



**10th November 2024
WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S! WE
HOPE YOU ENJOY WORSHIPPING
WITH US TODAY**

Remembrance

Today we mark Remembrance Sunday as we remember those who have died, not only in the World Wars, but countless conflicts in many places over many years.

I was privileged this week to lead a Remembrance Service in a Sheltered Accommodation owned by Derby Homes. During the service we read two poems. The first is very well known, but was particularly poignant as the resident who read it had lost her Great-Uncle in Flanders fields. War, and the cost of war, is deeply personal.

In Flanders Fields, by John McCrae

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard among the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields*

The second is much less well known, but equally poignant as we reflect on the terrible situation in Israel and Gaza today. It was written by Tali Sorek when she was aged 11, in Beersheeba, Israel

For Peace, by Tali Sorek

*I had a box of colours
Shining bright and bold.
I had a box of colours,
Some warm, some very cold.
I had no red for the blood of wounds.
I had no black for the orphans' grief.
I had no white for dead faces and hands.
I had no yellow for burning sands.
But I had orange for the joy of life,
And I had green for buds and nests.
I had blue for bright, clear skies.
I had pink for dreams and rest.
I sat down and painted Peace.*

With my prayers and love, Anita

Dates for your Diary:

Monday 11th November Warm Space

9.30 – 12.30 in the Function Room. We offer simple hot food each week, tea and coffee, and a space to chat. Please spread the word!

Wednesday 13th November: Ruth Lisgo Concert

All are invited to a free concert in church by Ruth Lisgo at 12.30pm on Wednesday 13th November. Highly recommended by those who have attended in the past!

Sunday 24th November: Licensing of Anita as Priest-in-Charge

Bishop Malcolm, the Bishop of Repton, will license Anita as Priest-in-Charge of St. Peter's at 2pm on Sunday 24th November. There will be **no 10.45am** service that day. Please do join us for the service at 2pm, followed by refreshments.

Tuesday 3rd December: Afternoon Tea

Sandwiches and cakes will be served in the church at 2.15pm, followed by a short service of Evening Prayer. All are very welcome – please call Margaret on 01332 239134 if you're planning to come for catering purposes. Hope to see you there!

Sunday 15th December: Church Lunch

Please join us after the service on December 15th as we enjoy lunch together. Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements or allergies. All very welcome!

Christmas at St Peter's

10th December 11am Keep Fit Carol Service
17th December: 5pm Carols on Castleward (Liversage Square)
22nd December 10.45am Carol Service
24th December 11.15pm Midnight Communion
25th December: 10am Holy Communion for Christmas Day
29th December: 10.45am Music and Readings for Christmas

Flower Bearing Angel

St Peter's is hosting the "Flower Bearing Angel" sculpture as part of the Derby Season of Light. The Angel will be open on most Saturdays until Christmas, and Monday to Thursday mornings 10am – 12 noon. Can you help with welcoming people? There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church today – please do sign up to help if you can.

Eco Idea for November 2024 (from A Rocha UK)

Have yourself a Greener Christmas. What ways can you make sure your Christmas is both a celebration of Christ's coming and better for His creation? Check out A Rocha UK's twelve tips for a greener Christmas: arocha.org.uk/our-twelve-tips-for-a-greener-christmas

Advent Groups

Advent is rapidly approaching and we hope to run some small study groups. Please sign the list at the back of church if you'd like to attend or host a group. Thank you.

Praying for the Persecuted Church: Bhutan

There are about 19,500 Christians in Bhutan – that’s just two percent of the country’s population of 796,00. In Bhutan, no churches are officially recognised by the government, which means that all Christian gatherings are illegal – and that’s despite statements from the Bhutanese government declaring that religious organisations do not need to register.

All citizens of Bhutan are expected to follow Buddhism, the state religion. Anyone who converts to Christianity will be watched with suspicion, and local Buddhist leaders and their family will likely try to ‘reconvert’ them. For women, this can take the form of emotional abuse or divorce, whilst for men, workplace discrimination, expulsion from home, or disinheritance.

Christians can gather informally – so long as they don’t attract too much attention, evangelise publicly or challenge the status quo. Local leaders may refuse to issue Christians the needed paperwork to do basic things like apply for loans, register property, apply for jobs and renew ID cards. Christians are also forced to follow Buddhist rituals as part of paramilitary training.

A key facet of the persecution faced by our brothers and sisters in Bhutan is the discrimination encountered by Christian children at school. It’s why Open Doors local partners run programmes to help equip these young believers for the challenges they face in the classroom. “I was energised through the training sessions,” says Pratik Bhujel*. “Now, I don’t want to live a worldly life and I want to repent from my old life. Thank you for opening my eyes and heart to see the Lord.” “I learned that we need to be faithful, trustworthy and true, like Timothy,” says James Sherpa*. “I learned that we should glorify God with our lives and that we need to accept persecution because it is inevitable in our life. Thank you for equipping us!” “I learned that going away from God doesn’t do any good to us, instead, it will make us more sorrowful,” shares Dipa Sunuwar*. “To have peace, we need to stick to God. Thank you once again for this counselling session.” Please keep praying for your brothers and sisters in Bhutan.

Prayer Meeting

Don’t forget our weekly prayer meeting every Tuesday at 11am via Zoom! Please do come along if you can. For more details, please contact Geoff.

Prayer.... Please do not hesitate to ask for prayer for any concern you have. We all face difficulties and challenges, but prayer makes a difference. In an emergency, call Bren (07967 183601), and she will ask those on the prayer chain to pray.

Giving at St. Peter’s

You can give to St. Peter’s via our card machine or use the QR code below to pay via your smartphone. Hover the camera on your phone over the QR code and tap on the yellow hyperlink to reach St. Peter’s Give a Little Campaign giving page.



Zoom Joining Details for the 10:45 Service of Morning Praise:

On a Computer, Laptop, Smart Phone or Tablet: Click this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/450891605?pwd=czNCTTJuaUJpQ3VlOVlnUm1zS0tKQT09>

Alternatively:

1. Open Zoom and select 'Join' or 'Join a Meeting'
 2. Enter the Meeting ID: **450 891 605**
 3. Select 'Join'
 4. When prompted for the Meeting Password, enter **73837**
 5. Select 'Continue' or 'Join Meeting' and you will be connected
- By Phone – these are the numbers you must now use:**
1. Pick any one of the numbers below (doesn't matter which), if one doesn't work, pick another: 0330 088 5830; 0131 460 1196; 0203 481 5237; 0203 481 5240; 0203 901 7895; 0208 080 6591; 0208 080 6592
 2. Dial the number and when prompted for the Meeting ID press: **450 891 605#**
 3. You will then be prompted for a Participant ID, just press **#**
 4. Finally, you will be prompted for the Meeting Password, press: **73837#**
- You will be connected and able to hear everything that is happening.

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Please note that copies of the Safeguarding Policy are available in the Church Office or at www.derby.anglican.org/safeguarding

The church office is currently open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9.30am and 1.30pm. Tel: 01332 360790