

What's on....

St. Peter's:

Sunday 28th May

- 10.00am Interregnum Prayer
 10.30am Communion led by
 Rev. David Scott *with
 Kids Church*
Reading: Acts 1:6-14
 7.30 for 8pm Overflow Deeper

Monday

- 1.30pm Tinkers

Tuesday

- 7.30pm Thy Kingdom Come
 prayer meeting

Wednesday

- 10am Treasure Hunting
 3.30pm Kidz Klub

Thursday

- 2pm-4pm Thursday Fellowship

Friday

- 6.30pm Hustings

Saturday

- 10am -12pm Pop In
 10am – 6pm Pop in 4 Craft
 1pm -4pm Picnic in the Park

Sunday 4th June

- 10.00am Interregnum Prayer
 10.30am Morning Celebration
 with Kids Church
 1.30pm Games Club

St. Paul's

Sunday 28th May

- 8.30am Communion by Extension
 10.30am Coffee and prayer
 6.30pm Evening Service

Tuesday

- 10.00am Quiet Space

Sunday 4th June

- 8.30am Communion by Extension
 10.30am Coffee and prayer
 6.30pm Evening Service



Parish Profile

We are very excited to announce that the Parish Profile has been completed, approved by PCC and sent to the Archdeacon, Simon Burton-Jones for publication. We're on the way to getting our new Vicar!

The Profile Team have done a fantastic job of collating and sorting all the information needed to produce the document, with many meetings, hours of work and countless drafts before finally producing the Profile. They deserve huge thanks from us all for their hard work and dedication. The Archdeacon and Rural Dean have both commented on what a professional and attractive document we have produced.

Thank you so much to all the individuals and groups who replied to our appeals for material for the profile. We really valued and appreciated your input, and used as much as was possible without making the document enormous! It has been such an exciting time compiling the profile and brought home to many of us just how much we do as a church. We can honestly say we're proud of belonging to such an active and dedicated congregation. We are all doing God's work!

The Archdeacon will let us know when the advert will 'go live' and the closing date for applications, so that we can be prepared for the flood of applicants. We'll keep you informed at each stage. Please be praying that the person God has chosen for this position has an open heart to listen to His word, and gets his/her application in!

Once the Profile is 'live' we will have a copy in the church office for anyone who would like to have a look at it. Every blessing, Sue and John.

This week: Sue is leading at St. Peter's, Rev. David Scott is preaching and leading Communion and Gemma is leading worship. At St. Paul's Andy is leading, Anne is preaching and David is leading worship. Please pray for them as they prepare for the services.



Congratulations!

- To Madeleine and Wayne Barnes on the birth of their son Lucas on Monday 22nd
- to Bobby Andrews and Grace Walsh on their wedding on Saturday 27th.
- And to Caz Mills who has just passed her BAP and will be training to be a vicar in Trinity College Bristol.

Political Hustings at St Peter's Friday 2nd June 2017 at 6.30pm for refreshments with a prompt start at 7pm,

A political hustings is a great opportunity for our church to reach out and serve our local community, providing people with the opportunity to put specific questions to all the candidates at the same time first hand, comparing and contrasting their answers.

The hustings creates a real opportunity to begin to build relationships with those who will be elected to represent us. Through hosting such a meeting, our church folks demonstrate hospitality, interest in political issues, the aspiration of personal integrity and a wider concern for individuals beyond the church walls. Many local visitors will come in who may never have entered a church gathering before. So let us come on Friday 2nd June and participate in this witness to our community and offer them this opportunity to engage with the candidates so we can all be more informed for our vote on 8th June.

Office Closed

Next week is Half Term so the office will be on reduced hours, but I will be picking up emails and telephone messages, so please feel free to contact me if you need me.

Holiday at Blackpool

Thursday 10th and Friday 11th August 10am-4pm St Peter's Church Hextable.

We are travelling to Blackpool for our annual Holiday at Home and asking if anyone is free and able to help us with our Churches Together in Swanley and District event for older folk who are 'young at heart' .

Help is needed especially for:
lifts

setting up on Wednesday 9th August.
clearing away on Friday 11th
serving
making cakes and trifles
helping with activities: craft, flower arranging/ nail bar etc
general help during the days
sitting and chatting to our guests
help with administration.

if you have any seaside or Blackpool memorabilia that we could use in the decoration of the church.

