



July 14th 2019

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

Gift and Grace

I am not a Liverpool supporter but I am impressed by their manager, Jürgen Klopp, who has professed his Christian faith. Explaining the impact of his upbringing in a Lutheran home, he says: “There is nothing so important to me that I cannot bear to lose it, that is why I find I have no reason to fear. This lust for life is connected to my faith. I am a Christian and I see life as a gift that should be enjoyed sensibly.”

“Gift” has the same root as “grace”, the most central word in Christian vocabulary, while other words that flow from it — trust, freedom, confidence, generosity and abundance — are marks of Klopp’s approach to football.

In the background lies Martin Luther’s central affirmation that we are made right with God solely through receiving by faith his grace towards us in Jesus. The importance of our salvation sets us free to live joyfully, creatively and responsibly.

The most seminal Lutheran of the 20th century, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, coined the distinction between the “ultimate” salvation in Christ and the “penultimate” of living under Christ in this world. Klopp and Bonhoeffer drink from the same theological stream. Journalists note Klopp’s ability to regain perspective quickly after intense involvement in a match, to return rapidly to recognising its “penultimacy.” After losing the Europa League final to Seville in 2016, he said: “It’s not the most important thing in the world, it just feels like it.” Hours after last season’s Champions League final defeat by Real Madrid he was in a bar singing with Liverpool fans.

One result is he laughs more than any manager in the history of the Premier League! Another is liberating teams to play confidently and positively. The quickly taken corner by Trent Alexander-Arnold that led to Liverpool’s winning goal against Barcelona in their Champions League semi-final was the sign of a young player free to improvise. And players almost invariably improve under him. Andrew Robertson, for example, has been transformed into one of the most highly regarded left wing backs.

Exhorting his team before last season’s Champions League quarter-final against Manchester City, Klopp said: “If you are brave, ready to make mistakes, to enjoy the work and your attitude is at the highest level, then you have a chance.”

These are not religious words, but they resonate with a faith that helps people cope with risk and uncertainty, and instils freedom and confidence to deal with vicissitudes, injustices and challenges. Such qualities stem from many sources, but Klopp’s Confirmation preparation at the Lutheran church in Glatten, in the Black Forest, was most likely a significant influence.

Paul

Vicar's PA and Project Administrator

Last month, Paul announced that Kismet Barber has been appointed to this post, and she will begin in September. The role involves three days a week for St. Peter's, (two days with an administration focus and one day for Inside Out) and one day each with Workplace Chaplaincy in Derbyshire and Derby City Centre Chaplaincy. We are very pleased that Kismet will be joining our Staff Team, and I know she would appreciate your prayers as she leaves Landau Forte College, where she has worked for over 10 years, and starts work at St. Peter's.

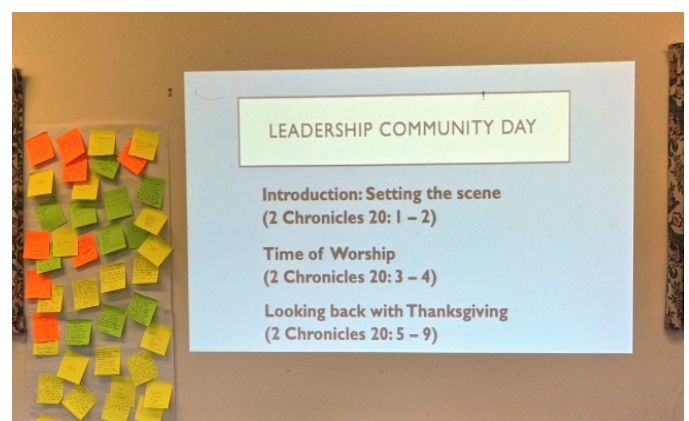


Leadership Community Day

On Saturday, June 22nd, members of the PCC spent the day in Bradbourne, near Ashbourne, for a time of prayer and discussion. It is a Doubly Thankful Village, a rare community where no-one was killed in either World War 1 and World War 2. The key passage for the day was from 2 Chronicles 20, an inspirational story where something remarkable and extraordinary happened, and as we discussed the opportunities and challenges we face, we agreed that we too need God to do a mighty work in our midst.

Our day concluded with everyone sharing a closing thought, these included:

- Luke 5 encourages us to 'push out into the deep water'
- Simon Peter denied Jesus, what a challenging situation, but there was still hope
- There is an ebb and flow to personal life, and church life too, and we will survive and grow through these difficult times
- As a church we have received many blessings and face many challenges, but we will see progress through many small changes
- We need to wait on the Lord for His plans to be revealed to us
- Let's look at different ways to pray, such as in groups of 3, and at the same time of each day wherever we are
- We are a diverse community and need to be intentional about getting to know one other – how about sitting somewhere different each Sunday?
- What about an Autumn 'marketing campaign' to connect with people in our parish?
- Isaiah 55 v 5: *Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.*
- Proverbs 3 v 5-6: *Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight*



Archbishops launch Church's social media guidelines and charter

The Church of England has published social media advice aimed at tackling offensive behaviour and misleading content and encouraging a positive atmosphere for online conversations. Archbishop Justin Welby unveiled the social media guidelines at Facebook earlier this month. The guidelines encourage positive engagement across all national Church of England social media accounts.

The charter is centred on the five principles of: truth, kindness, welcome, inspiration and togetherness, and the opportunity for people to sign-up to show they support the principles. It is hoped that people of all faiths and none will use the charter to consider how their own online interactions can affect others, both for good and bad.

Archbishop Justin said: *"Social media has transformed the way we live our lives. As Christians we are called to engage in a way which is shaped by the example of Jesus. As we respond to the call on each of us to be witnesses to Jesus Christ, I encourage all of us to consider how we live our lives as witnesses online. Each time we interact online we have the opportunity either to add to currents of cynicism and abuse or to choose instead to share light and grace. Through these guidelines and charter we can encourage churchgoers, sceptics and those who are surprised to find themselves interested, to be open to think and experience more of the Christian faith."*

These guidelines invite you to agree to:

1. **Be safe.** Safety of children, young people, vulnerable adults must be maintained
2. **Be respectful.** Do not post or share content that is sexually explicit, hateful, inflammatory, abusive, threatening or otherwise disrespectful.
3. **Be kind.** Treat others how you wish to be treated and assume the best in people
4. **Be honest.** Don't mislead people about who you are.
5. **Take responsibility.** You are accountable for the things you do, say and write. Text and images shared can be public and permanent, if unsure, don't post it.
6. **Be a good ambassador.** Personal and professional life can easily become blurred online so think before you post.
7. **Disagree well.** Some conversations can be places of robust disagreement and it's important we apply our values in the way we express them.
8. **Credit others.** Acknowledge the work of others
9. **Follow the rules.** Abide by terms and conditions of the social media platforms.

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.

St. Peter's in the City Staff:

Vicar: Revd. Canon Paul Morris
paul@stpetersderby.org.uk

Building Manager: Melvyn Wood
Kitchen Supervisor: Gillian Wood

Associate Priest: Revd. Anita Matthews
anita@stpetersderby.org.uk

Church Wardens: Tim Benson, Sung-Hee Lee
Inside Out Team: Wayne Haycock

Vicar's PA and Projects Administrator:
Kismet Barber (beginning September 1st)
office@stpetersderby.org.uk

We are a community of faith, hope and love in the heart of the city
Follow us on Twitter: @stpetersderby
www.stpetersderby.org.uk

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

Monday to Thursday from 9.00-2.30

Parish Safeguarding Link: Revd. Anita Matthews