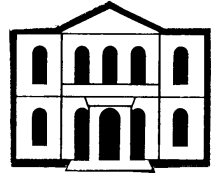


ST PETER'S METHODIST CHURCH

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Fifth Sunday of Lent – 18 March 2018 Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

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 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 – or reserve by emailing tickets@canterburychamberchoir.org.uk – or phone 07843 050327

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

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Room Bookings (including the hall and church)

contact Roy Irons (07740 541252 or rhirons@talktalk.net)

Notices for 19 - 25 March 2018

- Tuesday 20** **12.30 pm Talks in Lent at St Peter's Anglican Church.**
Speaker: Jennifer Llewelin: *Voices from the Holy Land*. A light lunch will follow at 1.15.
7.30 pm Church Council
- Wednesday 21** **10.00 am Service of Holy Communion in the Church** led by Revd Malcolm Peach
10.30 – 12 noon Wednesday Morning Coffee will be served in the Foyer.
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.*
- Thursday 22** **8.00 pm Ichthus Student Fellowship** meets in the Upper Room
- Friday 23** **9.00 – 10.30 am Morning Coffee/Drop-in** for toddlers and their Parents/Carers
8.00 pm Choir Practice
- 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. Bring a packed lunch, drinks provided. £3 minimum charge. More details on poster in Foyer or fliers in Vestibule.
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Palm Sunday - 25 March 2018

- 10.30 am Service at Old Wives Lees Village Hall**
- 10.30 am Morning Worship and Junior Church**
The Service will be led by Deacon Joy Everingham
Church Stewards: Jemima Wade & Margaret Anderson
Lessons Readers: Louise Anstey-Watson & Philip Wells
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Also this week

- Tuesday 20** **11.00 am Funeral of Gwen Wood** (from Greenstreet Chapel) at the Garden of England Crematorium, Sittingbourne.

For Our Prayers

Thought & Prayer for the Week

Jesus, abject and despised let us not be ashamed to follow you.

Jesus, blasphemed and condemned, let us not afraid to be counted your friends

Jesus crowned and derided, let us not be overwhelmed by our injuries and grief.

Amen

John Wesley

When Geoff was on Sabbatical a few years ago I asked for help with the Thought and Prayer slot on the notice sheet and the following, by Frank Topping, was given to me by Michael Lang:

Lord as I grow older, may I be blessed with faith enough to make the journey
from ageing body to ageless life.

We pray for all who are unwell or may be unable to get to church, especially Francine Aits (in K&C Hospital), 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.

Fairtrade Fair – Saturday 10 March

The Traidcraft Stall sold goods to the value of £1153.64 last Saturday. The team in the kitchen did us proud serving lunches and coffees and our total takings there amounted to £397.95. As Traidcraft Exchange's "Hidden Entrepreneurs" appeal is benefitting from UK Government Aid until 11 April, this amount will be doubled by the Government to £795.90. You can read more about "Hidden Entrepreneurs" at www.traidcraft.org.uk Thank you to all for making last Saturday's Fair such a happy and successful event. We made a great team, as always, and it was good to welcome some helpers for the first time. There seemed to be a real buzz in the hall most of the day. Thank you especially to Joy and Glen Sharman for all their hard work in organising the day.

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

Looking Ahead

March

**Maundy
Thursday 29**



11 am-3 pm Free shoe-cleaning in Canterbury High Street outside Barclays,. This is Christians Together in Canterbury's way of telling the story about Jesus washing his disciples' feet. More volunteers are needed between 12 and 2 pm to clean shoes, hand out leaflets or just be there to support this important way of telling this part of the Easter story. Contact petertoon@aol.com or phone 01227 451991 for further information or to sign up go to <https://doodle.com/poll/itx7nn7psyubg7x5>

Thursday 29 7.30 pm Tenebrae Service

Friday 30 9.45 am Good Friday Service at our Church. Preacher – Revd Geoff Boxer.

This will be followed by Hot Cross Buns at the Salvation Army and the Walk of the Cross which will leave at 11.00 am.

11.15 am Outdoor Service in Rose Square (outside Primark)

12 noon & 3.15 pm Passion Play in Dane John – live screening from Trafalgar Square

Stewards and First Aiders are needed for the Walk of The Cross, Outdoor Service and Passion Play. If you can assist please email contact@canterburychristianstogether.org.uk

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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