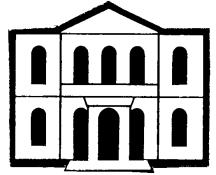


# ST PETER'S METHODIST CHURCH

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

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## Covenant Sunday – 7 January 2018 Gospel Reading: Mark 1:4-11

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 Revd Colin Telfer

**10.30 am Annual 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

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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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## Notices for 8 – 14 January 2018

- Monday 8**      **2.00 – 4.00 pm The Macular Support Group will meet** in the Blue room. Anyone who suffers from this condition, and friend or family are welcome to join us. If you wish for further information please call Mary Anderson on 01227 781716.
- 7.30 pm Gateway** meets at for a New Year Message from Revd Geoff Boxer
- Wednesday 10**    **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 Bridge House Group** meets. Symon Hill: *The Upside Down Bible*.
- Thursday 11**      **8.00 pm Ichthus Student Fellowship** meets in the Upper Room
- Friday 12**         **9.00 – 10.30 am Morning Coffee/Drop-in** for toddlers and their Parents/Carers
- 8.00 pm Choir Practice**
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## Sunday 14 January 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 Canon Rosemary Walters  
Church Stewards: Judy Eldridge, Megan Wells & Margaret Anderson  
Lesson Readers: Louise Anstey Watson & Ruth Denton
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**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.

## For Our Prayers

### Thought for the New Year

#### **Glory to God**

*Glory to God in highest heaven,  
Who unto man His Son hath given;  
While angels sing with tender mirth,  
A glad new year to all the earth.*

Martin Luther

### A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us  
A mighty flame  
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God  
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen

*(A modern prayer for the New Year from [www.lords-prayer-words.com](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com))*

**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.**

### Prayers for the next round of Stationing

From January 8 our Chair, Rev John Hellyer is involved in the third round of Stationing for the next Connexional year. There are still several circuits seeking a presbyter that have not been offered a match.

We have been asked to pray for John in this difficult task, and for the circuits concerned. We give thanks for the matches that have been agreed, and our thoughts are with those who are still hoping.

The Chair's nomination group has also requested prayers as they seek to find a successor to John, who has led the District since its inception.

## Looking Ahead

January

- Wednesday 17 7.30 pm 2018 Season of Contemporary Theology Group Lectures begin.** Anthony Carroll, Anglican Priest and philosophy/theology lecturer, Heythrop College and Richard Norman – Patron Humanists UK and retired professor Philosophy, University of Kent, co-editors of Religion and Atheism (2016) *Beyond the Divide: Secular and Religious Humanism in dialogue*. Fliers with full details are included in the sheet
- 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.
- Saturday 20 7.30 pm Music at St Peter's Concert** with Ana-Liisa Bezrodny (Violin) and Diana Ketler (Piano). Music by Einer Englund, Jean Sibelius, Nikolay Rimsky-Korsakov and Sergei Prokofiev.

**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.**

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