If you could help if only for a short time we would be very grateful. Please contact John and Lorna 01322 271657 or lorna.kahan@hotmail.co.uk

Collect for Seventh Sunday of Easter

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Swanley Village Garden Safari

Swanley Village are trying to organise a garden safari round the village in aid of Ellenor (our local hospice). We are looking for villagers who would be happy to have visitors to their garden/allotment on one afternoon next summer. Your garden doesn't have to be beautifully manicured, just well loved. The team at Ellenor are really excited about this opportunity and are prepared to offer as much guidance as we need. So if you are interested, please see Daphne Davis or Donna Hoy or telephone Elaine Freundlich '662757 to get your name on the list and be part of this fundraising effort for a very worthy cause. Thank you.

TESS Summer Sale

Saturday, 17th June, 9.30 to 5.30
AND Coffee Morning **on Monday 19th June, 9.30 to 12.30**

I'd like to thank everyone for their fantastic support for Teso Educational Support Services – your generosity last year enabled me to raise one of the largest sums ever: I sent TESS just over £4,000 for its wonderful work in Teso, a very poor part of Uganda, helping bright but desperately poor students to pursue their dream of continuing their education after primary school. The next sale will be held at my home at 5 Spring Vale Close, (off Egerton Avenue) Hextable, BR8 7LR all day on Saturday, 17th June and then on the following Monday morning, 19th June, from 9.30 am. If you can't make those dates, I will happily arrange another time for you! Phone me on 01322 664086 or send me an email: philptanne@gmail.com Everyone is invited, old and young! Family and friends too!

Anne Philpott

Pauline has a special birthday in June.

Believe it or not Pauline Pearson will be 70 in June! We would love all our family, church and other friends and work colleagues to come to tea at our home to celebrate with us, but our place and the garden is not that large and the parking.... well that would be interesting! So we have set aside a half day on **Sunday 25th June** and are inviting people to drop in at some point – hopefully not all at the same time! We will be serving refreshments through the afternoon from 1.30 until 6.00pm. It should be fun. Our address is Pine Cottage, Beechenlea Lane, Swanley Village, BR8 7PR.

Please note there is very limited parking, so if you are able to, it would be best to park in School Lane and walk from there. We are about 100 meters up the Beechenlea Lane from Swanley Village Road. Some parking should be available and for those unable to walk any distance we will, of course, do our best to reserve a space for you. No presents please – just your presence.

If you are hoping to join us, it would help with the catering arrangements if you could let David know pearsondavid45@gmail.com

Pentecost Celebrations

We are holding a “Picnic in the Park” on **Sunday 4th June from 1pm to 4pm** on the Recreation Ground in Swanley (behind the Civic Centre in St. Mary’s Road). Congregations are invited to join us immediately after their morning services and bring a packed lunch. We will be having our usual TEA TENT with free tea/coffee/cold drinks/cakes and biscuits. There will be some activities for children and the ever popular Puppet Theatre provided by Ian Packham and his team. Volunteers are needed to help with this event.

If you can help on the day with setting up – please contact Chrissy Hudson on 01322 662271.

If you can help in the Tea Tent – please contact Margaret Hammond on 01322 277727. Any donations of cakes biscuits will be gratefully received!

If you can help with Childrens Activities – please contact Karen Jeffreys on 01322 665515

Thursday Fellowship, help needed!

29th June and 6th July.

John and I will be away for our annual holiday and wondered if there was anyone who would be free to help our team on 29th June and 6th July.

Help especially would be needed with setting up and clearing away, helping with teas and maybe with the lifts.

We would be very grateful for any assistance if only for a short time in the afternoon otherwise we may have to close for those days and that would be a real shame as our members so look forward to their time together.

If you can help please contact lorna.kahan@hotmail.co.uk or 01322 271657.

JUST ONE

Saturday 8th July - Emirates Stadium, London. 3pm – 6pm.

Just One Day – Just One Message – Just One Invitation

We are invited to Come and Celebrate our Christian Faith and bring others to hear the Good News about Jesus Christ. Leading worship will be Matt Redman, Hillsongs and the London Community Gospel Choir. J John will be speaking. We are planning to run a coach with pick ups in Hextable and Swanley. COST will be £10 for your event ticket and £10 for the Coach. If you are interested in coming please speak to Andy Hammond (277727) or Chrissy Hudson (662271).

Brian Lewis funeral.

Brian’s funeral will be on **Saturday 10th June, 3pm** at St. Paul’s, followed by refreshments at Hextable Methodist Church. All are welcome to attend.

