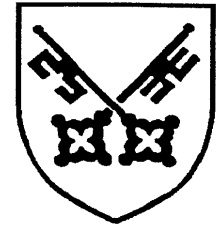


St Peter's Church Magazine



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We are children of the same heavenly Father.

These words are taken from the welcome and peace used during a baptism service and they tell us something important about the Church family. As St Paul reminds us we are all children of God and fellow heirs with Jesus himself. As members of that family, we are called on to embrace all of God's other children.

The rite of baptism is one of the two 'dominical' sacraments – the two sacraments that Jesus specifically instructed his followers to carry on doing until the end of time (the other is the Eucharist). It is by our baptism that we become a part of a world-wide family with nearly 2 billion members – and whilst we don't have to send all of them Christmas cards, we have a family responsibility to care for them and to pray for them all, whoever they are and wherever they may be found. This is one of the aims of 'Inclusivity.'

Groucho Marx said something along the lines of he wouldn't want to belong to any club that would have him as a member – and it is this that sparked the very exclusive Groucho Club which only accepts those in the Arts and Media (such as Stephen Fry and Julie Burchill) as members. The Church is the exact opposite of the Groucho, it is wholly *inclusive*. Just like Jesus, she will accept anyone – and the only demands she makes of her members are that we love God and love our neighbours as fully as we possibly can.

The church family I inherited in January is remarkably 'well brought-up.' There are a number of members of the Church who work very hard to keep it running. But more importantly, the way the church building is used reflects something of what it means to be welcoming to all God's children.

There are groups for young (Little Fishes and the Youth Group) and old (St John's Guild and the Wednesday Fellowship). There are two independent choirs who use our facilities as well the Singing for the Mind group. The building, with its lack of steps and wide doors, is ideal for people in wheelchairs or who use walkers to get into and around. St Peter's, as a building, is that holy grail for clergy – accessible, with good parking and a range of users to keep it buzzing all week long.

In last month's magazine, we looked at what work goes into keeping St Peter's as busy as it is. It is down to the work of the faithful that we have a Church family we can consider to be truly Christian. As you will have gathered, both from the September magazine and the sermons given over the last few weeks, we are running a gentle stewardship campaign this Harvest-tide, because St Peter's like so many other organisations is struggling financially and unless more volunteers come forward, will struggle to keep these many activities running. Everyone who is a member of the Church family will be getting a letter explaining the current position and asking whether we can all do a little bit more to keep things going.

But this month's magazine is first and foremost a celebration of all that is good at St Peter's, of all that members past and present have found a source of joy and of all that we can be proud of going forward into the next few years. Please read it and pray for all those who work so hard to make St Peter's the Christ-centred and prayerful place it is.

People like Us

Question: What is the difference between those who come to church and those who don't?

Answer: Nothing!

Some people who don't come to church have said to me that they're not good enough, as well as other reasons, like it's not for them. And perhaps those of us who do go don't portray the sort of picture people expect us to as Christians.

It is often said that the Church is the only institution that exists for the benefit of the non-members. But in reality, of course, it exists for all of us. None of us is perfect, no matter how hard we try, and if you take a look at the early lives of some of the saints you'd discover they were far from acting in a Christian way!

The Church is the body of Christ here on earth. It's made up of people, not buildings; if all the places in which we met ceased to exist, the Church will still be here. Like any body, the Church is made up of members who each bring their own "individual-ness". A body can't be all head, or arms, or legs, or heart, otherwise it wouldn't function as a body; we have to consider all those hidden little extras that make us alive – our "innards" that we sometimes prefer not to discuss especially when they go wrong!

At the moment, the body of Christ isn't complete. There are so many people who are missing out on the joys of friendship, companionship and, above all, the love of God that makes us whole, filling the gaps in our lives that no amount of wealth and possessions can ever fill.

