

ST PETER'S METHODIST CHURCH

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Advent Sunday - 2 December 2018

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-36

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 Chapel** led by Revd Malcolm Peach

10.30 am **Morning Worship & Junior Church**

The Service will include Holy Communion and be led by
Revd Timothy Nicholls

Church Stewards: Ben Alcock, Helen Brown and Megan Wells

Lesson Readers: Alison Garratt and Richard Davey

Communion Servers: Ruth Denton, Helen Brown & Bel Alcock

6.30 pm **Reflective Taize Service** led by Revd Timothy Nicholls.

The Junior Church has been making Christmas Cards for those who would appreciate our best wishes this Christmas season. Would Pastoral Contacts please come and take some for those they are visiting. If anyone else wishes to take a card for a neighbour or friend please see the Junior Church

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: Revd Timothy Nicholls

Circuit Office: 01227 459449 Email revdtimnicholls@outlook.com

Notices for 3 – 9 December 2018

- Wednesday 5**
- 10.00 am Service of Holy Communion** in the Church led by Revd Timothy Nicholls.
 - 10.30 – 12 noon Wednesday Morning Coffee** will be served in the Foyer.
 - 10.45 am St Peter's Discovery Group** meets in the Blue Room to discuss chapters 3 & 4 of *On Forgiveness*
 - 7.45 pm Contemplative Prayer Group** meets in the Eastbridge Hospital Chapel. Building open from 7.30 pm. All are welcome.
 - 7.45 pm Bridge House Group** meets. *Paul's Letters from Prison*.
- Thursday 6**
- 7.00 pm Amos Trust Carol Service at our Church.**
The Amos Trust is a small Christian charity based in London, that is involved with the disadvantaged in India, Africa, Latin America and Palestine. For some years this charity has been holding a Christmas Carol Service at St James's, Piccadilly, focussing on Palestine. Last year they came to Canterbury and are doing so again this year in support of the Wi'am Reconciliation Centre in Bethlehem. They will be welcoming leading peace activists Zoughbi Zoughbi and Lucy Talgieh from the Wi'am Reconciliation Centre, and six members of the Choir of Bethlehem on their first UK visit.
 - 8.00 pm Ichthus Student Group** meets in the Upper Room
- Friday 7**
- 9.00 – 10.30 am Morning Coffee Drop-in** for toddlers and their parents/carers

Second Sunday of Advent - 9 December 2018

10.00 am Service at Old Wives Lees Chapel led by Mr Graham Gibbens.

10.30 am Toy Service led by Revd Dr Paul Glass & Revd Timothy Nicholls. We will welcome Kent College pupils and their families, who will join us.

Church Stewards: Maureen Stocker, Megan Wells, Helen Brown & Margaret Anderson

Lesson Readers: Kent College Pupils

For our Toy Service we will once again be collecting Toys for the Prince of Wales Youth Centre. They are most keen that the toys are suitable for children in the 8 to 12-year-old category. The toys can be brought unwrapped. If you do wrap them, please label them to show for whom the toy would be suitable (e.g. age etc).

Copies of the Circuit Plan for December 2018 – February 2019 will be on the table in the Vestibule after this morning's service. Please help yourselves. These will be removed later, but can be obtained from the Office during the week. Have a word with Jenny or one of the Stewards.

For Our Prayers

Thought for the Week

Life in a prison cell may well be compared to Advent; one waits, hopes, and does this, that, or the other - things that are of no real consequence - the door is shut, and can be opened only from the outside."

Letters from Prison - November 21, 1943 - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Prayer for the Week

O God of all the prophets,
you herald the coming of the Son of Man by wondrous signs in the heavens
and on the earth.

Guard our hearts from despair so that we, in the company of the faithful
and by the power of your Holy Spirit, may be found ready to raise our heads
at the coming near of our redemption, the day of Jesus Christ. Amen.

We pray for all who are unwell or may be unable to get to church, especially Francine & Meindert Aits, Meryl Bennett, Hazel Burgess, Helen Davis, Joy Everingham, Maurice & Maureen Gann, Enid Lazell, Pam Lees, Barbara Martin, Nina Seaman, Eileen Tresidder, Joy Webster, Graham & Joyce Whistance, John Wilkins and Gladys & John Wilkinson.

John Wilson, an outstanding, hard-working former Circuit Treasurer and Steward, will be 90 on 12th December. He and his late wife Marlene were also well-loved members of Barham Church and village community, before transferring to St Peter's where their grandson Sam now worships.

If anyone wishes to send him greetings, please contact Jenny.

Also this week

Saturday 8 10.00-2.00 pm Amnesty International will be holding a *Write for Rights* day at the Salvation Army annexe (next to the main hall). They hope you will come along and sign greeting cards to some of our Prisoners of Conscience to show them that they are in our thoughts at this time. Refreshments will be available as will a small sale of Christmas cards and decorations and a children's lucky dip. Entrance is free. *Barbara Rogers*

Friday 7, Saturday 8 and Sunday 9

Christmas Tree Festival at Trinity Church Deal. Refreshments, lunches and stalls. Full details on poster in Foyer

Sunday 9 3.30 pm Music in Mortimer Street: *Cameo Opera – Cabaret Style Celebration of Christmas.* Tickets £14. To reserve a place ring 01227 361733 or 07904 105577

 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 in the Vestibule, by the Catching Lives box.

Looking Ahead

December

Monday 10 Gateway Christmas Meal.

The Circuit Eisteddfod will be held at St John's Methodist Church, Whitstable on Saturday 2nd March 2019. It is a great day of friendly competition and a good chance to be together with others from around the Circuit. The syllabus can be viewed on the St John's website <http://www.stjohnsmethodistwhitstable.org.uk> Or on the Noticeboard in the Foyer

As the weather gets colder, it is perhaps a good opportunity to make a start on an item for one of the handicraft classes....

Catching Lives Night Shelter 2018-2019

St Peters is again providing overnight accommodation in the church hall for Canterbury homeless people on Wednesday evenings this winter, between the 31/10/2018 and the 27/3/2019. If you are able to volunteer to offer fellowship and light refreshments to those making use of the service, please sign up on the list on the table in the entrance to the church. Two people are required per night and you are requested to be there from 7pm until approximately 9.30 - 10pm. Catching Lives provides the overnight supervisory staff. See Richard Cockell for details. Many thanks.



October was a busier than expected month for the night shelter. At least 6 'guests' were subsequently found accommodation after staying in the night shelter and many more continue to receive help from the Catching Lives day centre. We are grateful for the support of the 7 churches involved but remain desperately short of volunteers to support us in our work and would urge anyone interested to get in touch for a chat. People do not have to commit to a regular shift pattern; even one evening is one less for us to cover.

If you are able to help, especially with offering overnight support, speak to Richard Cockell or directly to James, Aziza Kilmister or Lei Brophy at Catching Lives on 01227 464904

Calais Support

There will be another visit to Calais and Dunkerque on **Saturday 15 December** to support the work with refugees there. If you can help, with donations of either money or clothing, it would be much appreciated. Men's clothing is most urgently needed, small and medium sizes, including jogging bottoms, jeans, T shirts, sweaters, trainers, walking boots. Small tubes of toothpaste are also needed.. Please leave donations at the Salvation Army between 10 00 – 2.00 pm on weekdays. Margaret King has offered to collect items, if necessary, tel: 01227 464435.

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