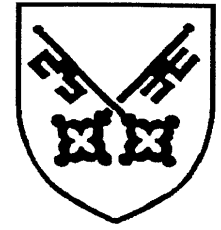


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Our Parish Mission

September sees the start of the new academic year – with new starts for many of our congregation. Some are leaving us, and their homes, for university; some are starting new schools; and some are starting new jobs.

It also sees the start of an exciting phase for our church. On 6th September the PCC is meeting to start putting together the St Peter's Mission Action Plan (MAP). In the Diocese of London, this has long been a part of the annual business of each PCC, with the Archdeacon requiring the PCCs to submit their MAPs along with the many policy documents we produce year-by-year. This part of the Diocese of Oxford has tended to focus on Deanery level planning, which historically put the local mission of the church at a low priority, focusing instead on the financial challenges faced by

churches.

At our meeting on the 6th, the PCC will be analysing what St Peter's does well in the parish and what it could do more of, using a business tool known as SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis. This will allow us to see more clearly where we have resources that can be better used and where we need to develop skills and talents to improve our mission in this part of Didcot.

Once we have completed this phase of the MAP process, we can then move on to identify short term and long term goals, which we will then feed back to the congregation as a whole, and start to work on achieving those goals in late 2014/early 2015. More information will be given in future newsletters as it becomes available.

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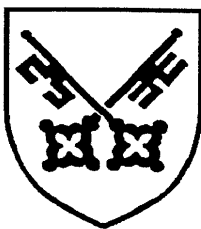
Lest We Forget

Tuesday, 11th November

7.30PM

Armistice Day
Service





St Peter's Church Youth Group, Didcot
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Autumn Term 2014 Programme

Date	Time	Meeting Place	Activity
9th October	7:15 - 8:45pm	Church	Games, Meet & Greet
23rd October	7:15 - 8:45pm	Church	Harvest Activities
13th November	7:15 - 8:45pm	Church	Games Night
27th November	7:15 - 8:45pm	Church	Thanksgiving Evening - Pumpkin Pie / Reasons to be Grateful
11th December	7:15 - 8:45pm	Church	Christmas Crafts & Cakes

We ask for a contribution of £1 per person each week. This money goes into Youth Group funds and allows us to buy snacks and drinks for Youth Group evenings, as well as new games and equipment. If you have any difficulties with this please speak to one of the leaders

The Christmas Crafts and Cakes evening will consist of decorating cakes and making craft items to (hopefully) sell after church the following Sunday. Funds raised will go towards an ongoing project, to raise money for a church new sign to increase visibility and awareness of the church to drivers along Newlands Avenue.

If you wish to know more about the Youth Group, please contact Tim on the email address above.

Best wishes

Tim Coutts, Fran Childs, Jenna Field, James Purling & Samuel Hall
St Peters Youth Group Leaders

Youth Group Outing

On a sunny, scorching Saturday, four Youth Groups set off to London to explore Westminster Abbey. After paying our respects at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, we explored many of the Abbey's highlights and moving memorials to well-known historical figures. After coffee and a photo opportunity, it was time to walk to Hyde Park and have lunch. We visited the Natural History Museum briefly, before deciding it was far too hot to be inside and heading home.

In this magazine, you will find the programme for the upcoming term. We are looking to open to young people in year 6 to year 9, regardless of whether they have existing links to the church, so please to pass this on to any friends or relatives you think might be interested. For more information please contact Tim using the included contact details, or speak to one of the leaders at church.

Our Mission and Discipleship

Within our congregation we are blessed with having people with many gifts and talents to share. As the Body of Christ in this place we are called to discipleship; wherein we follow Jesus' teaching and do His Will and to mission; bringing the Christian faith to those around us. Didcot is growing and as churches we face a huge challenge to minister within our existing parishes and to reach out to the newly developing communities in our town. To help our parish to carry out this role the PCC will be meeting on 6th September to work out what our existing strengths are, identify our weaknesses, analyse what may threaten God's work in this place and look at using the opportunities ahead. Please pray for the members of the PCC as they met to discuss this that we may discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. Please also prayerfully consider your own gifts and talents and speak to Rev Hannah or Fran, Julie or Hugh if you feel that there is something that God is nudging you to get involved with so that, together, we can - in true biblical style - multiply our talents rather than burying them in a hole in the ground!

*Frances Hall
PCC Secretary*

Reflecting on Summer

Time always passes more quickly than we expect and this summer is no exception. The children will soon be back at school or changing schools. Leaves are beginning to change colour. At church we have much to look forward to, harvest thanksgiving, Christ the King Sunday and later Advent. I am sure the choir will soon be thinking about Christmas music.

