



October 21st 2018

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

Two Things To Avoid

In Daniel 6, King Darius appoints 120 satraps (provincial governors) to rule throughout his kingdom in the ancient Persian empire. He places three administrators over them, one of whom is Daniel, who does such a great job that the king plans to appoint him over the whole kingdom.

Cue jealousy. The satraps plan his downfall. However, 'they could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy, and neither corrupt nor negligent' (Daniel 6:4). What a fabulous testimony for a leader.

He wasn't corrupt, which is all about the tendency to use the office for the benefit of oneself or those close to us. Some corruption is obvious; think heads of state who steal money for their own accounts, or are not entirely honest with an expense claim. Some corruption is more subtle; for example, ordering things in such a way that our preferences dominate the schedule.

He wasn't negligent, which is all about the tendency to cut corners when we can, to the detriment of those we lead. Not preparing properly for meetings; not stewarding well the gifts God has given us; not praying appropriately for those whom we have responsibility; not tackling difficult situations.

Two things to avoid. Corruption and negligence, not pretty. Instead, Daniel was trustworthy. He did what he said. He did things well. He served others not himself.

It might be worth 15 minutes with a coffee and a notebook. You may not be in contact with someone overseeing 120 satraps, but whatever your circumstances, how might you grow as a trustworthy follower of Jesus by avoiding corruption and negligence?

Paul

Coming soon

**Friday to Sunday, October 26th – 28th, What does the Lord ask of you?
Weekend Retreat Exploring Vocation, Convent of the Holy Name, Morley Road,
Oakwood, DE21 4TB**

Do you feel that God is calling you to something? How do you know if God is calling you? The Retreat begins at 4pm on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. It will be led by Sister Catherine CHN. A suggested donation is £100, with a £20 deposit. For enquiries and bookings contact the Assistant Superior, on 01332 671716 (ext 6) and assistantprovincialchn@yahoo.co.uk



Saturday, November 3rd, 8.00 – 10.00am, Prayer Breakfast

This is our monthly prayer breakfast, all welcome.

Sunday, November 4th, Gift Day followed by lunch together after the service

Please take home a Gift Day leaflet and prayerfully consider what you can give that would support the ongoing mission and ministry in the life of St. Peter's. We will be raising funds for Inside Out, Function Room chairs, and the Vicar's Discretionary Fund. More information is on the leaflet, please talk to Paul if you would like to discuss this further.

Following the service, you are invited to join us, and bring the family – all are welcome to come to lunch, and with a fun dingbats quiz too!

Tuesday, November 13th, 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. Next date is December 11th.

Saturday, November 17th, 11.00 – 3.00, St. Peter's in the City, Derby

The Derbyshire Branch of the Church of England Flower Arrangers Association (CEFAA) are holding a workshop here on. There will be 3 floral demonstrations with Christmas in mind. You are warmly invited to attend whether a flower arranger or not. Bring a packed lunch or eat local. Drinks provided. For more details, ring Margaret Phipers on 01332 239134 or 07866 776895.

Church Weekend Away

Friday, November 30th – Sunday December 2nd

Please help us by returning your application as soon as possible.

Then we will reserve your accommodation.

A leaflet is on the publicity table.

Can you cook lunch for 12 hungry people?

Every Tuesday at Inside Out, Paul, Anita, Darren and Wayne join with the Inside Out participants and a guest or two for lunch. This is a very important occasion both for the food – absolutely crucial – and also for the opportunity to grow the Inside Out community – equally crucial! Could you help once a month, once a term, every so often? Please have a word with Paul if you can or to discuss this further.



A wonderful encouragement

Sometimes I (Paul) receive a card that is so heartening, so encouraging, that I know it would be good to share it more widely. Here is an example – I opened this card on September 26th, and this is what I read:

Dear Vicar,

A few weeks ago your Sunday School children decorated some pebbles. Two close friends of mine presented me with one, I was very touched by their kind thought.

One day whilst meditating I became aware that I was lifted up, out of the 'Slough of Despond' and carried across the sands until being gently put down after a successful operation.

It was my thought that the children would like to know that one pebble was of help to one person at least. Praise be to God. Please thank them,

Yours sincerely,

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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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St. Peter's Centre office (01332 360790) is open:

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