

April 22nd 2018

**Welcome to St. Peter's, we hope
you enjoy your time with us.
Please stay for some
refreshments afterwards!**

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

I think we all know that church meetings have a reputation varying from AMAZING (but how often is this?) to DREADFUL! And yet, I really do believe that church meetings can be significant, stimulating, and spiritually dynamic occasions – honestly, they really can!

And believe it or not, even PCC meetings can be enjoyable – so I am pleased to say that there are members of the PCC who in recent years have returned to serve again in this capacity because they have heard that the PCC meetings are really good.

However, APCM's are a different matter! By their very nature, they are not too exciting as there are a number of legal elements that need to be accomplished – for example, accepting the Minutes from the APCM last year – and let's be honest, who amongst us can remember in detail all that was discussed then?

So, our meeting today will take place during our service, and therefore in the context of worship and prayer. Be ready to give thanks to God for all the many good things happening in the life of St. Peter's – and be ready too to pray for the significant challenges that we face.



CHURCH MEETINGS ARE BRILLIANT

We shall receive the Annual Report, elect two Churchwardens to serve a one year term, elect one person to the PCC for a three year term, and elect three people to the PCC to represent St. Peter's on the Deanery Synod.

This is also an opportunity to ask questions, discuss developments, share reflections, and listen to one another, so let me encourage you to stay positive, attentive – and ready to contribute to our time together.

Paul

Coming soon

Monday, April 23rd, 7.00 for 7.30, Appointing a Diocesan Bishop, Derby Cathedral

The Bishop of Derby, Alastair Redfern, is retiring on August 31st and this meeting to explain the process of appointing a new Diocesan Bishop is with the Archdeacon of Derby, Christopher Cunliffe, Vacancy-in-See Committee Chair; Nadine Waldron, Diocesan Registrar and Committee Secretary; and Committee members. There is also a meeting on May 15th at 7.30pm at St. Thomas' Church, Brampton with the Archbishops' Appointments' Secretary for this appointment, and Prime Minister's Appointments' Secretary, as well as Christopher Cunliffe and Nadine Waldron.

Tuesday, April 24th, 2.30, Afternoon Tea

With a different theme each month, come and enjoy a tea that has been described as '*Just like at The Savoy!*' This is followed by Service of Evening Prayer at 3.45-4.00. Future dates are May 22nd and June 12th.

Monday, April 30th, 10.00-4.00, Prayer For Today, St. Francis, Mackworth

Led by Bishop Alastair and Revd. Glenn Martin, this is a day to explore and experience prayer in different forms and to introduce the community of Oblation. Here is an opportunity to renew and refresh your prayer life. Lunch and drinks provided. Book your place through the Bishop's office by Monday April 16th: asst@bishopofderby.org

Thursday, May 10th, to Sunday, May 20th, Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a global movement led by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The aim is to encourage Christians to pray for others to respond to the Good News of Jesus, particularly during the period between Ascension Day, on May 10th, and Pentecost Sunday, on May 20th. We will be including this in our prayers. In addition, there are two ways for Christians of all denominations to worship together and pray for evangelism in our city. Firstly, by going to the 24/7 prayer room at St. Alkmund's from May 13 – 19, and secondly, at a Beacon event on Pentecost Sunday at Derby Cathedral at 6pm.



Saturday, May 19th, 10.00-5.00, Pursuing His Presence, Riverside Centre, Derby

Join members of churches across the city and further afield for a day of equipping and encounter, with teams experienced in hosting the presence of God and enabling others to encounter His presence for themselves. The sessions will be helpful for anyone who is hungry to deepen their relationship with God and discover how He communicates His heart and purposes to us in so many different ways.

With a number of guest speakers and teams from Jubilee Church, Derby and Kings Church, Horsham, the programme will include main sessions and times of worship, and a number of seminars. The price for the conference is £15.00 per person.

Sunday, June 3rd, 12.30, Lunch together after the service

You are invited to join us, and bring the family – all welcome! The next date is July 22nd when we will have a BBQ in the Vicarage garden.

Lent Project – pick up the leaflet

Please prayerfully consider how you can contribute towards the two projects we are supporting for our Lent Project. Please see the leaflet for more information. They are:

1. Bible translation into Balti, in Baltistan, Northern Pakistan. £1000 is required to produce 300 SanDisk that can be inserted into phones.
2. Mahamaya Education Centre. The Cathedral Relief Service works in city slums in metropolitan Kolkata and rural villages in surrounding districts. The balance of our donations will go towards the construction of an education and multi-purpose centre in the village of Mahamaya, West Bengal.

Words of thanks and farewell from Jeanette Cummings

Jeanette and Russ have moved to Exeter, and she writes these words of appreciation: *I can truly say that St. Peter's has been perfect for me. St. Peter's was in interregnum at the time I walked in and heard Anita lead the service and give the talk and I was hooked. It may not have the wealth of the larger churches but what it has is used wisely, inclusively and to God's glory. I'm sorry if I appear to have sneaked away but the Baptism service in February on my last Sunday was a truly wonderful and lasting memory and God-sent because He knew I wouldn't want a fuss. Thank you to everyone for your love, friendship and faithful prayer, I keep you all in my prayers daily and remembers those in need of God's healing grace and a tangible sense of His presence. I love and miss you all and pray that God will bless and watch over you always.*

Service of Confirmation at Derby Cathedral

Congratulations to members of St. Peter's who were Confirmed by the Bishop of Derby at Derby Cathedral on Easter Eve. Those confirmed were Wayne, Peyman and Sareh, Verya and Robert. They were presented with their Confirmation Certificates at the Easter Sunday Service.

Prayer ...

People wearing a 'Prayer Team' badge would be glad to pray for you. Do not hesitate to ask for prayer, this can be for any concern you have, it needn't be a crisis! We all face difficulties and challenges, and prayer works! Or maybe you would like to thank God for answered prayer. `Whatever your situation, we'd love to pray with you! In an emergency, call Bren (07967 183601), and those on the prayer chain will pray for you.

IN THE WEEK

Monday to Friday, 10.00-3.00: Church is open

Tuesday and Friday, 11.00-12.30: refreshments are served

Friday, 12.30: Lunchtime Service

Sunday, 4.00-6.00: Table Talk

Space to take notes from today's readings, prayers and sermon.

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