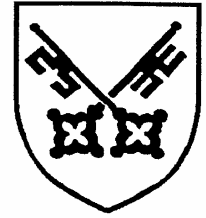


St Peter's Church



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Reasons to be cheerful, part one.

St Peter's PCC, over the last few years, has put in a phenomenal amount of work keeping the parish running during the inter-regnum and shaping up our finances in spite of enormous outside pressures. We have much to be thankful to them for.

So following on from my "telling off" sermon in February, I wanted to share the contents of an e-mail I sent to the PCC recently, highlighting seven reasons we should be happy with where we are at the start of 2015:

1. We are at a major turning point in parish development. We have our new Mission Action Plan (MAP) and action points to be working on. This MAP highlighted one key area (families and primary schools) that would help the parish with its mission and, having sent it to the Diocese, we now have a small amount of grant funding for this work for the next three years.

2. We have a number of great volunteers who are doing a brilliant job in keeping St Peter's looking good and in a healthy state spiritually, socially and financially.

3. We have a building which hopefully isn't going to need a ridiculous amount of work on it after the Quinquennial

4. Thanks to the PCC over several years, and the careful work of the Treasurer and finance team, we have shown careful stewardship of our

resources and are in a strong position for the future (even if we can't pay £70k common share).

5. Our music continues to be first class - Cathedral standard on most Sundays. Our PCC and congregation have gifts and talents that many parishes can only dream of.

6. The Holy Spirit is clearly at work in and through St Peter's and its fruits can be seen.

7. We are not alone! There are some parishes that are not ever going to pay their full parish share. It is a fact of life that is accepted by the Church of England, the Diocese and by +Colin. We may not be as badly off as some parishes and so should be making an effort to get as close to full share as we can, but the Diocese know what we have done, and continue to do financially, and in the mission field and recognises that effort.

I could have gone on, but 7 is the perfect number!

Rev. Hannah

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Thank You



Thank you for supporting Christingle in 2014

Candlemas has now passed, drawing the Christingle season to a close for another year. So far, your exceptional efforts have raised over **£800,000** to help disadvantaged children which is an amazing achievement.

Thank you to all those who have already paid in donations. We'd love to hear more about your event so if you have five minutes to spare then why not **[complete our online survey](#)** and tell us about your success - those entering by Friday 27 February will also be entered into a prize draw with a chance to win a selection of wine and chocolate.

Of course if you're still to pay in your Christingle money then don't fear, as there's still time. You can find information on **[how to pay in your donations](#)** in the section below, or contact our Supporter Care team at **supportercare@childrenssociety.org.uk** for more information.

Warm regards,

Gillian Claugher

Director of Regional Fundraising and Development

Coffee Morning

10:15 to 12noon
Saturday 14 March
Barnes Close Day Centre, Didcot

Proceeds to provide a well and build latrines for a school in Zimbabwe.

For more details and offers to help contact Josie Midwinter on 01235 759398 or email josie.midwinter@lineone.net.

Prayer Spaces at Northbourne School

We are holding Prayer Spaces at Northbourne School 2nd to 6th March 2015 and are looking for volunteers to guide the children at each station.

Please let me know when you are available to help.

*God bless
Vanessa*

Revd Vanessa Rye
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CTDD Election Forum

Thursday 23rd April
7.30pm (Doors open 7.00pm)
Cornerstone Arts Centre

The session will last two hours with half hour informal time at the end.

Great Western Park

The Revd Mark Bodeker, minister to the Great Western Park, will be preaching at the main service on Mothering Sunday, 15th March. Please come along to meet Mark and hear about what mission is going on in this new part of Didcot

Lent Appeal

The Lent Appeal this year is for Christian Aid, and draws on their 'Count your Blessings' project. Day by day through Lent, those using their Prayer Calendar are led through the programmes that Christian Aid manages and funds and how we may help, whether through funds or by prayer.