God can, and wants, to work through all of us – to work his purpose out, as it says in the hymn. He wants us as we are, not hidden by the facades we create. He knows us better than we do ourselves; he knows our abilities; he can work miracles through all of us. Every human being is special in God's eyes. There is no difference with him.

Fran

All-Age and Inclusive Worship at St Peter's

One of the things I like best about belonging to the Church is that it is a family affair. Everyone is welcome and anyone can belong simply by turning up. Old and young, singles and couples, students, workers and senior citizens can mingle together in a way that doesn't happen in other gatherings in the community. But there are still some days when we, so to speak, specialize in welcoming particular groups with appropriate activities. Little Fishes is one that has been around for a long time. Wednesday Church is a recent innovation. Whenever either of them meet, all-age and inclusive worship is the norm.

At St Peter's Little Fishes we welcome the bumps and babies until they are big enough to go off to school – which happens earlier and earlier these days. Thank goodness for the Choir which has considerably increased our numbers recently! With the tinies come their mothers and grannies, and sometimes their fathers, some of whom have joined us after hearing about us at the school gate or the Family Centre down the road. And we rejoice when the older brothers and sisters turn up again in the holidays. We have a fine range of baby toys and big toys, including two slides and a climbing frame in the garden when the weather permits. A faithful and invaluable group of 'older mothers' helps with the organization. Over the Bring-and-Share lunch there is time to talk while the children play; to compare notes on bringing them up; to keep up to date on what's going on at the schools; to ask about Baptism – all the sorts of things that concern young families. And when we go into church for our worship there is a short Communion Service which the busy mothers much appreciate. Small people help to ring the bell and put out the candles and the worship is inclusive with action songs and a Bible story involving the young. If there's a commotion, a toddler runs about or the baby needs a feed, nobody minds. The Word of God is shared in every way and for some it is their first acquaintance with the message of Jesus Christ.

Back in 2009, I was asked to take the funeral of a very old lady of 92 who had lived in the special unit, next door to Didcot Hospital, for adults with severe learning difficulties. She lived in a wheelchair but she could talk and apparently she had been in the habit of cheerfully ordering the rest

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of the household about, and was quite free with her comments on what was going on. The carers loved her dearly and were very sad when she died and I was warned that there would be lots of wheelchairs and many people with learning difficulties in the congregation at the funeral. So I wondered how I could best make the service relevant and comprehensible for them and I wished I had had some appropriate experience to guide me. And I also asked myself what we were doing to make the residents of the many small communities of people with learning difficulties in Didcot, welcome at St Peter's, and to make our worship accessible to them. So when I found that the Diocese was offering a day's special training in 2010, Lynn Werrell and I signed up at once and went off to see what we could learn.

The day was inspiring and we met a number of people from various churches in Didcot and the surrounding area, from Style Acre and the Home Farm Trust, who were as concerned as we were. So, over the next few months, we all worked together preparing for the beginning of Wednesday Church. St Peter's is the ideal meeting place as it is wheelchair-friendly and Father Edward was right behind us and full of encouragement. We met for the first time on the first Wednesday in March, 2011, and we have been going ever since. There is a core of very faithful members who come every month, who like to help with ringing the bell and so on, and others who come from time to time. Two, who have no speech, have joined the Gospel Choir where they respond to the music and singing with the greatest joy.

We begin our sessions with craft work and coffee and then go into church at 11am. We follow a familiar order of service on Powerpoint, with songs, prayers, a Bible reading and a reflection, using Makaton signing and with plenty of participation from the members. Sometimes we get out the percussion and sometimes we do a dance, including the wheelchair members, which is always popular. Then we go back to the hall to have lunch or go on to other things. Over time we have watched the members making friends with each other and taking a real interest in each other. We welcome all comers including small friends and relations who are especially popular.

