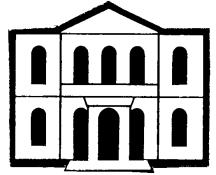


ST PETER'S METHODIST CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Advent – 24 December 2017 Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38

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 Carol Service at Old Wives Lees Chapel** led by Revd Geoff Boxer
- 10.30 am Morning Worship** (*there will be no Junior Church*)
The Service will be led by Mr Richard Martin
Church Stewards: Margaret Anderson & Judy Eldridge
Lesson Readers: Judy & Tony Eldridge
- 4.00 pm Crib Service for all children and young people**, led by Deacon Joy Everingham
- *11.15 pm Midnight Service of Holy Communion** led by Revd Geoff Boxer.
Church Steward: Margaret Anderson
Lesson Readers: Judy & Tony Eldridge
***Please note correct time**

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 25 – 31 December 2017

Christmas Day 10.30 am United Service at Old Wives Lees Village Hall.

10.30 am Christmas Celebration Service

Gospel Reading]: Luke 2:1-14

The service will be led by Revd Geoff Boxer and we all worship together. *Could children (young and old) please bring a present you receive on Christmas Day (tomorrow), so we can all share in your joy.*

Church Stewards: Helen Brown & Margaret Anderson

Lesson Readers: Helen & Samuel Brown

Wednesday 27 *There will be no Midweek Communion Service or Coffee Morning*

First Sunday of Christmas - 31 December 2017

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40

There will be no Service at Old Wives Lees Chapel.

10.30 am Morning Worship and Junior Church
The Service will be led by Mr Ben Alcock
Lesson Reader: Mr Philip Wells

Notices for 1 – 7 January 2018

Wednesday 3 10.00 am Midweek Service of Holy Communion led by Revd John Bown
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 5-8 of A N Wilson's *Paul – The Mind of the Apostle*

Covenant Sunday – 7 January 2018

10.00 am Service at Old Wives Lees Chapel led by Revd Colin Telfer

10.30 am Covenant Service, to include Holy Communion, led by Revd Geoff Boxer
Church Stewards: Judy Eldridge, Ben Alcock & Helen Brown
Lesson Readers: John & Gillian Butler
Communion Servers: Tony Eldridge, Jill Butler & Jenny Devenish

For Our Prayers

Thought for the Week

I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.

Charles Dickens – A Christmas Carol

Prayer for the Week:

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,
the obedience of Joseph,
the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the determination of the magi,
and the peace of the Christ child.

This Christmas and for the coming year.

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.

Rene Mathews isn't able to send Christmas cards to all her friends at St. Peter's this year, but she sends love and good wishes to everyone.

Eileen Tresidder was grateful to receive Christmas cards sent to her and sends good wishes to everyone at St Peter's for a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful 2018

Stationing. Following the Stationing Procedure that has been taking place in recent weeks we are pleased to be able to report that Revd Emmanuel Aggrey-Ogoe has accepted the post of Circuit Superintendent from September 2018 and will be based at St John's Methodist Church Whitstable. The Revd Timothy Nicholls visited St Peter's recently and after a mutually successful meeting with representatives from our Church and the Circuit has accepted the appointment to become the Minister at St Peter's and Old Wives Lees from September 2018, on Geoff's retirement. Revd Helen Hollands has accepted the appointment of Assistant District Chair for the South East Region and will be based in Ashford. We are extremely grateful to our District Staff, Circuit and Church Stewards who have been working hard to ensure a successful outcome.

The Junior Church Christmas sale raised £86.10p. They would like to thank all those who purchased the items made by the children of Junior Church. The sum raised has been donated to *All We Can* (MRDF).

The sum of £300 has been sent to Junior Church Mission for all being the sum raised by the JMA collectors during the past year. Thanks to all who support our collectors by filling their collecting boxes.

Looking Ahead

(More details will be given nearer the time)

January

- Monday 8** 7.30 pm **Gateway** meets.
Friday 12 8.00 pm **Choir Practice**
Wednesday 17 7.30 pm **2018 Season of Contemporary Theology Group Lectures begin.** Fliers with full details are on the table in the Vestibule.
Thursday 18 7.30 pm **Launch Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18 – 25 January) in the Cathedral.** Bishop Trevor will preach on prayer, mission and unity and Rachel Jordan-Wolf from the Hope 18 Board will also speak.
Saturday 20 7.30 pm **Music at St Peter's Concert**

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].



Don't forget to collect your Christmas cards from the tables in the Wesley Room!

The next Notice Sheet will be for Sunday 7 January 2018. Items for inclusion should be with me by Wednesday 3 January.

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