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Prayer Intentions: March

<p>1st: Lent II Readings: Psalm 135; Isaiah 51:0-11; Galatians 3:1-9,23-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Church Street, East Street. Our Sunday School and its leaders.</p>	<p>2nd: Chad Readings: Psalm 74; Jeremiah 7:21-end; Hebrews 1.</p> <p>A 7th Century Anglo-Saxon Bishop of Northumbria, and later of Mercia.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: High Street, Bourne Street. Those who keep the church clean and tidy</p>	<p>3rd: Readings: Psalm 52; Jeremiah 8:1-15; Hebrews 2:1-9.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Northbourne Court, Pease Place. The Schools in our parish: St Birinus; Northbourne; Willowcroft and all who work and learn there.</p>	<p>4th: Readings: Psalm 3; Jeremiah 8:18-9:11; Hebrews 2:10-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Ridgeway Road The Wednesday Church and all those who work to make it possible.</p>
<p>5th: Readings: Psalm 71; Jeremiah 9:12-24; Hebrews 3:1-16.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Sinodun Road, Bridge Close The work of the Mothers' Union.</p>	<p>6th: Readings: Psalm 6; Jeremiah 10:1-16; Hebrews 3:7-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Kynaston Road Our choir and Director of Music.</p>	<p>7th: Perpetua etc Readings: Psalm 23; Jeremiah 10:17-24; Hebrews 4:1-13.</p> <p>Perpetua, Felicity and Companions were third century Christian martyrs—arrested and executed as part of the celebrations of the Emperor's birthday.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Broadway, Vicarage Road Our PCC.</p>	<p>8th: Lent III Readings: Psalm 18; Exodus 5:1-6:1; Philippians 3:4b-14.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: St Andrew's Road, St Peter's Road. Those who prepare and lead the intercessions in church.</p>
<p>9th: Readings: Psalm 17; Jeremiah 11:1-17; Hebrews 4:14-5:10.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Wessex Road. Our PCSO Chris Wyatt and our local police station staff.</p>	<p>10th: Readings: Psalm 64; Jeremiah 11:18-12:6; Hebrews 5:11-6:12.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Lower Broadway, Roebuck Court. Little Fishes</p>	<p>11th: Readings: Psalm 39; Jeremiah 13:1-11; Hebrews 6:13-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Hagbourne Road Wednesday fellowship and those who work to make it possible.</p>	<p>12th: Readings: Psalm 59; Jeremiah 14; Hebrews 7:1-10.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Ernest Road, Edmund's Court. Eucharistic Ministers and those receiving Home Communion.</p>
<p>13th: Readings: Psalm 69; Jeremiah 15:10-end; Hebrews 7:11-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Fairacres Road, Marlborough Court. Those preparing for their marriages.</p>	<p>14th: Readings: Psalm 116; Jeremiah 16:10-17:4; Hebrews 8</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Oatland Road, Samor Way Those who maintain the Church grounds and Gardens.</p>	<p>15th: Mothering Sunday Readings: Psalm 107; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Mereland Road, Laburnum Grove. Fr Mark Bodecker and his work on the Great Western Park.</p>	<p>16th: Readings: Psalm 25; Jeremiah 17:5-18; Hebrews 9:1-14.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Abbott Road, Abbott Close Those who read in church</p>