We are very fortunate because the Wednesday Church Team is ecumenical, with many different skills, and it is inspiring to work together. Many of the local churches are supporting us generously. St Peter's lets us use the church rent-free and has devoted a Quiz Night to help us, so now we have made a donation to say thank you. We have been able to buy a Powerpoint projector, which St Peter's can use, and we were able to hire a coach to take a large party to the Cotswold Wildlife Park for a day in the summer holidays. (We all paid our own entrance fees at the party rate.) Afterwards, one of them told us that it was so lovely there 'it was like walking around with God.'

Of course, at St Peter's, we welcome all-comers to our services, but there are some which are specially planned to reach out to and involve all ages at particular times of year. At Christmas there is the Crib Service on Christmas Eve in the afternoon when non-church families often come together – a very important opportunity for them to encounter the love of God among us. Short Bible readings and lots of familiar carols help us to tell the story of Christmas. We prepare a variety of costumes and the children who come are invited to dress up and become part of the action.

Another congregation of families comes on Good Friday in the morning, and we prepare a pilgrimage round the church stopping at intervals to remember the events of Holy Week. Again there are things for people to do: we have hot cross buns and juice while we remember the Last Supper; we wash our hands when we recall how Pilate washed his hands after he had condemned Jesus to death; and we carry stones which are the burdens of sin which we can leave at the foot of the cross. Usually, as we go, we construct something to bring all our thoughts together: a stained glass window or an Easter Garden. Both at Christmas and on Good Friday, members of the Youth Group have been involved as well, and their help has been invaluable.

At both these services and at Wednesday Church and Little Fishes, everyone is made welcome and included. If you haven't been before do consider joining us and discovering the joyful atmosphere in which we worship God together. You'll be very welcome.

Jenny Loder, LLM

Wednesday Lunch and Worship Fellowship

Back in 2009, Fr Edward asked me to set up a monthly event for lunch and fellowship. There were some people who, although faithful members of our Sunday congregation for many years, were no longer able to continue coming on Sundays. Although able to receive Home Communion they missed the fellowship and friendship of the rest of the congregation.

A group of us for some time had been praying and working for a solution to this. As a result we started a monthly lunchtime event. For fellowship, there is coffee on arrival and, later, a 2-course lunch, with a prize raffle. After a couple of months of meeting I was asked by members to provide a Eucharist each month and I was pleased to arrange it.

In order to make the meeting as inclusive as possible, transport is provided for those who need it (free of additional charge). We currently have members who come from as far as away as Chilton and Harwell, and includes two members who have to use wheelchairs.

For those who want to come but need assistance, we book the Oxfordshire County Council mini-bus that has a ramp and can help someone in a wheelchair or anyone who finds walking or getting into conventional vehicles difficult.

Please think about coming and sharing in the fellowship and worship. As one member recently said, "It's a wonderful opportunity to meet friends and have a first class lunch, but the Communion service makes it really special".

Details are:

- Coffee/tea on arrival
- Join others for a short Eucharist, with well-known hymns
- Enjoy a 2 course set lunch, with a vegetarian option.
- Transport available

Cost £6.00 per person for lunch

Lunch and transport must be pre-booked on the day before the event at the latest by contacting: Mr Keith Mintern. Do have a word with our chief cook, Sheila Brown, or one of the helpers if you would like to know more. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month in the church hall between 11.00 am and 2.00 pm. Please keep us in your prayers.

The Revd Joy Carter and Keith Mintern

Little Fishes visit the Cotswold Wildlife Park

From our own correspondents, with a little help from their Mums.

We had a real convoy going on our way to Cotswold Wildlife Park which did break up when we needed wees en route, but we met again at the entrance to go in. Our group went on the train and all managed to sit together so I was able to wave at my friend, Hannah, sitting opposite me, as well as all the people we passed.

The baby rhino was sweet and kept sniffing the air but I don't think we smelt. I really liked the wolves even though we only saw one and he was asleep. I tried, but I couldn't hear him snoring. At lunchtime, Amelia and I played hide and seek in the grasses and got covered in scratches but we had a great time.