Gideons International Friends Summer Meeting

Please come along to our meeting at Sidcup Baptist Church on **Saturday 3rd June at 3pm**, where we will be joined by guest speakers Roger and Annabelle Howes. Refreshments including

Strawberries and cream will be available! Please contact Andy or Margaret on 01322 277727

Thy Kingdom Come 2017

“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened” – Luke 11:9-10

Justin Welby the Archbishop of Canterbury is inviting churches, families and individuals to join a global wave of prayer for more people to come to know Jesus Christ between **25th May- Ascension Day, and 4th June – Pentecost.**

Churches Together in England is encouraging all church traditions to participate in this week of prayer. The Archbishop has said that he finds prayer sometimes comes easy and at other times is a struggle, but the act of meeting with God in conversation, silence and longing- is not just another thing that we do. It’s the breath that sustains us, the thing that God calls us to before we think or do anything else. Prayer is the place where change begins. We live in challenging times and sometimes it’s hard to know how to pray. Our prayer for these nine days ‘Come Holy Spirit; Thy kingdom Come’ expresses our need and desire for the healing presence of Christ.

We are encouraged to pray for five of our family, friends or colleagues who don’t know Jesus on a daily basis that they come into a relationship with Him. There will be the opportunity to invite them to the JJohn event ‘Just One’ at the Emirates Stadium on 8th July (see details on page 3). There are opportunities for all church groups to get involved in prayer and the Thy Kingdom Come website (www.thykingdomcome.global) has lots of ideas. There will be a prayer evening in the lounge at St. Peter’s on **Tuesday 30th May between 7.30 and 9pm** as part of the prayer initiative. Please come along and take this opportunity to add your prayers to those of the nation.

The nine days of prayer will culminate in the ‘Picnic in the Park’ on Swanley Rec on 4th June (details on page 3). See you there! Andy.

Church Weekend – Speaker Announced!

June 8th-10th 2018

We are very excited to announce that **Mark Melluish** has agreed to be our speaker for the Church weekend. Mark and his wife Lindsay live in West London, where they lead St Paul's Church, Ealing. They have a particular heart to make church relevant and accessible in today's culture and have worked at this during their 23 years at St Paul's. Mark is a well-respected and dynamic speaker and we are very pleased that he has agreed to join us for the weekend.

Building Project

Please be aware that for health and safety reasons there is no unauthorised access to the building site. If you wish to gain access for any reason, please contact the church office.

Church Team Leaders

Baptisms: Margaret Hammond (277727)

Catering: Margaret Hammond (277727) and Lyn Moseley (669967)

DIVAS: Maggie Carpenter (660217)

Evangelism: John Wigginton (669289)

Foodbank: Margaret Hammond (277727)
John Kahan (271657)

Kidz Klub: Glenn Walsh (662320)

Kindergarten: Sam Butler (662320)

Life Groups: Maggie Carpenter (660217)

Live Play: Glenn Walsh (662320)

LNMB: John Wigginton

Mission Giving: Andy Birmingham (668387)

Healing Prayer & Mission: Andy Hammond (277727)

Overflow Worship: Sam Ball and Gemma Turnbull. (662320)

Prayer Ministry: Andy Hammond (277727))

Pop In For Craft: Alison Bateman (662320)

Saturday Pop In: John Kahan (271657)

Sound Team@St.Peter's: Steve Ball

St. Paul's Guild: Noel Chilton (665314)

St. Paul's Worship: David Rebel (662320)

St. Peter's Guild: Caroline Martin (615245)

St. Peter's Worship: Steve Ball (662320)

Tinkers: Lorna Kahan (271657) and Caroline Martin (615245)

Thursday Fellowship: John and Lorna Kahan (271657)

Weddings: Sue Haward (662320)

Leadership Team:

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Advisors to Leadership:

Steve Ball - (662320)

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Churchwardens: Sue Haward, John Wigginton

Youth Minister: Glenn Walsh

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Treasurer: Chris Redmond (664226)

P.C.C. Secretary: David Pearson (666362)

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Safeguarding officers: Andy Birmingham (668387) & Barbara Ball (665422) Sam Butler (Kindergarten)

Life Groups

Life groups are informal mid-week meetings for teaching, worship, prayer and mutual support. All groups meet on a rolling fortnight unless otherwise stated

TUESDAYS

Ken & Sylvia Grist,
51 St David's Road at 8pm (667748)

WEDNESDAYS

Meryl & Paul Wiggins,
40 Home Hill at 7.30pm (662957)

Lesley Pull,
St. Peter's Lounge at 10am (665101)

David and Jeanna Rebel
32 New Road at 7.45pm (01474393585)

Ian & Maggie Carpenter
32 Selah Drive 7.30 (660217)

THURSDAYS

Paul & Caroline Martin
45 St David's Road 8pm (615245)

David and Pauline Pearson
The Old Vicarage. 7.45pm (666362)

FRIDAYS

Lyn Moseley
St. Peter's Lounge 10am (669967)