



DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

A BIG thank you to Cian O'Dwyer for playing the organ whilst Simon Palmer takes a well-earned rest, as do the choir!

Today: If you wish to receive communion or a blessing in your pew, please let the wardens know. When receiving communion at the altar rail, please take up places from the right-hand side, waiting for those ahead of you to receive the elements, and leave via the side aisles to avoid congestion. If you wish to receive the wine of Communion, this is received directly from the chalice; **we ask that you do not intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine.**

Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion with Revd Canon Kate Stowe

NEXT WEEK

The 3rd Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE REMAINS CLOSED UNTIL TUESDAY APRIL 29TH WHEN IT WILL RE-OPEN AT 9.00AM

In May 2023 the PCC voted to request permission from the Bishop of Birmingham to allow children to be admitted to communion before confirmation, following a period of preparation. The Bishop replied granting permission and expressing great appreciation and support for our ministry with children. A number of our young people have been preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time and are now ready to take this important step. They will be admitted to communion during the Parish Eucharist on **Sunday 11 May**. Please do pray for them and come and rejoice with them in church that day.

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.

Pew slips can be found at the back of the church.

Please take this notice sheet home.

www.stpeterharborne.org.uk

Email: parishoffice@stpeterharborne.org.uk

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY April 27th 2025

2nd SUNDAY of EASTER

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

Green Prayer Book

10.00am PARISH COMMUNION

Common Worship ~ HA & M ~ Rizza

Organ Voluntary: Adagio in A minor ~ J.S Bach

First Hymn: 209

Gradual: 653

Sermon: The Venerable Jenny Tomlinson

Offertory Hymn: 207

Communion Hymn: 455

Final Hymn: 203

Recessional Voluntary: Postlude: Grand Choeur

~ Alexandre Guilmant

6.30pm

NO EVENING SERVICE

RIP: Pauline Rea

Canon John Hoskins

Yellow GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you donate cash or cheque using one of the yellow envelopes and are a UK taxpayer, please fill your name and postcode in on the front of the envelope. This allows us to claim an extra 25p from HMRC for every £1 you give. This can make a big difference to the income of the church, giving us more to fund God's work.

WHERE DO YOUR TALENTS LIE?

Are you good at helping others – young and old? Can you plan, organise, help out at social events? Are you someone handy with the tools and good at fixing things? Is admin & paperwork your forte? Do you have a head for figures? ST. PETER'S IS ALWAYS IN NEED OF A HELPING HAND IN MANY WAYS. DO CHAT WITH REVD. KATE IF YOU CAN



OFFER YOUR SERVICES IN ANY WAY AND JOIN ONE OF OUR COMMITTEES AND GROUPS.

SUNDAY April 27th 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Acts 5.27-32

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Gospel Reading

John 20.19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that

Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.



TO CELEBRATE the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII, we are holding a 'street-party' picnic and sing-along concert on **SATURDAY MAY 17th, 2-5pm**. We would like to have a display of any memorabilia, artefacts, bits and bobs from the 1940s – so have a delve into the archives and the attic and see if there is anything you could bring along on the day.

This also coincides with the end of Christian Aid Week, also celebrating its 80th anniversary this year. And the church hall garden is 26 in May! At the back of church there is a **sheet of suggestions** for your 1940s style picnic, and a **sign-up sheet** if you are able to bring and share a "ration recipe" item. If you can help on the day, speak to Jo Werrin, Anne Collins or Maggie Davies. Oh – and there will be the **pull-a-string bottle stall** on the day, so contributions welcomed.

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated their used branded printer cartridges, which have gone to the charity Just 4Children - <https://just4children.org/>. If you are not already handing them in to another charity or recycling facility, please do **continue** to put them in the box in the church porch.

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Two weeks to go...Christian Aid Week 11 – 17th May 2025 7 days to make a difference

This year's Christian Aid Week stories take us to Guatemala, a country dealing with immense challenges:

- More than half of the population work in agriculture, yet Guatemala is a hunger hotspot.
- Guatemala has one of the highest rates globally of stunted children.
- Guatemala is one of the 10 countries in the world rated most vulnerable to climate change.

At St Peter's we will join with thousands of other churches during Christian Aid week to raise funds and pray to support Christian Aid's work in Guatemala. In addition to our usual church activities could you do your own fund raising - could you take on the 70k in May challenge? This can be a personal or team challenge to travel 70 km by any means – walk, run, cycle or swim, during May Christian Aid Week 70k in May. You can find out much more about

Christian Aid and what is happening during Christian Aid Week by
going to their website or speak to Julia
Julia.howl@hotmail.com or 07818 485286.