We ended the day on a high with an ice-cream and a visit to the gift shop.

Matilda Clayson, aged 2

We had a fantastic time at Cotswold Wildlife Park. Our journey started with a little stop in a lay-by on the way as Hannah needed a 'toilet-stop'! Lots of the people in the convoy passed us,

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waving on their way, but we caught up in the end.....

After arriving, we all went off our separate ways and we got to see some great animals. I especially liked all the baby animals: there were lots of them. The baby rhino was very, very cute and followed his mummy around. The little penguin was hiding in the house while the big penguins were having fun swimming. The wolf was fast asleep so we crept quietly through the enclosure. We had fun at lunch- time playing in the long grass but we did get a little bit scratched. I had great fun playing with Hannah and Matilda. The train ride around the park was a great way to see lots of the animals. Our day ended with yummy ice-cream (the little ones got a bit messy!!) and then a trip to the gift shop.

Thank you, Jenny, for another great summer outing. Jamie and I always like coming back to Little Fishes in the school holidays.

Amelia Smith, Aged 7 ¾

St John's Guild

As many of you know St Peter's plays host to a branch of St John's Guild, an Anglican organisation that primarily tries to help people with vision problems. However, anyone is able to be a member. The Didcot branch meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month at St Peter's at 2.00 pm. Each meeting starts with a short time of worship which is sometimes the Guild Office and sometimes a Eucharist. This is followed by an entertainment and tea. All are welcome. We have members from several of the churches in Didcot.

Every year there is an AGM in February when committee members are elected. The committee meets about 4 times in the year to organise our programme which includes two outside visits. Lifts are arranged for people who find it difficult to get about. There is information available regularly from head office and advice for people with sight problems.

Rosemary Pryor

Prayer Intentions: October

<p>1st: Readings: Psalm 89 Mark 15:16-32</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Loyd Road.</p> <p>Little Fishes, carers and toddlers groups and PACT.</p>	<p>2nd: Readings: Psalm 119:105-128; Mark 15:33-41</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Cockcroft Road, Mowbray Road</p> <p>The Wednesday Church and those who work with people with learning disabilities.</p>	<p>3rd: Readings: Psalm 92; Mark 15:42-end</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Barnes Road, Barnes Close.</p> <p>Churches Together in Didcot and District</p>	<p>4th: Francis of Assisi Readings: Psalm 88 Mark 16:1-8</p> <p>Known chiefly for his life of simplicity and poverty, travelling as a preacher and his love and dedication to all of God's creation. He was rejected by his family and suffered for his beliefs throughout his ministry.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Edwin Road. For Franciscans, farmers, and vets.</p>
<p>5th: Readings: Psalm 97 Mark 16:9-end</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Green Road; Green Close.</p> <p>Those who keep the church and grounds clean and tidy.</p>	<p>6th: Trinity XIX (Harvest) Readings: Psalm 141 Luke 12:1-12</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Royal Berkshire Close</p> <p>The Didcot Food Bank</p>	<p>7th: Readings: Psalm 98 John 13:1-11</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Queensway, Hardings Strings</p> <p>Our Lay Ministers</p>	<p>8th: Readings: Psalm 106 John 13:12-20</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Tavistock Avenue; Bowness Avenue.</p> <p>Our Church Wardens</p>
<p>9th: Denys (Bishop) Readings: Psalm 111 John 13:21-30</p> <p>Better known as Dionysius, St Denis was beheaded in 250 as part of the Decian persecution of Christians.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Warner Crescent; Morse Road. The Persecuted Church The Wednesday Fellowship.</p>	<p>10th: Paulinus Readings: Psalm 115 John 13:31-end</p> <p>Paulinus was a companion of St Augustine on his mission to England. He began the building of a cathedral in York.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: South Park Avenue; Downs Road. The Youth Group and its leaders and Youth Leaders</p>	<p>11th: Ethelburga Readings: Psalm 139 John 14:1-14</p> <p>Ethelburga (nicknamed Tata) left her native Kent when she married King Edwin of Northumbria and began the Christianisation of the North of England.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Newlands Avenue. Our Director of Music and the Choir</p>	<p>12th: Wilfrid Readings: Psalm 121 John 14:15-end</p> <p>Although Bishop of Northumbria, he fell out with several successive kings and was exiled to the South, where he established monasteries and churches.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Glebe Rd; Lynmouth Rd. The Social Committee</p>
<p>13th: Trinity XX Readings: Psalm 143 Luke 13:22-30</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Craven Way; Hillary Dr; Lockinge Close. The Emergency services and those who work on Sundays.</p>	<p>14th: Readings: Psalm 126 John 15:1-11</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Cullen Place; Hanover Court. Those who work with people suffering with Alzheimer's and Dementia.</p>	<p>15th: Teresa of Avila Readings: Psalms 132 John 15:12-17</p> <p>A Carmelite nun, mystic and visionary. She wrote <i>The Interior Castle</i>, describing a form of silent, internal prayer.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Clarence Pl; Frideswide's Court. Those following the Religious life, particularly at Wantage and Alton.</p>	<p>16th: Readings: Psalm 119:153-end; John 15:18-end</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Wantage Road; Colbourne Road</p> <p>Those who put together the Church magazine and weekly newsheets.</p>

