow
5	Alice Drewitt Frederick Goodall	20	Phyllis Young
6	Florence Abbott Walter Morgan Fred Peppard	21	Henry Hitchcock John Wicks John Whitehead Anthony Cook
7	Marcus Shorrocks Maud Calvert	22	Dorothy Butler Jack Harrison Roy Culliford
8	Bill Bond Jean Bentham	23	Eileen Yates Henry Mole Edgar Crawford Louisa Beaven
9	Terence Daley Frank Hill Phyllis Powell	24	Pauline Cathcart Edwin Beard Margaret North Dorothy Almond Stella Holt Donald Orr
10	Elliot Goodall	25	Ronald James Jack Goodall
11	Stanley Chandler Frank Rushen	26	Fernley Dodd Louisa King
12		27	Stanley Wadley
13	Christopher Brown George Wall Kenneth Wicks Lillian Davis	28	Hartley Abbott Harriet Lyttle
14	Muriel McGibbon Ken Missenden	29	Iris Miles Mavis Burren
15	Charles Osborne Grace Talbot Linda Hunt Paul Hill	30	
16	Thomas Mathews Reginald Dawson	31	Jim Wyatt
17	George Wigley		

# Church Calendar for May 2013

## Wednesday 1

11.30AM Wednesday Church

## Thursday 2

9.30AM—Said Mass—Revd. Hannah Reynolds.

## Friday 3

6.00PM Choir practice.

## Saturday 4

10.30AM– 1.00PM—Plant Sale

## Sunday 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter

**8.00AM Morning Prayer & Holy Communion—**

**Revd. Hannah Reynolds presiding,**

**Fran Childs preaching.**

**8.45AM Parish Breakfast in Church.**

**10.00AM Sung Eucharist —**

**Revd. Hannah Reynolds presiding,**

**Fran Childs preaching.**

**10.00AM Sunday school.**

**6.00PM Evensong—Fran Childs presiding,**

**Revd. Hannah Reynolds preaching.**

## Tuesday 7

12.00NOON Tuesday Club with Little Fishes

Communion—Revd. Hannah Reynolds.

7.30PM—Didcot Choral Society rehearsal.

## Wednesday 8

11.45AM Wednesday Fellowship—

Revd. Hannah Reynolds.

7.30PM Didcot Community Gospel Choir rehearsal

## Thursday 9

9.30AM Said Mass—

Revd. Hannah Reynolds.

7.00PM Said Mass for Ascension Day—

Revd. Hannah Reynolds presiding & preaching.

## Friday 10

6.00PM Choir practice

## Sunday 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter

**8.00AM Morning Prayer & Holy Communion—**

**Revd. Hannah Reynolds presiding & preaching.**

**8.45AM Parish Breakfast in Church.**

**10.00AM Sung Eucharist & Baptism—**

**Revd. Hannah Reynolds presiding & preaching.**

**12.00NOON Baptism—Revd. Hannah Reynolds.**

## Monday 13

10.30AM—Alzheimer's 'Singing for the Brain'

## Tuesday 14

12.00NOON Tuesday Club with Little Fishes

Communion—Jenny Loder

7.30PM—Didcot Choral Society rehearsal.

## Thursday 16

9.30AM Holy Communion—

Revd. Hannah Reynolds.

7.00PM Youth Group

## Friday 17

6.00PM Choir practice.

## Saturday 18

7.30PM Quiz 'n' Chips

(Doors open 7.00PM)

## Sunday 19 Pentecost

**8.00AM Morning Prayer & Holy Communion—**

**Revd. Hannah Reynolds presiding,**

**Jenny Loder preaching.**

**8.45AM Parish Breakfast in Church.**

**10.00AM Sung Eucharist —**

**Revd. Hannah Reynolds presiding,**

**Jenny Loder preaching.**

**10.00AM Sunday school.**

## Tuesday 21

10.00AM Northbourne School Pentecost Service.

12.00NOON Tuesday Club with Little Fishes

Communion—Revd. Hannah Reynolds

7.30PM—Didcot Choral Society rehearsal.

## Wednesday 22

7.30PM Didcot Community Gospel Choir rehearsal

## Thursday 23

9.30AM Holy Communion—

Revd. Hannah Reynolds.

## Friday 24

6.00PM Choir practice

## Sunday 26 Trinity Sunday

**8.00AM Morning Prayer & Holy Communion—**

**Revd. Hannah Reynolds presiding,**

**Fran Childs preaching.**

**8.45AM Parish Breakfast in Church.**

**10.00AM Sung Eucharist—**

**Revd. Hannah Reynolds presiding,**

**Fran Childs preaching.**

## Tuesday 28

12.00NOON Tuesday Club with Little Fishes

Communion—Jenny Loder.

2.00PM St John's Guild Office—

Revd. Hannah Reynolds presiding.

7.30PM—Didcot Choral Society rehearsal.

## Thursday 30

9.30AM Holy Communion—

Revd. Hannah Reynolds.

7.30PM Corpus Christi—Revd. Hannah Reynolds

presiding & preaching.