Reflecting on summer, I smile with fond memories. People have been really enjoying their holidays in the good weather. The Commonwealth Games (the friendly games) were very successful. I read that fruit farmers have bumper crops which they are able to pick early. I think the gardeners among us are pleased with what they have been able to grow. Of course, we all thank God for his goodness.

The summer has also seen more sobering events. We have commemorated the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War. Despite the sacrifice made by so many, humankind has not learnt its lessons when we think of the conflict in the Middle East and other areas in the world. We wish we could do more to help people involved in addition to our prayers and financial donations. I am sure that everyone has faced challenges in their own lives as well, from experiencing ill health or losing a loved one., from fear of redundancy to exam results not bringing what was expected and a whole host of relationship problems. It all seems overwhelming at times and we can wonder what God is up to given he is the God of love.

But we need never lose heart when we face hard times because there is no challenge greater than God's strength, no limit to his love for everyone or his mercy, no problem he can't solve, no need beyond his care. In St Mark's Gospel (Mark 4: 35-41) is the story of Jesus stilling the storm and saying to the boat's passengers because they were sure they were going to drown: 'Have you no faith?' when they were panicking. Bring your thanks and anxiety to God and live with confidence.

Joy Carter

Prayer Intentions: September

<p>1st: Readings: Psalm 85; Acts 6 and/or Mark 5:1-20.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Church Street, East Street. Eucharistic Ministers and those who receive Home Communion.</p>	<p>2nd: Readings: Psalm 89; Acts 7:1-16; Mark 5:21-34.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: High Street, Bourne Street. Willowcroft and Northbourne schools and their staff.</p>	<p>3rd: Gregory the Great Readings: Psalm 91; Acts 7:17-43; Mark 5:35-end</p> <p>Pope Gregory sent Augustine to Kent to evangelise the Saxons there and to negotiate with the Celtic Christians in the north of England</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Northbourne Court, Pease Place. Alton Abbey, Wantage Convent and all religious.</p>	<p>4th: St Birinus Readings: Psalm 94; Acts 7:44-53; Mark 6:1-13.</p> <p>Birinus was the first Bishop of Dorchester and ‘Apostle to the West Saxons.’ He laid the foundations for many churches in this area.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Ridgeway Road St Birinus School, Dorchester Abbey, Bishop Colin, Archdeacon Judy.</p>
<p>5th: Readings: Psalm 102; Acts 7:54-8:3; Mark 6:14-29.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Sinodun Road, Bridge Close. Our Director of Music, choir and musicians.</p>	<p>6th: Readings: Psalm 97; Acts 8:4-25; Mark 6:30-44.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Kynaston Road Those who maintain and care for our grounds and gardens.</p>	<p>7th: Trinity XII Readings: Psalm 108; Jonah 4; Revelation 8.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Broadway, Vicarage Road Those who keep the church and its linens clean and tidy.</p>	<p>8th: Birth of the BVM Readings: Psalm 105; Acts 8:26-end; Mark 6:45-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: St Andrew’s Road, St Peter’s Road. Age UK and the Singing for the Brain group.</p>
<p>9th: Readings: Psalm 107; Acts 9:1-19a; Mark 7:1-13.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Wessex Road. Little Fishes.</p>	<p>10th: Readings: Psalm 111; Acts 9:19b-31; Mark 7:14-23.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Lower Broadway, Roebuck Court. Wednesday Fellowship, those who are widowed or who live alone.</p>	<p>11th: Readings: Psalm 115; Acts 9:32-end; Mark 7:24-30</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Hagbourne Road The Youth Group, its new leaders and Young Leaders.</p>	<p>12th: Readings: Psalm 130 Acts 10:1-16; Mark 7:31-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Ernest Road, Edmund’s Court. Wednesday Church those with learning disabilities and those who care for them.</p>
<p>13th: John Chrysostom Readings: Psalm 118; Acts 10:17-33; Mark 8:1-10.</p> <p>4th Century Archbishop of Constantinople was so well respected for his preaching and teaching he earned the nickname ‘Golden mouthed’ (Chrysostom).</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Fairacres Road, Marlborough Court. Our Lay Ministers</p>	<p>14th: Holy Cross Day Readings: Pss 110, 150; John 12:27-36a.</p> <p>The Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, was dedicated on this day in 335AD, with the True Cross presented for all to venerate.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Oatland Road, Samor Way Christians in the Middle East and persecuted Christians.</p>	<p>15th: Cyprian Readings: Psalm 127; Acts 10:34-end; Mark 8:11-21.</p> <p>A 3rd Century Carthaginian lawyer who converted to Christianity. He was swiftly made Bishop and faced two waves of Roman persecution. He was executed in 258.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Mereland Road, Laburnum Grove Fr Mark Bodeker, Revd Josie Midwinter and the work on the GWP.</p>	<p>16th: Ninian Readings: Psalm 135; Acts 11:1-18; Mark 8:22-26.</p> <p>Ninian is known as the ‘Apostle to the Southern Picts’ in the Scottish Lowlands. He is believed to have lived and ministered from 360-432 AD.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Abbott Road, Abbott Close Didcot Police Station, our PCSO Chris Wyatt</p>

