

ST PETER'S METHODIST CHURCH

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Notice Sheet for Sunday 6 May 2018 Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

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 include Holy Communion and be led by
Revd Geoff Boxer

Church Stewards: Megan Wells, Ben Alcock & Margaret
Anderson

Lessons Readers: Bob Coombs & Alison Garratt

Communion Servers: Jenny Devenish, Dawn & 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 rhbirons@talktalk.net)

Notices for 7 - 13 May 2018

- Tuesday 8** **7.30 pm *Dancing on the Edge* Housegroup** meets to discuss the Sermon on the Mount, Matthew chapter 5.
- Wednesday 9** **10.00 am Service of Holy Communion** in the Church led by Revd Geoff Boxer
7.45 pm Bridge House Group meets. Symon Hill: *The Upside-down Bible*
- Thursday 10** **8.00pm Ichthus Student Fellowship** meets in the Upper Room
- Friday 11** **9.00 – 10.30 am Morning Coffee/Drop-in** for toddlers and their parents/carers.
8.00 pm Choir Practice.
- Saturday 12** **9.00- 2.30 - Spring Cleaning.**
Spring is here? Time for Spring Cleaning. Many hands make light work. All help is appreciated. You can work in teams, in families or alone. Just give an hour of your time, or stay the whole morning. Break for lunch 12 - 12.30, or thereabouts - Ploughman's Bring and Share Lunch. There's a list of jobs on the Foyer Table. Please sign up. Donations of old polishing rags or dusters appreciated.
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- 7.00 pm Music at St Peter's hosts the Kent Festival for Music, Speech and Drama Prize-Winners' Concert.**
Admission Free, Retiring Collection.
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Sunday 13 May 2018 – Christian Aid Week begins

- 10.00 am** **Service at *Little Haxted*, *Selling Road*, *Old Wives Lees*,** including 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, Chaplain at Kent College.
Church Stewards: Margaret Anderson, Helen Brown & Jemima Wade
Lessons Readers: Judy & Tony Eldridge
- The Christian Aid Lunch will follow the morning service.**
- 6.30 pm** **Canterbury Christian Aid Week Service** at St Dunstan's Church
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Also this week

- Sunday 13** **2.30 pm Music in Mortimer Street - *Rags to Riches***
ravishingly rendered by Helen Crayford at The United Church, Mortimer Street. £10 on the door.

.For Our Prayers

Thought for the Week

Relying on God has to start all over every day, as if nothing has yet been done.

C. S. Lewis

Prayer for the Week

We praise and thank you, Lord that after your resurrection you showed yourself to your Disciples and are still alive with us now.

You're alive in our eyes as we delight in the beauty and wonderful complexity of your creation.

You're alive in our ears as we are blessed by music and your strong words that lift our hearts.

You're alive in our hearts as we know the assurance of our worth to you.

We thank you that we can meet together so that the Spirit can speak to us through each other's words and song.

Comfort and strengthen us in knowing your risen power. Amen

*Alan Turner Smith, Local Preacher Oxford Circuit
Methodist Prayer Handbook*

We pray for all who are unwell or may be unable to get to church, especially Francine & Meindert Aits, Hazel Burgess, Jill Butler, Jessie & Fred Collinson, Helen Davis, undergoing surgery on 9 May, Enid Lazell, Pam Lees, Barbara Martin (Connors House), Nina Seaman, Eileen Tresidder, Joy Webster, Graham & Joyce Whistance and Gladys & John Wilkinson.

District prayers for the Diaconal Convocation

The Diaconal Convocation is being held from 8 -10 May, and we ask for your prayers for the whole diaconate, and particularly for Deacons from this District. Many thanks. Anne (Haggarty) District Prayer Co-ordinator

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement which invites Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost (11 – 19 May) for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. Further information is included on the enclosed flyer. A booklet to assist with your prayers has been printed – *Nine Days of Prayer, Waiting in Wonder* - and is also enclosed with the notices. The Diocese of Canterbury has also produced a booklet – *Novena 2018, Changed Lives, Changing Lives* – and a few copies are on the table in the Vestibule. Please help yourselves.

The Total donated to the Pilgrims' Hospice at the Thanksgiving Service for Jill Myers amounted to £864. Huge thanks to everyone for your generous donations.

Christian Aid Week 13th -19th May 2018

Heather Peach has kindly offered to recruit collectors and distribute envelopes for the house-to-house collection this year. Please can you let her know if you are able to collect as you have in the past. New collectors would be very welcome, as a number of stalwarts from previous years are not as fit as they were, and cannot offer to help again this year. You can contact Heather on 01227 219966.

Looking Ahead

May

- Monday 14 7.30 pm Gateway** meets. Speaker – Mr Richard Goodenough: *In the Meadows of Trimworth*
- Wednesday 16 7.30 pm Contemporary Theology Group** Angela Tilby – Canon Emeritus of Christ Church Cathedral Oxford, and former BBC producer, theological educator and broadcaster. *Citizens of Somewhere or Anywhere?*
- Saturday 19 7.30 pm Music at St Peter's Concert.** Morgan Szymanski (guitar). A variety of works by composers from Bach to Villa-Lobos. Tickets £15 at the Door, Full-time Students £7.

Message from Sue Boulden, Circuit Safeguarding Officer. Safeguarding Training Course

All those who have booked to attend either the Foundation or the Refresher Safeguarding Course on Saturday 19th May at River Methodist Church, Lewisham Road, CT17 0PP please note that off road, secure parking has been arranged in the playground of the Primary School directly opposite the church. Coffee & tea will be available prior to the start of both sessions.

The Methodist Retreat Group *Reflect* is holding a Retreat at Ladywell Convent, Godalming, Surrey from 22-24 June 2018. The weekend will be led by Gill Dascome (former Vice President of the Methodist Conference) on the theme ***Jesus remember me when You come into Your Kingdom.*** Further details on the fliers in the Vestibule

Gift Aid, Standing Orders and Envelope Scheme.

I would like to thank everyone who has returned an updated, signed Gift Aid Form. If you have not already returned your form, please do so as soon as possible. I would also like to thank all who have returned new standing order forms, and all who have asked for envelopes. If any members of our congregation would like to give regularly to the church then please see me for the necessary paper work.
Kaye Merrywest

Are you aware that if you are not able to attend St Peter's for a Sunday Morning Service you can read the notice sheet on line?

Visit www.canterburymethodistchurch.co.uk and you will find copies of recent notice sheets, together with other documents, including the current preaching plan, listed at the bottom right-hand side of the home page. Just click on the one you want to read.



Items for the next Sunday's News Sheet should be with my by 10.00 pm on Wednesday, Jenny Devenish, email jenny.deven@btinternet.com