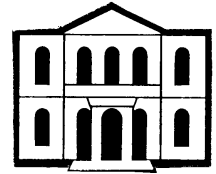


# ST PETER'S METHODIST CHURCH



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Charity No. 1128069

St Peter's is a full member of Churches Together in Canterbury

St Peter's and other churches in the Canterbury & Coastal Circuit are Fair Trade Churches.

## Looking Ahead

February

**Saturday 11 2.30 – 4.00 pm Christian Aid Party** in the Hall. Film Focus on CAW 2012 followed by Tea and Home-made cakes. A warm welcome awaits you.

### The Big Read 2012

Over Lent, Christians across Britain and the world will be meeting together to study the Bible and grow in faith together. **The Big Read 2012** offers a variety of resources for housegroups, focusing on Tom Wright's new book, 'Lent for Everyone: Mark'. The book is available from SPCK and is accompanied by a whole host of free online resources.

### Take a Fresh Look

A new book offers an introduction to **fresh expressions of church and pioneer ministry**. Fresh! will be published by SCM Press in March 2012. Written by David Goodhew, Michael Volland and Methodist minister Andrew Roberts, the book can be ordered at a reduced price of £15 including P&P (normally £20 + P&P) until 15th February 2012 - call 01603 785925.

### Something to Celebrate

The first ever statistical analysis of the Fresh Expressions movement has concluded that **at least 2,000 Methodist and Anglican fresh expressions** of church or new congregations across Britain have developed since the beginning of the movement. We think this is massively encouraging (the stats are focused on the Church of England, but the bigger picture on ecumenical Fresh Expressions is in there too).

If you would like more information on these articles which were included in an email from the Methodist News Office, please have a word with Jenny.

**Items for the next Notice Sheet should be with me by 10.00 pm on Wednesday.**

**Please note that the sheet produced on 11 February will be for two**

**weeks.** Items for inclusion should be with me by 10.00 pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>.

Normal service will resume on 25 February. Jenny Devenish, 01227 456359, email.jenny.deven@btinternet.com



## Notice Sheet for 29 January 2012

**Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28**

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, would you please complete one of the Welcome Cards which are available at the back of the Church - ask one of the Door or Church Stewards.

Everyone is welcome to enjoy fellowship over tea, coffee or squash after the morning service. Visitors and newcomers are especially welcome to stay.

**10.00 am Service at Old Wives Lees Chapel** led by Revd Helen Letley

**10.30 am Worship & Junior Church**

The Service will be led by Revd Geoff Boxer

**We are pleased to welcome Lee and Alexa Andrews to our service, with their family and friends. They have brought Verity Rose for Baptism**

Church Stewards: Will Howe, Jonathan Little & Kaye Merrywest

Lesson Readers: Louise Anstey-Watson & Jemima Wade

**There will be a short dedication of the New Cross in the Hall**, which has been donated by Kent College to mark our Bi-centenary. Would as many of you as are able to stay please make your way into the Hall when the service has finished

**6.30 pm Evening Worship, which will be a Youth Service** led by Miss Kerrie Morgan.

Church Steward: Will Howe

*Speak to the Stewards for details of the Crèche which is available during the Morning Service and 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**

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## Notices for 30 January – 5 February 2012

- Tuesday 31**     **7. 00pm** Geoff and Angie will be hosting the **Alpha Course** at the Manse. Simply come along to find out more.  
    **“LIFE is worth exploring...!”**
- Wednesday 1 February**     **10.00 am** **Holy Communion in the Church** led by Revd Geoff Boxer  
    **10.30-12 noon** **Wednesday Morning Coffee** will be served in the Foyer.  
    **10.45am** **Toward a New Understanding of Jesus - An Unfinished Journey.** The group will gather in the Wesley Room and will be a conversation between us arising out of our reading of Study Seven on ‘Hospitality’ which focuses on Galatians 1.11-24. The group is open to anyone who is interested and regular participation is not a condition! Come when you wish. Ted Bishop has copies of the book we are using if you plan to come. The date of the next meeting in March has yet to be fixed as the room will not be available.  
    **3.00 pm** **Wesley House Group** meets. *Conversations with Jesus*, Unit 4: *Jesus asks the important question.\**  
    **7.45 am** **Bridge House Group** meets to look at Ch. 6 of *Is Religion Irrational: Is God Free?\**  
    **7.45 am** **Contemplative Prayer Group** meets in the Eastbridge Hospital Chapel. Building open from 7.30 pm. All Welcome.
- Thursday 2**     **1.30 pm** **Pebbles Group** for toddlers and their parents/carers.  
    **6.30 – 7.45 pm** **Youth Group:** *Drama*  
    **7.30 pm** **Circuit Leadership Team Meeting** at The United Church, Herne Bay.  
    **8.00 pm** **Ichthus Student Group** meets in the Upper Room
- Friday 3**     **9.00 – 10.30 am** **Friday Coffee/Drop-in** for parents and carers.

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### Education Sunday - 5 February 2012

- 9.30 am**     **United Service at St John ‘s Parish Church, Barham**
- 10.00 am**     **Service at Old Wives Lees Chapel** led by Mrs Linsey Howe
- 10.30 am**     **Worship & Junior Church**  
The Service will be led by Revd Dr Paul Glass  
Church Stewards: Angela Gibbens, Kaye Merrywest & Macdonald Mauchaza  
Lesson Readers: John Wilkins & Helen Brown
- 3.00 pm**     **Service in Stelling Village Hall**, including Holy Communion, led by Revd Geoff Boxer
- 6.30 pm**     **Evening Worship**  
The Service will include Holy Communion and be led by Revd Geoff Boxer.  
Church Steward: Macdonald Mauchaza  
Lesson Readers: Jill Butler & Debbie Powell

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*\*Not at the Church. For more information contact the Circuit Office.*

## For Our Prayers

### Thought for the Week:

*“Faith is the means by which the infirmity of man  
Lays hold of the infinity of God”*

### Prayer for the Week:

Christ, look upon us in this city,  
And keep our sympathy and pity  
Fresh, and our faces heavenward;  
Lest we grow hard.

*Thomas Ashe*

### The Alpha Course

The Alpha Course has begun at the Manse and will run for the next 10 weeks. It is an excellent way of reminding ourselves of the fundamentals of our Christian Faith. I have also personally seen how God has wonderfully changed lives through this course.  
It's still **not too late** to join, so why not come along this coming Tuesday?



We pray for all who are unwell or may be unable to get to church, especially **May Gurr, Muriel Kempthorne, Margaret Withers, Hazel Burgess, Olive Cutting, Joyce Stickels, Gladys Marsh, Pam Lees, Bob & Renee Matthews, Pam Lee Evans, Rita & Max Maxwell, June Neatham, Gordon Luck and Pauline Bailey** who is now recovering at home.

### Congratulations to Kent College:

**We are delighted to be able to inform you that Kent College, Canterbury is the London and South East Region winner of the Church School Awards 2012.**

The judges were impressed by their commitment to living on a large map via their Global School Partnership with Klerruu High School, Iringa Tanzania and their involvement with the local community via the farm and music outreach programme as well as lots of other aspects of their community life.

This means that they will travel to London on 22 March to make a presentation at a gala event where they will meet the winning schools from the other four regions of the country.

The latest edition of Dr Marshall's Quiz is available, entitled “Bankers' Bonanza”. **The closing date is 14 April. Copies are available, price £1, and if you would like one please see Joy or Glen Sharman.**