Prayer Intentions: September

<p>17th: Hildegard Readings: Psalm 136; Acts 11:19-end; Mark 8:27-9:1.</p> <p>Visionary, Doctor, Musician, Liturgist, Exorcist, Theologian and nun. Hildegard was her parents' 10th child and sent at the age of 8 to a convent. Prayer intentions: Richmere Road, The Croft; Didcot Commu- nity Hospital</p>	<p>18th: Readings: Psalm 138; Acts 12:1-17; Mark 9:2-13</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Marsh Cottages, Jubilee Way, Regent Gardens Didcot Library.</p>	<p>19th: Theodore of Tarsus Readings: Psalm 144; Acts 12:18-end; Mark 9:2-13</p> <p>The 8th Archbishop of Canterbury, established a school attached to the Ca- thedral. He was a great re- former of the Church in England, calling several Synods. Prayer intentions: Saxon's Way, Viking Drive Archbishop Justin and his staff at Lambeth Palace.</p>	<p>20: John Coleridge Patteson Readings: Psalm 147; Acts 13:1-12; Mark 9:14-29. Responded to a call from the Archbishop of New Zealand to minister in the South Pa- cific. He tried to stamp out slave raiding on the Islands. Hearing of a slave raid, he and several others sailed to an island. Unfortunately the is- landers thought they were raiders and Patteson and his companions were killed. Prayer intentions: Oriell Court, Lincoln Gardens. Those working to end modern slavery.</p>
<p>21st: St Matthew Readings: Ps 49, 117; Ecclesiastes 5; Matthew 19:16-end. Also known as Levi, the tax collector, Mat- thew has a Gospel written in his name. Prayer intentions: Beaufort Close, Worcester Drive. Our Gift Aid officer and finance team.</p>	<p>22nd: Readings: Psalm 4; Acts 13:13-43; Mark 9:38-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Exeter Court, Magdalene Court. All those who provide refreshments for services and events at the church.</p>	<p>23rd: Readings: Psalm 9; Acts 13:44-14:7; Mark 10:1-16.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Merton Close, Somerville St John's Guild.</p>	<p>24th: Readings: Ps 11; Acts 14:8-end Mark 10:17-31.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Nuffield Close, Dirac Place Our families and our Church family.</p>
<p>25th: Readings: Psalm 18; Acts 15:1-21; Mark 10:32-34.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Fleet Way, Kibble Close Our serving team</p>	<p>26th: Readings: Psalm 22; Acts 15:22-35; Mark 10:35-45</p> <p>Prayer intentions: St John's Close, Ruskin Close The Church Army.</p>	<p>27th: Readings: Psalm 24; Acts 15:36-16:5; Mark 10:46-end..</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Shannon Road, Severn Road Our sacristan.</p>	<p>28th: Trinity XV Readings: Psalm 124 2 Kings 6:8-17; Matthew 18:1-10</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Kennet Place, Thames Court Our treasurer and stewardship officer.</p>
<p>29th: Michael and All Angels (Michaelmas) Readings: Psalms 138, 148; Daniel 10:4-end & Revelation 5.</p> <p>The Archangel Michael is referred to in the New Testament letter of Jude as fighting and defeating the devil, and is commemorated together with All Angels as a reminder that the continuing war on earth between good and evil had its start in heaven. The feast falls at a time when the nights start growing longer, to remind Christians that we are not alone as we face both physical and spiritual struggles in the months to come. Prayer intentions: Medway Grove, Tyne Square Churches dedicated to Ss Michael and All Angels, those to be ordained.</p>			<p>30th: Jerome Readings: Psalm 33; Acts 16:25-end Mark 11:12-26.</p> <p>Translated the Bible into Latin (from Greek) in the 4th Century. Prayer intentions: Western Avenue TRAIN and all youth work in Didcot</p>

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)
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ST PETER'S QUIZ 'n' CHIPS

After the summer break we are starting the new season of Quiz 'n' Chips nights on 20th September. As everybody who has attended before knows, our Quiz Nights are very enjoyable, helped along by a well stocked bar, which makes for a good social evening, and a good way of raising money for the church. We hold a raffle each time in aid of a local charity, and we are proud to be able to help their cause.

If you haven't attended before, why not get up a team of friends to come along. Teams of 5-10 people are best. If you would like to come on your own you will be welcome on an existing team. Doors open at 7.00PM. Quiz starts at 7.30PM with a break for a meal half way through the evening.

