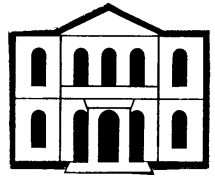


ST PETER'S METHODIST CHURCH

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

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First Sunday of Advent – 3 December 2017 Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37

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 & Junior Church

The Service will include Holy Communion and be led by
Revd Geoff Boxer

Church Stewards: Jemima Wade, Margaret Anderson & Helen Brown

Lesson Readers: Ruth Denton & Sheila Redwood

Communion Servers: Paul Merrywest, Margaret Anderson & Ruth Denton

The Christmas Post Box will be in the Vestibule from Sunday 3 December. The last collection will be on Saturday 16 December. Please write the full name of the person the card is intended for on the envelope and only post cards for those you know will be visiting St Peter's before Christmas. We regret that it is not possible to deliver cards. Donations in lieu of postage are for Action for Children and should be posted in an envelope with your cards.



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 rbirons@talktalk.net)

Notices for 4 - 10 December 2017

- Tuesday 5** **7.30 pm *Dancing on the Edge* House Group** meets.
Topic: *Advent*.
- Wednesday 6** **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 at Flat Deans Mill
Court. *Please note change of venue*
- Thursday 7** **12 noon Thanksgiving Service for the life of**
Prof Stephen Bax at the Church.
7.00 pm Canterbury Amos Trust Bethlehem Carol Service at
the Church. Full details on poster in Foyer
8.00 pm Ichthus Student Fellowship meets in the Upper Room
- Friday 8** **9.00 – 10.30 am Morning Coffee/Drop-in** for toddlers and their
Parents/Carers
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Second Sunday of Advent - 10 December 2017

- 10.00 am** **Service at Little Haxted, Old Wives Lees**, to include Holy
Communion, led by Revd Malcolm Peach.
- 10.30 am** **Annual Toy Service when we all worship together**
The service will be led by Revd Dr Paul Glass, Chaplain at Kent
College and Revd Geoff Boxer. We shall be joined by the Junior
Choir from Kent College
As usual Toys will be going to the Prince of Wales Trust in
Canterbury. They should be new but ideally not wrapped.
Church Stewards: Helen Brown, Megan Wells, Ben Alcock &
Jemima Wade.
- 3.30 pm** **Music in Mortimer Street Celebration of Christmas with**
Cameo Opera at The United Church in Mortimer Street.
Full details on poster in Foyer.
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For Our Prayers

Thought for the Week

Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush.
Anon.

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God, as we begin this season of Advent remind us again that in the midst of our darkness you are bringing us peace, to calm our anxious spirits and hectic lives. Turn our hearts again toward you. Make us ready to receive your Son our Saviour. Slow our pace, and give us the blessing of feeling your peace in our spirits. For we ask this in Jesus' precious Name. **Amen.**

Nancy C. Townley re-worship.blogspot.co.uk

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

Congratulations to Rufaro and Olu Owasonoye on the birth of a son, Daniel, grandchild for Macdonald and Elizabeth Mauchazza.

Once again, we have been asked to pray for our Chair, Rev John Hellyer, as he goes into the second round of stationing, and for those circuits still seeking a presbyter.

The circuits involved – each seeking a presbyter are:

- Thames Valley
- West Sussex
- Redhill & East Grinstead
- CSUA
- Canterbury & East Kent

Junior Church have made Christmas cards and would like to invite all Pastoral Visitors and anyone else who visits the sick, housebound, bereaved or alone to take a card to give to them.

Junior Church have also made crafts to sell in aid of Methodist Charities. Make sure you visit the stall after the service.



The Action for Children Charity Fair made a total of £447.58. A big thank you to everyone that contributed items for sale, gave of their time and supported this event. With a donation, the current total is £507.78.

The Harvest Festival collection produced the sum of £476. MRDF have advised that they have been able to claim £100 in Gift Aid.

Looking Ahead

December

- Monday 11** 7.00 pm **Gateway** meets for a Christmas Meal together.
Saturday 16 6.30 pm **Church Carol Service**. More information to follow.
Please note change of day

There will be no Junior Church on the morning of 24 December. All children and young people are invited to attend the family crib service at 4.00 pm which will be led by Deacon Joy Everingham

St Peters Methodist Church will again be providing shelter to the homeless on Wednesdays between the 1/12/2017 and the 28/2/2018.



St Peter's members are requested to volunteer [2 persons per evening] to open up the hall at about 6.45pm and set out and serve simple refreshments [tea, coffee and biscuits] for those using the facility from about 7.30pm until 9.30 – 10pm. Catching Lives will provide overnight staff and will clear up and close down the hall in the morning. Please indicate your availability on the list on the table in the vestibule. Should you require any further details please contact Richard Cockell [mobile 07805 888017].

Items for the next Notice Sheet should be with me by 10.00 pm on Wednesday Jenny Devenish, email jenny.deven@btinternet.com