

ST PETER'S METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 25 November 2018 Gospel Reading: John 18:33-37

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.

10.30 am Service at Old Wives Lees Village Hall

10.30 am Morning Worship & Junior Church

The Service will be led by Revd Timothy Nicholls

Church Stewards: Maureen Stocker, Helen Brown and Ben Alcock

Lesson Readers: Jill Butler and Ruth Denton

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.

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 26 November- 2 December 2018

- Wednesday 28** **10.00 am Service of Holy Communion** in the Church led by Revd John Bown.
10.30 – 12 noon Wednesday Morning Coffee will be served in the Foyer.
- Thursday 29** **8.00 pm *Ichthus* Student Group** meets in the Upper Room
- Friday 30** **9.00 – 10.30 am Morning Coffee Drop-in** for toddlers and their parents/carers
- Saturday 1
December** **10.00-3.00pm Action for Children Charity Fair.** Stalls include: cakes; crafts; cards; books and bric-a-brac. Refreshments will be available all day, including homemade soups. Please come along and support these worthy causes. If anyone has any books, bric-a-brac or cakes to donate for the Action for Children stalls, or can offer any help on the day, please contact Ruth Denton on 01304 830035 or ruth.h.denton@talktalk.net.
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Advent Sunday - 2 December 2018

- 10.00 am** **Service at Old Wives Lees Village Hall** 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
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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 attached to 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....

For Our Prayers

Thought for the Week

I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve. —**Albert Schweitzer**

Prayer for the Week

Most High God, majestic and almighty,
our beginning and our end:
rule in our hearts
and guide us to be faithful in our daily actions,
worshipping the one who comes
as Saviour and Sovereign,
and who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God. 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.

Remembrance Poppy Project

Margaret Anderson would like to offer a special word of thanks for all who were involved in making poppies for the Church commemoration of the end of hostilities in World War One, and to the Junior Church and the pupils of St Peter's Primary for their contributions. Thank you to Margaret too for organising the display.

Calais Support

There will be another visit to Calais and Dunkerque on Saturday 8 December to support the work with refugees there. If you can help, with donations of either money or clothing, it would be much appreciated. Women's and children's clothing is most urgently 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.

Looking Ahead

December

Thursday 6 7.00m pm Amos Trust Carol Service at our Church. Leading peace activist, Zoughbi Zouighbi and Lucy Thalgieh from Wi'am Reconciliation Centre in Bethlehem plus 6 members of Choir of Bethlehem on their first visit to the UK. All proceeds to Amos Christmas Appeal. More details on poster in Foyer

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*

Catching Lives Night Shelter 2018-2019

St Peters is again providing overnight accommodation in the church hall for Canterbury homeless 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 left 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



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.

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