



September 29<sup>th</sup> 2019

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

### **Silence please!**

The wonderful thing about silence (it's taken me years to be able to say that phrase!) is that the physical and spiritual senses become heightened.

I spend time tasting and noticing my food rather than wolfing it down as it barely touches the sides. I notice the spaces around me, the artwork on the walls, the colours, the sounds and scents of the beautiful countryside. I notice the presence of the Holy Spirit and sense that God might be speaking to me, sometimes challenging, sometimes comforting but always present.

I have been musing on Psalm 123 and the phrase 'so our *eyes wait upon* the LORD our God.' How do eyes wait upon the Lord, I wonder? What an odd phrase. It makes much more sense in another translation that reads 'so our *eyes look* to the Lord our God.'

However, it is the phrase 'eyes wait' that stuck, and I am glad it did, because it is that phrase that has helped me notice God's guiding presence more intently.

I think the challenge for every follower of Jesus is learning to wait with our eyes, until, as the verse goes on to say, 'he shows us his mercy.'

The temptation to rush, to do, to plan, to pursue, to make happen while time rushes by in a blur, is overwhelming, particularly when September hits and holidays seem like a distant dream.

So, as you move forward towards all that you have responsibility for, how will you find time to allow your eyes to wait upon the Lord our God?

Paul

## **Coming soon ....**

### **Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 November 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, Gift Day**

The PCC have decided that we would raise money to repair the leak and renew the slates and lead work on the Vestry roof. The new roof will be made up of approximately 500 slate tiles. Can you sponsor a tile at £15 – or as many tiles as you can afford? More information and Gift Day envelopes are on the Publicity Table.

### **Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Christianity Explored Course for Seven Sessions**

Come and follow Jesus in his life, death and new life with this popular 7-session course from Mark's Gospel. With DVD presentations and interactive discussions, the course is suitable for everyone. The Thursday evenings are from October 10<sup>th</sup> to early December, and from 7.30-9.15pm at 15 Albert Road, Chaddesden, DE21 6S. For more details ask Geoff Holland, or David and Margaret Phypers.

### **Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, Harvest Service**

Please bring any items on the list on the publicity table to present during the Harvest Service, and these will be given to Derby City Mission to support people in need.

### **Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 fun dingbats quiz too! Next date is December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Adrian and Ruth Whitehall



MISSION AND MINISTRY IN ENGLISH FOR EVERYONE

Adrian and Ruth Whitehall are in Zermatt, Switzerland from September 17<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> to serve as Seasonal Chaplains. Their role will be to reach out to English-speakers with the good news of Jesus and provide pastoral care and encouragement for Christians on holiday. This is a wonderful opportunity as many people who do not usually go to church – or even think about God – will do so on holiday. Please pray for Adrian and Ruth at this time, you can follow them on Twitter: @EngChZermatt



### 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, 9.00-4.00: 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:**

Monday to Thursday from 9.00-2.30

**Parish Safeguarding Links: Revd. Anita Matthews and Kismet Barber**