



June 16th 2019

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

Things well done

I'm always impressed by things well done, whether it be a performance on television, a concert, a piece of writing, a work of art, a sporting achievement. Things well done are often subtle, not blatant or obvious. Things well done don't brag or call attention to themselves. In fact, if someone is calling attention to him or herself, usually it's a sign that the thing isn't enough to stand alone on its own merits.

If you're looking for things well done, you see them everywhere. I'm not a huge fan of 'Call the Midwife' but I read about the programme where the relatively small part of a character named Mabel Tillerson is played by the actress Anita Dobson.

We first meet her when Sister Julienne has come to her flat to inform her of her husband's death in the worst snowstorm in London in decades. Sister Julienne finds her almost dead because the flat is so cold, and when she is revived, there is this amazing scene in which we discover that Percy Tillerson was the worst kind of husband, abusive, terror-producing, overpowering, and his wife has lived a victim and a prisoner of his abuse for decades. When told of his death, she is relieved.

The "thing well done" that was noticed is the play of emotions across Anita Dobson's face as she works out, first of all, that her husband is dead, then, that she no longer has to be under his thumb and rule, and thirdly, that she is glad. With very little dialogue these two actresses pack more into this brief scene with their eyes and faces than most can do with pages of words. Things well done, but it was quick, and if you were not paying attention, you would have missed it.

Like so much in life, if you're not watching, if you're not walking or sitting with your eyes wide open and your ears alert, it would have escaped you. Things well done may be elusive, but they are so very worth watching and looking and waiting for.

I think of the story in Luke 7v38 where we read: *"As the woman stood behind Jesus at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them."* Things well done – she did it!

One of the challenges I have set myself is to be alert to things well done, to track them, to comment on them, whether to the people who do them or to someone who perhaps desperately needs to hear about them or see them, and to make much of them. Our world has too little of things well done and too much of things done badly.

Join with me in looking for things well done; let's call them to one another's attention and let's use them to make a positive statement in life. I'm in, will you join me?

Paul

Coming soon

Sunday, July 7th, Lunch together after the service

You are invited to join us, and bring the family – all are welcome to come to lunch after the 10.45 service – and with a dingbats quiz too!

Saturday, July 13th, from 8.00 – 10.00am, Prayer Breakfast

This is our monthly prayer breakfast, all welcome.

Hilary Streek

For personal reasons, Hilary has resigned as Paul's Personal Assistant, which includes the role of Administrator at St. Peter's. We are so grateful for all that Hilary achieved in her role, doing excellent work, and shall express our appreciation in the near future.

Vicar's Personal Assistant and Projects Administrator

We are hoping to make a new appointment to this post shortly. If you are interested, or would like to have a conversation about this, please have a word with Paul.

Lent Project

Thank you to everyone who has given to our Lent Project supporting Brace Bridge in Kolkata, where the Dalit community live by the railway tracks, and Green Pastures, who provide accommodation and support for the homeless. The total raised is £6,500. Thank you so much for such generous and joyful giving that others may be blessed. This is an amazing amount and is yet another demonstration that we have caring hearts and want to make a real difference wherever we can.

PCC Update

PCC news

This was the first 'normal' meeting of the new PCC following the Inside Out special meeting in March. Newly elected members were welcomed, but due to the small size of the PCC, it was agreed to co-opt Bill Poole as an additional member.

Friday Service

Derby City Mission are now leading this service with support from those who have led in the past. DCM will continue without this support from September.

Inside Out

We continue to be both encouraged and challenged – and seek the prayers of the congregation for this ministry with ex-offenders and those in danger of offending or re-offending. The Inside Out community is growing, the numbers of participants meeting with mentors is growing, but our need for more resources is also growing.

Leadership Community Day on June 22nd

This will be a significant occasion as we set time aside at Bradbourne Church Hall, near Ashbourne, to pray and look at the scriptures and seek guidance for the vision, strategy and future ministry of St. Peter's.

Safeguarding

We are making progress with completing the Safeguarding requirements. New literature including a 'Promoting a Safer Church' has come from the Deputy National Safeguarding Adviser to the Church of England and on the noticeboard.

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

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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