

ST PETER'S METHODIST CHURCH

St Peter's Street, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2BE

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Charity No. 1128069



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Web address www.cekmethoist.org.uk

Notice Sheet for 30 July 2017 Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 Transfiguration of the Lord, Hiroshima Day

We are delighted to welcome everyone to St Peter's, especially students and people visiting Canterbury. If this is your first visit, please introduce yourself to one of the Stewards or the Minister and sign the Visitors' Book on the table in the Church Vestibule. If you are new to the Church or have recently moved into the area, and would like more details about what we offer, please speak to one of the Stewards.

10.00 am Service at Old Wives Lees Chapel led by
Revd Michael J Walling.

10.30 am Morning Worship
The Service will be led by Mr Graham Gibbens
Church Stewards: Helen Brown, Ben Alcock & Megan Wells
Lesson Readers: Megan Wells & Ben Alcock

*Junior Church has now broken up for the summer.
We will meet again on 3 September. Dawn & Wendy.*

6.00 pm Circuit Farewell Service for Revd Gordon Newton at The
Beacon Church, Dover

Speak to the Stewards for detail of the Crèche or if you need a large print copy of the Hymn Book or Bible. There is a Hearing Aid Loop System in the Church. Users should switch to the "T" position.

Minister – The Revd Geoff Boxer

Circuit Office: 01227 459449 E-mail: circuitsuper@btinternet.com

Room Bookings (including the hall and church) contact Roy Irons (07740 541252 or rhibrons@talktalk.net)

Notices 31 July – 6 August 2017

- Tuesday 1 August** **10.30 am Bach to Baby Concert** for babies and their parents/Carers. Building open from 10.00 am.
- Wednesday 2** **10.00 am Service of Holy Communion in the Church** led by Revd Geoff Boxer
10.30 – 12 noon Wednesday Morning Coffee will be served in the Foyer.
7.45 pm Contemplative Prayer Group meets in the Eastbridge Hospital Chapel. Building open from 7.30 pm. All Welcome.
7.45 pm Bridge House Group meets. Book of James, ch 1.
- Thursday 3** **8.00 pm Ichthus Student Fellowship** meets in the Upper Room
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Sunday 6 August 2017

- 10.00 am** **Service at Old Wives Lees Chapel** led by Revd Roger North
- 10.30 am** **Morning Worship**
The Service will include Holy Communion and be led by Revd Geoff Boxer
Church Stewards: Judy Eldridge Margaret Anderson
Lesson Readers: Jill Butler & Ruth Denton
Communion Servers: Jill Butler, Ruth Denton & Margaret Anderson
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Methodist Prayer Handbook 2017-18, *Jesus the First and Last*, will be published on the 1 August. Cost will be £3.95 or £3.50 if I am able to order 10 copies or more. The large print version is available at £3.95. If you would like a copy please let me know today so that the handbooks can be distributed before September.

Methodist Diaries are also available, £8 for the standard size and £12 for the interleaved version. They are available in three colours – red, purple and blue. If you would like one of these please let me know at the same time. Thanks, Jenny

Car Parking on the Church Forecourt

The barrier code, giving access to the forecourt, will be changed by the end of July. Application forms for those needing to park on the forecourt are on the table in the Vestibule. Please complete and return the form to the Office.

For Our Prayers

Thought for the Week

Every man prays in his own language and there is no language that God does not understand.

Duke Ellington

Prayer for the Week:

Joyous God,
who sings the world a Capella style,
who improvises joy in unlikely events,
and breathes an exuberant spirit to set the world dancing;
help us, your unlikely followers,
to glimpse the twinkle in your creative eye
and to see a wonderful hope in dark and chaotic places;
so that, even within sorrow and struggle, we may discover glimmers of hope,
within pain, the possibilities of transformation;
and within injustice, our own power to change the world for good.

Most of all, God, don't let us be dull.

Give us the courage to join your exuberant enterprise called life,
to laugh at our own impossibilities and ridiculous notions
and, in all this, to trust, that through you and in you and with your love,
we and all your people should, and can and will be free. Amen.

Barbara Glasson, West Yorkshire District Deputy Chair

We pray for all who are unwell or may be unable to get to church, especially Hazel Burgess, Enid Lazell, Pam Lees, Barbara Martin (Connors House), Jill Myers, Joy Webster, Graham & Joyce Whistance and Gladys Wilkinson.

We send Congratulations and Best Wishes to Helen Letley and Roy Hollands who were married yesterday at St John's Methodist Church, Whitstable.

All We Can (MRDF).

£500 was sent to All We Can, this being the profit from 'Val's Kitchen', £130, plus coffee morning money. Thanks especially to Val and all who volunteer for the Coffee Mornings, not forgetting all those who support their efforts..

Websites

St Peter's Website

If you are going to be away during the summer holidays and want to know what is happening at the church you can keep up to date by visiting the church website at www.canterburymethodistchurch.co.uk. Deacon Joy has redesigned this for us and it is very easy to use. You can also read a copy of the Notice Sheet and view a copy of the plan, amongst other things, should you want to check on dates and preachers.

Circuit Website

The Canterbury and East Kent Circuit website has also been redesigned and can be found at www.cekmetho.org.uk. Again, it is very easy to use and will give you an overview of churches and events throughout the Circuit.

Looking Ahead

Ride & Stride – 9 September 2017

Wanted!

Church members to ride or walk visiting churches in Kent on the 9 September to raise funds to support churches in need.

Church members to sponsor those St Peters athletes who take on this challenge.

Church members to offer an hour or so of their time on the 9 September to welcome those riders and walkers who visit our church.

Details, sponsorship forms, list of participating churches available from Richard Cockell [01227 769696] + there is some information on the notice board in the Hall foyer.

Many Thanks, Richard Cockell



Brochures for the 2017/18 Concert series are now available on the table in the Vestibule. Please help yourselves. First Concert – Saturday 16 September, 7.30 pm, Alex Ryder (harp) and Stina Wilson (flute)

Harvest - on Saturday 23 September we will be having a "Bring & Share" Harvest Supper, commencing at 6.00 pm in the Church Hall. This will be followed by entertainment from a professional singer/songwriter and fabulous guitarist, Sam Brothers, who performs all over Kent with his lovely mix of blues and ballads.

In due course there will be a sheet to sign up for this in the foyer, but please put it in your diaries and come along to support us.



PLEASE NOTE that because of family and other commitments there will be a few changes to notice sheet arrangements during August.

The sheet produced on 6 August, next week, will be for two Sundays (6 and 13), items to be with me by 6.00 pm on Wednesday 2 August.

The Notice Sheet produced on 20 August will also be for two Sundays (20 & 27). Items to be with my by 9 am on Monday 14 August.