Prayer Intentions: October

<p>17th: Ignatius Readings: Psalm 143; John 16:1-15</p> <p>A follower of John the Apostle, on his way to his martyrdom in Rome, he wrote a series of letters to Christians, which are considered great works of early theology.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Barleyfields; Elbourne. The Ministry Team</p>	<p>18th: Luke Readings: Ps 145, 146 Luke 1:1-4</p> <p>A companion of Paul on his travels and author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Drake Avenue; Collingwood Avenue. St Peter's Outreach to the community</p>	<p>19th: Readings: Psalm 147 John 16:23-end</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Park Road; Park Close. The Quiz n Chips team, those who raise funds for the ministry of St Peter's.</p>	<p>20th: Trinity XXI Readings: Psalm 149 Luke 13:31-end</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Garden Close; Rutherford Place. Those who prepare the intercessions for Sunday worship</p>
<p>21st: Readings: Psalm 1 John 17:1-5</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Norreys Road; Norreys Close. Those who read the Scriptures in Church.</p>	<p>22nd: Readings: Psalm 5 John 17:6-19</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Meadow Way; Brunel Road Those who provide refreshments for services and events at Church.</p>	<p>23rd: Readings: Psalm 119:1-32; John 17:20-end</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Portway; Wheatfields. All those who care for the Church linens and furnishings.</p>	<p>24th: Readings: Ps 15 John 18:12-27</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Cromwell Drive; St Ann's Court. Our families and our Church family.</p>
<p>25th: Readings: Ps 19 John 18:12-27</p> <p>Prayer intentions: St Hilda's Close; St Hugh's Rise. Choirs which rehearse in St Peter's: St Peter's choir, the Gospel Choir, the Choral Society and the Singing for the Brain group.</p>	<p>26th: Alfred the Great Readings: Psalm 23 John 18:28-end</p> <p>He styled himself King of the Anglo-Saxons, the first king to do so. He defended England against the Viking invasion. He promoted the use of 'English' rather than Latin in worship.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Campion Hall Drive; Pebble Drive. Bishops John and Andrew.</p>	<p>27th: Last after Trinity Readings: Psalm 65 Luke 14:1-14</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Stonesfield; Mansfield Gardens. Our visiting and retired clergy. Those being baptised and their families.</p>	<p>28th: Simon and Jude Readings: Ps 116, 117 Luke 6:12-16</p> <p>Simon the Zealot and Jude were martyred in Syria around 65AD. Jude is the patron saint of the Armenian Church. It is believed that the Wedding at Cana was Simon's wedding.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Linacre Close; Balliol Drive. Our ministry team.</p>
<p>29th: James Hannington Readings: Psalm 36 John 19:17-30</p> <p>An Anglican missionary whose murder was ordered by King Mwanga of Uganda—one of many Christians martyred in mid-19th Century Uganda.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: The whole parish.</p>	<p>30th: Readings: Psalm 34 John 19:31-end</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Buckingham Close; Balmoral Road. Schools in the parish: St Birinus, Northbourne and Willowcroft.</p>	<p>31st: Readings: Psalm 37 John 20:1-10</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Our neighbours in the Wallingford Deanery.</p>	<p>Kingdom Season: November is what the Church calls 'Kingdom Season' a time for remembering all those we have known and see no more and to consider our own ends, in preparation for the coming of the Kingdom of God.</p> <p>The Church wears red—the colour of Kings, and the evening prayer readings are from Daniel and Revelation: preparing us for the coming of Christ the King.</p>

