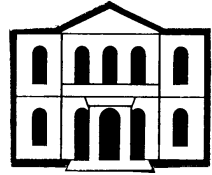


# ST PETER'S METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## Mothering Sunday– 11 March 2018 Gospel Reading: John 3:14-21

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 *Little Haxted, Selling Road, Old Wives Lees*, to include Holy Communion, led by Revd Geoff Boxer
- 10.30 am** **Morning Worship and Junior Church**  
The Service will be led by Revd Dr Paul Glass  
Church Stewards: Ben Alcock & Margaret Anderson  
Lessons Readers: Ruth Denton & Marie Wilkins

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*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.*

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Minister – The Revd Geoff Boxer  
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Room Bookings (including the hall and church)  
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## Notices for 12 -18 March 2018

- Monday 12**      **2.00 – 4.00 pm Macular Support Group** will be in the Blue Room  
New members suffering from Macular Degeneration and their friends and family supporters are welcome. Should you want more information, speak to Mary Anderson in church today.
- 7.30 pm Gateway** meets in the Social Lounge, Deans Mill Court.  
George Taylor: *Music from the Theatre*
- Tuesday 13**      **12.30 pm Talks in Lent at St Peter's Anglican Church.**  
Speaker: Terry Gore, *Voices of the Homeless*. A light lunch will follow at 1.15.
- 7.30 pm Dancing on the Edge House Group** meets to discuss  
Veronica Zundel's talk on the Bible.
- Wednesday 14**      **10.00 am Service of Holy Communion in the Church** led by  
Revd Fred Collinson.
- 10.30 – 12 noon Wednesday Morning Coffee** will be served in the Foyer.
- 7.45 pm Bridge House Group** meets. Symon Hill: *The Upside Down Bible*.
- Thursday 15**      **2.15 pm Thanksgiving Service for the life of Michael Lang.**  
**8.00 pm Ichthus Student Fellowship** meets in the Upper Room
- Friday 16**      **9.00 – 10.30 am Morning Coffee/Drop-in** for toddlers and their  
Parents/Carers
- Saturday 17**      **7.30 pm Music at St Peter's Concert. Aurora Trio**, Emma  
Halnan (flute), Jordan Sian (violin), Heather Wrighton (harp).  
Music by Bax, Prokofiev, Debussy, Ibert, Mathias, Piazzolla.  
Tickets £15 at the door, full-time students £7.

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent – 18 March 2018

- 10.00 am Service at Old Wives Lees** led by Mr Graham Gibbens
- 10.30 am Morning Worship and Junior Church**  
The Service will be led by Revd Geoff Boxer  
Church Stewards: Ben Alcock, Jemima Wade & Megan Wells  
Lessons Readers: Maureen & Brian Stocker
- 6.30 pm City of Canterbury Chamber Choir - VIVALDI GLORIA**  
and two world premieres by Edward-Rhys Harry including *When I was Hungry* dedicated to "Porchlight".  
Concert in support of "Porchlight" & "Pilgrim's Hospices", the Lady Mayoress's Charities. The Choir's Patron the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress are attending. Tickets £10 (children U16 free).  
Buy online at [ticketsource.co.uk/canterburychamberchoir](http://ticketsource.co.uk/canterburychamberchoir) – or reserve by emailing [tickets@canterburychamberchoir.org.uk](mailto:tickets@canterburychamberchoir.org.uk) – or phone 07843 050327

## For Our Prayers

### Thought for the Week

*We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.*

*Robert Kennedy*

### A Prayer of Thanksgiving

For the mothering of mothers  
and the mothering of fathers  
for the mothering of others:

Mother God, we give you thanks  
For those who act as midwife to our hopes,  
for those who nurse us through our pain,  
for those who nurture, strengthen and guide us:

Mother God, we give you thanks  
For those who gently push us from the nest,  
for those who welcome us home, for those who become our family  
for the motherhood of the church:

Mother God we give you thanks

*www.themothersunion.org.*

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

**We were very sorry to hear that Gwen Wood, one of the remaining Methodist members at Greenstreet Chapel, died on 4 March.** Gwen was a tiny but vibrant character who shared much wisdom with many of us. Her funeral will be at 11 am on Tuesday 20 March at the Garden of England crematorium in Sittingbourne. Lots of people knew Gwen from the chapel and some may wish to attend the service.

***Could members please look in the Vestibule over the next few weeks for a letter about regular giving and Gift Aid.***

**Also this week:**

**11 – 17 March Ecumenical Week of Accompanied Prayer** hosted at St Stephen's Canterbury. Information available on the table in the Vestibule or at <http://www.ststephenscanterbury.net/>

**Thursday 15 10.00 am Circuit Walking Group** meets at the Chance Inn, Guston.

**Friday 16 6.00 – 7.00 pm Concert: Classical to Jazz at the Church.** Iain Ballamy, saxophone, David Rees Williams, piano, Ian Crowther, oboe Festival Chamber Orchestra String Ensemble. Tickets £10 from [www.crowthersofcanterbury.co.uk](http://www.crowthersofcanterbury.co.uk)

## Looking Ahead

### March

**Tuesday 20 7.30 pm Church Council**

**Wednesday 21 7.30 pm Contemporary Theology Group.** Speaker - Ruth Valerio, Global Advocacy and Influencing Director of Tearfund; environmentalist, theologian, Author of *Just Living* (2017).  
**Let all Creation Dance:** *The Gospel, the whole Gospel and nothing but the Gospel.*

**Saturday 24 10.30 – 3.30 pm Methodist Women in Britain South-East District Day:** *Tiffers, tatties and toilets*, Life in Bolivia, a land of contrasts. Speaker: Mrs Sandra Goodwin, National President, MWIB. At Tonbridge Methodist Church. More detail on poster in Foyer or fliers in Vestibule.

**Church Spring Clean. Please note that this will NOT take place On Saturday 31 March as announced last Sunday morning. It has been postponed until after Easter, probably during May. Please watch out for more information.**



**However! The Flower Ladies will be decorating the Church between 9.30 – 12 Noon on 31 March and would be pleased to see anyone who would like to help them. We shall again be decorating the cross on Sunday 1 April (Easter Day) and if you would like to bring your own flower you are welcome to do so.**



**Items for next Sunday's Notice Sheet should be with me by 10.00 pm on Wednesday.**

**Please note that the Notice Sheet produced on 1 April (Easter Day), will be for two weeks – 1 and 8 April. Items for inclusion should be with me by 9.00 am on Tuesday 27 March.**

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