Prayer Intentions: March

<p>17th: Patrick Readings: Psalm 80; Jeremiah 18:1-12; Hebrews 9:15-end.</p> <p>At 16, he was kidnapped and sold into slavery in Ireland. He escaped and eventually returned to Ireland as a missionary priest.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Richmere Road, The Croft; Modern-day slaves.</p>	<p>18th: Cyril (Jerusalem) Readings: Psalm 91; Jeremiah 18:13-end; Hebrews 10:1-18.</p> <p>A 4th century theologian, born in Caesarea, he was Bishop of Jerusalem in 350AD.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Marsh Cottages, Jubilee Way, Regent Gardens Churches Together in Didcot and District.</p>	<p>19th: Joseph Readings: Psalm 25; Genesis 50:22-end; Matthew 13:54-end.</p> <p>Mary's husband and the adoptive father of Jesus.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Saxon's Way, Viking Drive Newlands Avenue Children's Centre..</p>	<p>20th: Cuthbert Readings: Psalm 16; Jeremiah 19:14-20:6; Hebrews 10:26-end.</p> <p>Missionary, monk and hermit, Cuthbert is one of the most important British saints.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Oriell Court, Lincoln Gardens. Alton Abbey Wantage Convent</p>
<p>21st: Thomas Cranmer Readings: Psalm 140; Jeremiah 20:7-end; Hebrews 11:1-16.</p> <p>Under Edward VI, he wrote and compiled the Book of Common Prayer Queen Mary had him tried and executed for heresy.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Beaufort Close, Worcester Drive, Our Lent groups.</p>	<p>22nd: Lent V Readings: Psalm 107; Exodus 7:8-24; Romans 5:12-end.</p> <p>Passiontide begins. We travel in real time with the disciples through to the passion of Our Lord,</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Exeter Court, Magdalene Court Our Finance team.</p>	<p>23rd: Readings: Psalm 26; Hebrews 11:17-31; John 11:28-44.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Merton Close, Somerville All those who provide refreshments after services and at events.</p>	<p>24th: Walter Hilton Readings: Psalm 85; Hebrews 11:32-end; John 11:45-end.</p> <p>A 14th Century English Augustinian monk, who wrote many works on the spiritual life.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Nuffield Close, Dirac Place The Singing for the Brain group.</p>
<p>25th: The Annunciation Readings: Psalm 111, 113; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Romans 5:12-end.</p> <p>Nine months before Christmas day, the celebration of the announcement of Gabriel to Mary.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Fleet Way, Kibble Close; St John's Guild</p>	<p>26th: Readings: Psalm 43; Hebrews 12:14-end; John 12:12-19.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: St John's Close, Ruskin Close The Sacristans and those who care for the Church linens.</p>	<p>27th: Readings: Psalm 31; Hebrews 13:1-16; John 12:20-36a.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Shannon Road, Severn Road Our healing and prayer team.</p>	<p>28th: Readings: Psalm 130; Hebrews 13:17-end; John 12:36b-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Kennet Place, Thames Court Our fellow Christians in Didcot</p>
<p>29th: Palm Sunday Readings: Psalm 31; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1-end of 15.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Kennet Place, Thames Court Our sides-people and Welcomers.</p>	<p>30th: Readings: Psalm 25; Lamentations 1-2; Luke 22:1-23.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Western Avenue Didcot Community Hospital</p>	<p>31st: John Donne Readings: Psalm 55; Lamentations 3; Luke 22:24-53.</p> <p>Dean of St Paul's Cathedral and poet.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Western Avenue Our Bishop and Archdeacon.</p>	

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 February meeting will be held at 2PM on Tuesday 17th March and our talk will be about Lord Nuffield..

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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 9.00 AM	Morning worship
Sunday 10:00 AM	Refreshments for those attending either service.
Sunday 10.30 AM	Morning worship with children's groups (changes each Sunday—see notice sheet)

Last Sunday of the month:

7.00 PM Evening service

Mothering Sunday

A DAY THAT CAN BRING JOY OR PAIN

MOTHERING Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent, is a time of cards and greetings. Many churches give children posies of flowers to give to their mother as a 'thank-you' for all her loving care.

But for many people it is also a day of painful reminders. Single people, childless couples, people who had a bad relationship with their mother or with their own children are among those who feel excluded or devalued by this day.

MOTHER CHURCH

This demonstrates how the same words can cause pain to one person and reassurance to another. Some of the sting can be taken out of it

by explaining that the name 'Mothering Sunday' really comes from the reference to 'the heavenly Jerusalem, which is the mother of us all', in the Prayer Book epistle reading for the day, Galatians 4:26.

It has become confused with Mother's day, an American invention; but the title Mothering Sunday refers to our mother, the Church, and our membership of that great family.

Helping people through their pain with what they feel Mothering, Sunday to be about is one way in which faith comes to life. For it reminds us that faith does not exist in the abstract, it always comes to life among real people in real situations. And we need to understand their situation, to discover the fullness of Christ's love for all his family.