Singing for the Brain at St Peter's

St Peter's is the venue for Singing for The Brain which takes place in St Peter's on the second and fourth Monday of each month. Having seen this sign outside on a few occasions I had the great pleasure of being invited to join in a session in St Peter's narthex.



Organizer Clare greeted me and shared a little about what to expect. 'We serve coffee and biscuits as people arrive and the singing starts at 11.' I asked about where people come from. 'The group advertises widely and has a steady core of regular attendees – both local and from slightly further afield – all are welcome'. 'Most of those with dementia and Alzheimer's come along with a carer and the group is fortunate enough to have some wonderful volunteers – everyone is welcome and in fact, a number of our volunteers are connected through having been a carer of a sufferer who has since died'.

Clare continued to explain how the group's purpose was to develop a safe, social environment for all those taking part with the music being a vehicle for exercising the brain and developing confidence.

Judith the musical leader arrived with a great assortment of percussion, a guitar and even a rain stick which was soon put to good use after we had all joined in a welcome song in which each of us had to a part to play! Following the warm up we were all singing and joining in – singing rounds, spirituals and finally a song of peace and farewell – shalom.

It was a great joy to participate – I had learnt so much - and as the group dispersed it seemed as if it had been *my* privilege to have spent a couple of hours with this wonderful group of people – all learning whilst serving one another.

For more information, please contact Clare Abolins, Alzheimer's Society support worker, Tel 07540 921040 or email clare.abolins@alzheimers.org.uk

Didcot Community Gospel Choir

You only have to watch Gareth Malone's *The Choir*, attend a football match, summer festival or birthday party to appreciate that people love to sing in big groups. There is something about singing in a crowd which is uplifting, takes people out of themselves and gives them a sense of belonging, and which, perhaps most importantly, gives them a voice and the freedom to express themselves.

It was that desire to create something in Didcot which would pull people together, be welcoming to anyone regardless of faith or lack of it, age, race, ability or disability, and serve the local community which led to the formation of the Didcot Community Gospel Choir in 2009. The choir was the brainchild of Fr Edward Carter who, with Julie Mintern, established gospel singing workshops at St Peter's. Such was their success that the decision to programme more regular rehearsals was made and the choir undertook its first public engagement in February 2010 at the Cornerstone. The photo below is from that first ever concert and you can probably see the mixture of terror and sheer elation on the singers' faces!

On that occasion we were raising money for the Mayor's charitable fund. Since then the choir has gone on to raise several thousand pounds for both local and international charities including Didcot TRAIN, Helen & Douglas House, PACT, ShelterBox and the Nasio Trust. We have also collaborated with two local schools, Northbourne Primary School in Didcot and Fir Tree School in Wallingford to help them raise funds, we have sung at the wedding of Paula and Rich Shurmer, at St Peter's Fete, Dorchester Abbey, Didcot Town Fayre and the annual Good Friday service outside Sainsbury's, and we have performed open air outside Cornerstone arts centre.

