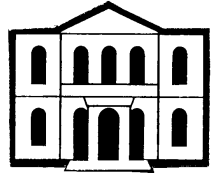


ST PETER'S METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 4 February 2018 Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39

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 Michael Baybitt

10.30 am Morning Worship and Junior Church

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

Church Stewards: Ben Alcock & Helen Brown

Lesson Readers: Audrey Bigley & Sharon Adley

Communion Servers: Ben Alcock, Dawn and Wendy Irons

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 5 - 11 February 2018

- Wednesday 7**
- 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.
 - 10.45 am. St. Peter's Discovery Group** will meet in the Blue Room to discuss Chapters 9-12 of A N Wilson's *Paul - the mind of the apostle*
 - 7.45 pm Contemplative Prayer Group** meets at the Eastbridge Hospital Chapel. Building open from 7.30 pm. All welcome.
 - 7.45 pm Bridge House Group** meets to Discuss *The Upside Down Bible* by Symon Hill
- Thursday 8**
- 7.30 pm Circuit Meeting** at Deal Trinity United Church
 - 8.00 pm Ichthus Student Fellowship** meets in the Upper Room
- Friday 9**
- 9.00 – 10.30 am Morning Coffee/Drop-in** for toddlers and their Parents/Carers
- Saturday 10**
- 2.30 pm. The Annual Christian Aid Tea will be held at St Dunstan's Church Hall** (*please note venue*). The speaker is Luke Harman, Christian Aid Campaigns Officer on **Climate change and how it affects the poor**. The focus for Christian Aid Week 2018 will be shared too. Tea follows the talk. Everyone welcome. No need to book.

Racial Justice Sunday - 11 February 2018

- 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 Gordon Newton
Church Stewards: Helen Brown & Margaret Anderson
Lesson Readers: Maureen & Brian Stocker
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For Our Prayers

Thought for the Week

The aim and final reason of all music should be nothing else but the Glory of God and the refreshment of the spirit.

Johann Sebastian Bach

Prayer for the Week

Holy and eternal God, in your only son Jesus Christ, you have fully revealed yourself to be the God whose grace, mercy and peace are the source and summit of all life.

By the power of your Holy Spirit at work in us, turn our hearts to love and obedience of your perfect will for us and all creation.

Looking always to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, may we rediscover each day our purpose to serve you as your people in the world. And on the last day bring us to the fullness of your eternal kingdom and the joy of the heavenly banquet.

*David Chapman, Bedfordshire, Essex & Hertfordshire District Choir
Prayer Handbook 2017-18*

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

Action for Children - Donations in lieu of Christmas card postage amounted to £85.00; the Christmas Day Collection came to £400.00 and Old Wives Lees Christmas Donations raised £100.00. This gives a total of £1,279.53 since September 2017. Also Christmas Cards to the value of £348.05 were sold.

Altar Cloths. Val Irons and Maureen Stocker would like to hear from whoever put the very nice altar cloths in our Communion box so that they can thank them. (Contact Maureen on 01227 454741.)



New specs? Lions International, who introduced the use of the white stick by the visually impaired, can use your unwanted spectacles to give sight to people in the developing world. Please give them to Colin Snell or place them in the marked Lions' bin.

Please Note: *The Lions' Blue Bin for spectacles has been relocated and is now under the table in the Vestibule, next to the Catching Lives basket.*

Looking Ahead

February

Monday 12 7.30 pm Gateway meets at. Speaker – Dr John Butler: *The Archbishop of Canterbury*

2.00 – 4.00 pm The Macular Support Group will meet in the Blue room.

Anyone who suffers from this condition plus friend or family are welcome to join. If you wish for further information please call Mary Anderson on 01227 781716.

Thursday 15 10.00 am Circuit Walking Group meets at The Black Robin, Kingston.

Saturday 17 7.30 pm Music at St Peter's Concert. Busch Piano Trio – Omri Epstein (piano), Matthieu van Bellen (violin) and Ori Epstein (cello). Music by Smetana, Bridge & Schubert. Tickets, £15, available at the door, full-time students £7.

Sunday 18 2.30 pm Music in Mortimer Street Concert at the United Church, Herne Bay. Jack Naismith, Baritone, with Stephen Matthews. Piano. Tickets, £7.00 on the door.

March

Saturday 10 10am to 3pm Fairtrade Fortnight Fair. More details to follow soon.

Luther 500

A book of the recent talks in Canterbury, that commemorated the 500 years of the Reformation has been released, available as a paperback or ebook. The book can be downloaded at www.cekmethodist.org.uk/news or to buy either on Amazon, or from John Butler and Harvey Richardson. Please see fliers on the table in the Vestibule.

St Peters Methodist Church will again be providing shelter to the homeless on Wednesdays until 28/2/2018.



St Peter's members are volunteering [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 provide overnight staff and clear up and close down the hall in the morning. Should you require any further details please contact Richard Cockell [mobile 07805 888017].

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

Jenny Devenish, email jenny.deven@btinternet.com