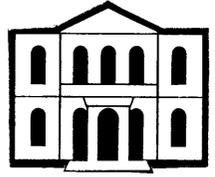


# ST PETER'S METHODIST CHURCH

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## Sunday 14 January 2018 Gospel Reading: John 1:43 - 51

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 Canon Rosemary Walters  
Church Stewards: Judy Eldridge, Megan Wells & Margaret Anderson  
Lesson Readers: Louise Anstey Watson & Ruth Denton

***Congratulations to Bob and Jean Want who are celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. We are all invited to share their celebration cake at coffee after the service.***

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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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## For Our Prayers

### Thought for the New Year

*Small deeds done are better than great deeds planned.*

Peter Marshall

### Prayer for the Week:

Loving God,  
At the beginning of this new year, I offer you my life.  
Come take my voice,  
    may the words I speak be filled with encouragement and goodness.  
Come take my hands,  
    may the work they create be generous and giving.  
Come take my feet,  
    may the journeys I walk be led by your Spirit within.

Amen.

**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, Gwilym Maltby, Barbara Martin (Connors House), Jill Myers, Nina Seaman, Joy Webster, Margaret White, Graham & Joyce Whistance and Gladys & John Wilkinson.**

**We were sorry to hear of the death of Caryl Hursey**, who was a former member and Choir Leader at St Peter's, on 28 December following a severe stroke on Christmas Day. **A celebration of her life at 3 pm on Wednesday 17 January at Upper Hardres Church** will be followed by refreshments in the village hall. No flowers but any gifts in her memory may be sent to Help Musicians UK. Her husband John lives locally and we hold him and the family in our prayers.

### **Request for prayers, please**

On Friday and Saturday, 19 & 20 January, the Candidates Committee will be meeting, and testing the call of those who have offered themselves for presbyteral or diaconal ministry. Please pray for them and also for the members of the committee who are testing that call. This is a very demanding couple of days, so please remember all involved.

### **Also this week to launch Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

#### **Thursday 18**

#### **7:30 pm Celebration of Hope. Canterbury Cathedral**

Join us to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and the start of Hope 2018. Our preacher will be Bishop Trevor, and Rachel Jordan-Wolf, member of the Hope Together national team will be with us to explain more of what Hope 2018 is all about. We'll hear some stories of transformation happening right here in Canterbury, and of course there will be plenty of opportunities to pray and worship together.

Entrance is free, and a collection will be taken during the service, to help support our Hope 2018 activities.

Please note that there will be no parking available in the Cathedral grounds.

*Please see enclosed flier giving full details of all events for the upcoming Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.*

## Looking Ahead

January

**Tuesday 23 7.30 pm Workshop: *A Discipling Presence*** for those working in a wide variety of rural contexts and supporting those living and serving God in the countryside. It will feature worship, evangelism, children and young people and consider how to make the best use of church buildings, so there will be ideas relevant to all churches.

### 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.cekmetho.dist.org.uk/news](http://www.cekmetho.dist.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.



**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 bin near the hall entrance

**St Peters Methodist Church will again be providing shelter to the homeless on Wednesdays until 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 next Sunday's Notice Sheet should be with me by 10.00 am on Wednesday.***

**Jenny Devenish, email [jenny.deven@btinternet.com](mailto:jenny.deven@btinternet.com)**