Our singers, come from all parts of surrounding villages 16 to, well, we don't auditions nor charge 'qualification' needed meet our costs (mainly rehearsal expenses) concert ticket sales and range of music, from folk and pop ballads. musically by two myself and Mark our classical training, hair down. I think each feeling terrified when getting involved;



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(Images by Kevin - kevin.harvey@me.com)

worked with community choirs before and I, for one, felt completely out of my comfort zone. However, the singers' enthusiasm makes the rehearsals and concerts so joyful that the experience has been and continues to be incredibly rewarding for us both.

Talking of concerts, our next public performance will be on 24th November at 4pm at the English Martyrs Church, Didcot. Next year we are looking forward to singing again at the open air Good Friday act of worship outside Sainsbury's and to performing at St Peter's Fete. We also have plans to try to make a CD recording next year, to raise funds for Didcot charities. For anyone who would rather sing than listen, come to any rehearsal and you will be made welcome. Rehearsals are on alternate Wednesdays at St Peter's, 7:30pm to 9:15pm. The next one is on October 9th. (www.didcot-gospel.co.uk)

around 90 at present, Didcot and the and range in age from care! We neither hold subscriptions. The only is a desire to sing. We musicians' fees and through donations and we sing a very wide gospel and classical, to The group is led professional musicians, Stanley who, despite endeavour to let our of us would confess to first approached about neither of us had

Sarah Tenant-Flowers

St Peter's Garden of Remembrance

The Garden of Remembrance at St Peter's is sadly getting very full, there are only around a dozen plots left. The PCC took the decision to close the Garden to new interments and to offer the last places on a pre-booked basis to members of the Church family. Those who already have a spouse interred in the Garden may make it a double plot and be buried with their loved one. If you would like to reserve a space in the Garden of Remembrance, please speak to a member of the ministry team as soon as possible. We will be confirming arrangements for reserving the spaces before the end of the year.

HOST for Christmas

Could you offer someone a home far from home for just a day or two? HOST, a well-established charity, is hoping to hear from people who enjoy making others feel at home, and who would love to meet interesting young adults from other parts of the world who are currently studying at universities in the UK, and who want to understand this country better.

One host wrote: 'It is a great to welcome these students and make them feel wanted. They get to see a good side of life in Britain in contrast to what they might learn from the media. It is also fun getting to know someone from another country.'

Invitations can be for a day, a weekend, or 3 days at Christmas. Sharing Christmas with someone who has little idea what Christmas is can be really special – and for the guest, much better than being on a deserted university campus. Invitations are urgently needed from volunteer hosts, no matter how far they live from a university.

To find out more, please see www.hostuk.org 020 7739 6292
or contact local organiser Jing Wang ro_oxon@hostuk.org 07792 573673.

Thank you.

Services

Sundays

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

Weekday Offices

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

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.

Registers

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

Dorothy Clark
Vincent Gallagher
Sylvia Perry
Pauline Stacey
Clarence Aust

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 October meeting will be held at 2pm on 15 October, the topic being **Desert Island Pictures** with Serena Quartermaine.

Didcot & District U3A is a democratic, self-funded and self-managed organisation which exists to provide

educational and leisure activities at minimal cost. It draws upon the knowledge, experience, skills and enthusiasms of its members to organise interest groups in accordance with the wishes of the membership.