IAN YEARSLEY

Services

Sundays

8.00AM Book of
Common 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

Baptisms 'made one with Christ'

Amber Cecilia Gilroy
Joshua James Gilroy
Evie Violet-Mae Virgo

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

Ivy Warwick

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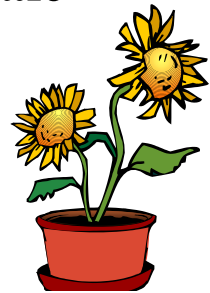
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Plant Sale



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May 2**

Year's Mind for March

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| 1 Eric Stratford | 17 John Pruettt |
| 2 Christopher Preece | Stella Scott |
| 3 Edwin Gibbens | 18 Audrey Johansen |
| Samuel Lane | Arthur Goodall |
| Daisy Culliford | 19 Elizabeth Keep |
| 4 Gertrude Edmonds | 20 Cyril Goodgen |
| Vera Cook | Bernerd Measor |
| 5 James East | 21 Ernest Bennell |
| Ernest Cox | Rose Burrows |
| Lizzie Humphreys | Roderick Harper |
| 6 Phyllis Waddicor | John Luke |
| Eliza Turner | 22 Sarah Mathews |
| 7 Bernard Powell | Edward Knights |
| 8 Harold Cooper | Sylvia Ann Hughes |
| Jack Weston | 23 William James |
| Maurice Engle | Millicent Grimes |
| Charlotte Denwood | John Hall |
| 9 Charles Wood | Doris Fisher |
| 10 Margery Buckingham | 24 Ted Hillier |
| Dorothy Belcher | Stephen Mitchell |
| Timothy Hartnett | Edgar Bean |
| Frederick Hatt | 25 Anton Janiw |
| 11 Priscilla Grimes | 26 Peter Williams |
| Edward Taylor | 27 Alfred Ball |
| 12 Ethel James | Ernest Edmonds |
| Stasia James | George Jones |
| Elisabeth Smith | Alice Daniels |
| 13 Elizabeth Jarvis | David Welch |
| Henry Stone | Barbara Varney |
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| 14 Valerie Kelly | 29 Frederick Cleverly |
| Arthur | Ted Sharp |
| Kestell-Cornish | 30 William Howell |
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| Sheila Burnham | Muriel Cullen |
| 15 Gladys Andrews | 31 Irene Belton |
| Peter Brown | Eva Peall |
| 16 Ernest Pease | |

Church Calendar for March 2015

Sunday 1 Second Sunday of Lent

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.

Tuesday 3

12.00NOON Little Fishes.

7.30PM Didcot Choral Society rehearsal.

Wednesday 4

10.00AM Wednesday Church.

Thursday 5

9.30AM Holy Communion (MU).

Friday 6

6.45PM Choir practice

Sunday 8 Third Sunday of Lent

8.00AM Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion.

8.45AM Parish Breakfast in Church.

10.00AM Sung Eucharist.

Monday 9

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

Tuesday 10

12.00NOON Little Fishes.

7.30PM Didcot Choral Society rehearsal.

Wednesday 11

11.00AM Wednesday Fellowship.

7.30PM Didcot Community Gospel Choir rehearsal.

Thursday 12

9.30AM Holy Communion.

Friday 13

6.45PM Choir practice

Sunday 15 Mothering Sunday

8.00AM Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion.

8.45AM Parish Breakfast in Church.

10.00AM Sung Eucharist.

10.00AM Sunday school.



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Tuesday 17 St Patrick

12.00NOON Little Fishes

7.30PM Didcot Choral Society rehearsal.

Thursday 19 St Joseph

9.30AM Holy Communion.

Friday 20

6.45PM Choir Practice

Sunday 22 Passion Sunday

8.00AM Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion.

8.45AM Parish Breakfast in Church.

10.00AM Sung Eucharist.

Monday 23

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

Tuesday 24

12.00NOON Little Fishes.

2.00PM St John's Guild.

7.30PM Didcot Choral Society rehearsal.

Wednesday 25

7.30PM Didcot Community Gospel Choir rehearsal.

Thursday 26

9.30AM Holy Communion.

Friday 27

6.45PM Choir practice.

Sunday 29 Palm Sunday

8.00AM Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion.

8.45AM Parish Breakfast in Church.

10.00AM Sung Eucharist.

Monday 30

6.00PM Stations of the Cross.

Tuesday 31

6.00PM Stations of the Cross.



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