

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY APRIL 29th 2018
THE 5th OF EASTER

Today

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who turned out for the Working party yesterday. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated.

7.30pm ANNUAL VESTRY and PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING in the Church Hall.

Anyone named on the Electoral Roll as per the list at the back of church is eligible to attend the APCM and vote accordingly.

We welcome back David Friel from his paternity leave, congratulate he and Marion on the safe arrival of baby Isla and extend very big thanks to both David Twigg and Neil Crawford for standing in and doing such a great job!

Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion.

Thursday

Today is Polling Day and the church hall is being used as a Polling Station so will be unavailable for the usual group activities.

Friday

9.00 am Morning Prayer (Said)

Next Sunday – 6th of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

Sunday 13th -20th May sees the start of Christian Aid Week:

Two weeks to go - lots more volunteers needed for house-to-house collections, preparing packs and making cakes. Speak to Julia Howl and sign-up at the back of church. Many thanks.

Thinking of Getting Confirmed?

Confirmation involves a short course of classes after Easter, followed by a special service led by Bishop Mark Santer in St. George's Church Edgbaston on June 23rd at 10:30am. For more information, speak to Fr Graeme. Sign-up sheet at back of church.

Prayer Spaces in Schools are events that are hosted by members of local churches to give children the opportunity to connect with God in different ways. They involve setting up activities which help children creatively reflect or pray about a particular topic. Plans are in place for Prayer Spaces in St Peter's School during the week beginning 8th May. Volunteers are needed to be present while the children visit the prayer stations. For more information or to offer help, please contact Ruth on ruth@stpeterharborne.org.uk or via the Parish Office.

Open church 2018

It's that time of year again when we contemplate opening the church to the public on a Thursday afternoon between 1 and 3pm. Charlie Chadwick kindly organises a rota for people to 'steward' the church. It is preferable that two people at a time do this, and if you are able to help out for a couple of hours, please look for the sign-up sheet at the back of church. The first session is scheduled for THURSDAY MAY 24th.

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S CHURCH

*Growing in Love, Deepening Faith,
Working for God, Welcoming All*

To Newcomers:

We are especially glad to see you. By way of introduction please fill in a pew slip and return it to a Sidesperson or contact the Parish Office on 681 1940.

Please join us for coffee served in the hall after the 10 am Service

Please take this notice sheet home.

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SERVICES

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION

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10.00 am PARISH COMMUNION

Common Worship ~ HA & M ~ Ledsham

Please note that the side chapel is equipped with toys and soft-play equipment with an audio connection to the service.

Hymn: 203

Gradual Hymn: 209

Sermon: The Vicar

Offertory Hymn: 546

Anthem: The Call-Vaughan Williams

Communion Hymn: 557

Final Hymn: 721

6.30pm

EVENSONG

Green Prayer Book ~ HA & M

Hymn: 200(i) (om.v.4&5)

Psalms: 22 (v. 25-31)

OT Lesson: Isaiah 60.1-14

NT Lesson: Revelations 3.1-13

Hymn: 211 (om. v.2)

Anthem: O Taste and See-Vaughan Williams

Sermon: The Vicar

Hymn: 218

As many of you may know, Jan Willcox will soon be retiring as Church Warden after 8 years of dedicated service. Although she will loyally continue to serve in other aspects of church life, we would like to thank her formally for her contribution to the St. Peter's family in the time-honoured way! Donations to be made to the Parish Office please. Thank you.

RIP

Raymond Poland Bill Barker

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Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading
Acts 8.26-end

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news

about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Second Reading

John 15.1-8

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.