Dates for this season are as follows:

20th September 2014
18th October 2014
15th November 2014
17th January 2015
18th April 2015
16th May 2015
20th June 2015

We look forward to seeing you. Entry forms are available in Church, or ring me on 01235 813837 or email on henryleighton@talktalk.net if you would like more information

Jackie & Henry

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 September meeting will be held at 2PM on Tuesday 16th September when the guest speaker will be Derek Pooley who will talk about 'Clocks, Heavenly Clocks and Calendars.'

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In Commemoration of the Outbreak of World War One Just Fighting?

A series of discussions to consider the ethics of fighting—then and now.

Sunday 21st September

1914: The Churches go to War—for what?

Sunday 12th October

Just war thinking: what is it and how is it Christian?

Sunday 9th November

What we would fight for: what would three 17 year-olds give their lives for today?

All three events start at 3.30PM in St Mary's Church, Wallingford.

Services

Sundays

8.00AM Book of
Common 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

Weekday Offices

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

**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.**

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Baptisms 'made one with Christ'

Leo Jacob Cooke

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

Edna Atkins
Keith Stone
Joan Brooks

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Quiz 'n' Chips

20th September

18th October

15th November

Year's Mind for September

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| 1 | Roessa Yates | 17 | Walter Davis |
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| 3 | Doris Clare | 19 | |
| | Sheila Burgess | 20 | Dorothy Bird |
| 4 | Reginald Wilkes | | Dennis Cartwright |
| | Doreen Ballard | 21 | Brian Collyer |
| 5 | | | William McGibbon |
| 6 | George Herbert | | Albert Faulkes |
| | Percy Lane | 22 | Mavis Bonner |
| | Christine Skirving | 23 | Harold Redding |
| | Eva Cameron | | Frederick Wells |
| | Evelyn Boldogh | | Ruby Humphreys |
| 7 | Irene Bromhall | 24 | Reginald Porter |
| 8 | Ernest Butler | | Lorraine Herbert |
| | Eleanor Butcher | 25 | |
| 9 | Nancy Davies | 26 | Grant Embling |
| 10 | | | Hilda Knights |
| 11 | Percy Jefferies | 27 | Margaret Henbest |
| 12 | Walter Bush | 28 | George Tubb |
| 13 | | 29 | Ellen East |
| 14 | Esther Hall | | John Seymour |
| | Edith Crawford | | Sarah Digweed |
| 15 | Constance White | | Ivy May Bennett |
| | Patricia Chapman | 30 | Thomas Faulkner |
| 16 | Ethel Cox | | William Pratt |
| | John Mildenhall | | Arthur Nicholas |
| | Frederick Bennett | | Beryl Peterson |
| | Charles Carter | | |

Church Calendar for September 2014

Wednesday 3

10.00AM-1.00PM Wednesday Church

Thursday 4

9.30AM Holy Communion (MU)

Friday 5

6.45PM Choir practice.

Saturday 6

9.00AM-11.00AM PCC Meeting

Sunday 7 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8.00AM Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion.

8.45AM Parish Breakfast in Church.

10.00AM Sung Eucharist.

10.00AM Sunday school.

6.00PM Choral Evensong.

Monday 8

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

Tuesday 9

12.00NOON Little Fishes.

7.30PM Didcot Choral Society rehearsal.

Wednesday 10

11.45AM Wednesday Fellowship.

Thursday 11

9.30AM Holy Communion

Friday 12

6.45PM Choir practice

Sunday 14 Holy Cross Day

8.00AM Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion.

8.45AM Parish Breakfast in Church.

10.00AM Sung Eucharist.

12.00NOON Holy Baptism.

Tuesday 16

12.00NOON Little Fishes.

7.30PM Didcot Choral Society rehearsal.

Wednesday 17

7.30PM Didcot Community Gospel Choir rehearsal.



Priest-in-Charge

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Thursday 18

9.30AM Healing Eucharist.

7.30PM PCC Meeting.

Friday 19

6.45PM Choir practice

Saturday 20

7.30PM Quiz 'n' Chips

(Doors open 7.00PM)

Sunday 21 Matthew

8.00AM Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion.

8.45AM Parish Breakfast in Church.

10.00AM Sung Eucharist.

10.00AM Sunday school.

6.00PM Holy Hour & Benediction.

Monday 22

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

Tuesday 23

12.00NOON Little Fishes

2.00PM St John's Guild

7.30PM Didcot Choral Society rehearsal.

Thursday 25

9.30AM Holy Communion.

Friday 26

6.45PM Choir Practice

Sunday 28 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00AM Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion.

8.45AM Parish Breakfast in Church.

10.00AM Sung Eucharist.

12.00NOON Holy Baptism.

Tuesday 30

12.00NOON Little Fishes.

7.30PM Didcot Choral Society rehearsal.



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