

## Next week 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**Coffee Rota** Carol Wellbelove

**Flower Rota** All to help on 16<sup>th</sup> December please!

**Cleaning Rota** Lin Atkinson

## Services Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017

### **10.00 am Holy Communion**

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Roma Seaman

Praying: Mei Chong

Preaching: Ross Terranova

### **6.00 pm Carols by Candlelight**

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## Prayer Themes for the Week

Please pray for all the preparation for the Christmas Services.

Pray for a clear presentation of the heart of the good news of Jesus Christ through all that takes place. Pray for a clarity in the preaching and for receptive minds and hearts.

Pray for those involved in the teaching of children - and especially our local schools.

## Mission Prayer

for  
Armonia

Please continue to pray for the Ammonia teams in Mexico City and Oaxacca.

Thank God for the more than £5000 raised to assist the scholarships for children from villages in the Oaxacca mountains. This sum will be doubled by the BigGive Company and will enable significantly more children to come to the student hostels at the campus near Oaxacca City.

Thank God for the early birth this week, of a baby to Eidi(Cruz)and Matthew Smith.

## Thought for the Week

*He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.*

Revelation 21 v 4

## St. Peter's Church



## Welcome

*'We are here to demonstrate God's love for all as shown in Jesus to people where we live and work.'*

## Services Today: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017 Second Sunday in Advent

### **10.00 am Toy Service**

Led by Amanda Harris and the JAM club.

### **6.30 pm Holy Communion**

Leading: Ross Terranova

Reading: Kathy Mitchell

Revelation 21:1-6 NT p329 and

Revelation 22:1-5 NT p330

Praying: Priscilla Payne

Preaching: Ross Terranova

**Refreshments are served in the Church Centre after morning services. All welcome.**

## Welcome to Our Services Today

### **Toy Service**

A warm welcome to our Toy Service. All gifts and toys given today will be distributed by the Salvation Army in Maidstone.

Thank you for your generosity! We are delighted that our service this morning is being led by our JAM group.

**This evening** we conclude our series on Foundations what we believe. Our theme is 'What We Believe about the End of History'.

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### **Decorating the Church for Christmas**

The Church will be decorated for Christmas on Saturday 16th December from 10am. No experience necessary! There will be a demonstration from 9.30am – 10.00am. If you are able to help, please let Ruth know and come and join the fun and mince pies! As usual, donations of foliage are very welcome. Ruth will be purchasing the flowers from the wholesaler. If you'd like to contribute towards the cost, please either give your donation to Ruth or to one of the stewards in a marked envelope.

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### **St Peters' Church Box Project**

We're excited to see what you've done with your box! Please bring it (or a photograph of it if you can't bring the real thing) to Church. We will be displaying the boxes as part of our Christmas decorations. If you'd like your box back after Christmas, please ensure your name is on your box.

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### **Church Family Christmas Card Scheme.**

As in previous years we shall be helping a very worthy cause if instead of sending individual cards to church members each of us send just one card to the whole church family by placing it on the board in the church porch. Money so saved can then be donated towards Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors without Borders). MSF works in more than 60 countries and goes to places to help people affected by armed conflict, epidemics and natural or man-made disasters. They are independently funded, with 90 percent of their funding coming from individual or private donors, like us. As last year there will be envelopes in the porch for donations which, if appropriate, can be Gift Aided.

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### **Diary for w/c 10<sup>th</sup> December at St Peter's Church**

#### **Sun**

**Whiffen Walk** Small group lunch

#### **Mon/Tues/Thurs**

9.00am - 3.30pm **Pre-School** - Church Centre

#### **Wed & Fri**

9.00am - 12 noon **Pre-School** - Church Centre

#### **Mon**

11.15am **Pre-School** Nativity - Church

7.00pm **Prayer@7-** The Rectory

#### **Tues**

11.15am **Pre-School** Nativity – Church

2.00pm **Tuesday Group** - Christmas Party St Peter's Court. (Last meeting before Christmas)

7.30pm **Carol Singing** – Meet on Church green.

8.00pm **Linkway** - Small group meeting

#### **Wed**

9.30am-11.00am **Crafty Coffee** - Golding Room

7.30pm **Pre-School** Committee meeting- Church C

#### **Thurs**

7.45pm **Brassey Drive** - Small group meeting

#### **Fri**

7.30pm **The Stream** -Small group meeting

#### **Sat**

10.00am **Carol Singing** - One Stop

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### **Carols By Candlelight – 17<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm**

Our numbers at the two carol services in recent years have dropped (possibly as a result of the increases in Carols on the Green?) We have decided this year to go for a combined service at 6pm. We would like to see the Church bursting at the seams so please come and invite someone along!

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**1HOP** will take place on Wednesday 10th January in church from 8pm. An Hour Of Prayer and reflection at the start of 2018. Home Groups are invited to help if they would like to, and all church family members are welcome. Refreshments will be served at the end of the evening. If you would like more information, please speak to Jane Beldham.

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### **Carol Singing 2017**

We will be singing outside One Stop on

**Saturday December 16th at 10.00am**

We will be singing in a selected road in the parish (O fortunate road) on

**Tuesday December 12th at 7.30pm**

We will meet on the village green. There is a sheet of paper to sign on the noticeboard in the entrance area for both of these sessions.

Could you please sign up if you are intending to make either of them!

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**Rotas for 2018** I am currently working on rotas. We have vacancies on our Coffee, Church cleaning and Prayer/Reader rotas. Cleaning the church will take 1 hour approximately five times a year.

Your help will be greatly appreciated, please speak to Jane if you would like to help.

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**Pre-School** are holding their nativity services on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> at 11.15am. All welcome.

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**Food bank** donations can be given to Jane in the office or handed to a sides person anytime. These will be taken to Pilsden to be distributed. No pasta please but tinned vegetables and UHT milk are particularly helpful. Thank you for your support.

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### **Crafty- Coffee**

Are holding a sale of baby and children's clothes during church coffee time after **today's** service. All donations will be given to local charities.

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