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Year's Mind for October

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| | James Scott | 17 | Violet Brewerton |
| 2 | Leonard Hiscocks | | George Barrow |
| 3 | Norah Talbot | 18 | Thomas Houghton |
| | Helen Jones | | Ronald Stevenson |
| | Barbara Mayhew | | Maureen Howell |
| 4 | Elizabeth | 19 | |
| | Buckingham | 20 | Evelyn Rouse |
| | Herbert Crisford | | Gladys Wright |
| | Daphne Haxton | | George Ritchie |
| | Adam Baxter | 21 | Peter Newman |
| | Jean Jones | | Margaret Morgan |
| | Luke Crook | 22 | Thomas Adams |
| | Ronald Spratt | | Kenneth Smith |
| 5 | Mabel | | Aileen Tyler |
| | Hannaford-Hill | 23 | Maurice Hartwell |
| | Roger Jones | | Lilian Buckner |
| 6 | Iris Tubb | | Samuel Boyle |
| | Stuart Daynes | 24 | Claud Cooper |
| 7 | Maggie Griffiths | 25 | Winifred Smith |
| 8 | Edith Fleming | | Samuel Berry |
| | Elsie Pryor | | Susan Scott |
| | Kevin Tallett | 26 | Philip Baker |
| | Flora Hatt | | Ford Davis-Porter |
| | Ellis Murray | 27 | Gillian Barney |
| | William Gore | 28 | Sidney Pope |
| | Alfred Holt | | Wallace Belcher |
| 9 | | | Roy Bentham |
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| 11 | Kenneth Elias | 30 | Robert Keynan |
| | Raymond Hopkins | | Marjorie Churchman |
| | James King | | John Frederiksen |
| 12 | Walter Talbot | 31 | Iain Murray |

Church Calendar for October 2013

Tuesday 1

12.00NOON Tuesday Club with Little Fishes
Communion.
7.30PM Didcot Choral Society rehearsal.

Wednesday 2

10.00AM– 1.00PM Wednesday Church

Thursday 3

9.30AM Holy Communion (MU)

Friday 4

6.00PM Choir practice.

Sunday 6 Harvest Sunday

8.00AM Morning Prayer & Holy Communion
8.45AM Parish Breakfast in Church.
10.00AM Sung Eucharist
10.00AM Sunday school
12.00NOON Baptism
6.00PM Choral evensong followed by 'Bring & Share' tea.

Tuesday 8

12.00NOON Tuesday Club with Little Fishes
Communion
7.30PM Didcot Choral Society rehearsal.

Wednesday 9

11.45AM Lunchtime Eucharist
7.30PM Didcot Community Gospel Choir rehearsal

Thursday 10

9.30AM Holy Communion

Friday 11

6.00PM Choir practice

Sunday 13 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

8.00AM Morning Prayer & Holy Communion
8.45AM Parish Breakfast in Church.
10.00AM Sung Eucharist

Monday 14

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

Tuesday 15

12.00NOON Tuesday Club with Little Fishes
Communion
7.30PM Didcot Choral Society rehearsal.

Wednesday 16

7.30PM Didcot Community Gospel Choir rehearsal

Thursday 17

9.30AM Holy Communion

Friday 18

6.00PM Choir practice

Saturday 19

7.30PM Quiz 'n' Chips
(Doors open 7.00PM)

Sunday 20 Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

8.00AM Morning Prayer & Holy Communion
8.45AM Parish Breakfast in Church.
10.00AM Sung Eucharist
10.00AM Sunday school

Tuesday 22

12.00NOON Tuesday Club with Little Fishes
Communion.
2.00PM St John's Guild.
7.30PM Didcot Choral Society rehearsal.

Friday 25

10.00AM-12.00NOON RNLI Coffee morning
6.00PM Choir practice

Sunday 27 Bible Sunday

8.00AM Morning Prayer & Holy Communion
8.45AM Parish Breakfast in Church.
10.00AM Sung Eucharist

Monday 28

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

Tuesday 29

12.00NOON Tuesday Club with Little Fishes
Communion.
7.30PM Didcot Choral Society rehearsal.

Wednesday 30

7.30PM Didcot Community Gospel Choir rehearsal



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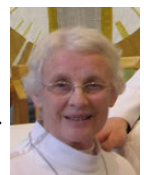
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