

Next week –18th February 2024

Flower Rota Vacant

Cleaning Rota John

JAM No JAM

Coffee Pauline G & Pauline M

Services Sunday 18th February 2024

10.00am Holy Communion

Leading: Giles Williams
Reading: Ian Cropper
Matthew 5: 21-26
Praying: Jenny Stout
Preaching: Giles Williams

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: John Paul
Reading: Kathy Mitchell
Genesis 22: 1-14
Praying: Pauline Grimes
Preaching: Chris Williams

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Prayer Themes for the Week

Please pray for those whose responsibility it is to shape and frame asylum and immigration policy.

As we enter the season of Lent and prepare for the great festival of Easter pray that God the Holy Spirit will energise us and renew our love for and faith in Jesus Christ.

Give thanks for the work of our children's group JAM (Jesus and Me) and pray for Amanda Harris in her leadership of the team.

Mission Prayer
CPAS

Bookings for CPAS' UK based Ventures opened this month. Pray that many children and young people will want to go on these fun-filled holidays that offer them the opportunity to make great friends, take part in incredible activities and explore life with Jesus. Pray too for the volunteer leaders as they make preparations and ask that sufficient people will come forward to help them run these wonderful holidays.

There are a number of vacant posts in CPAS churches at present. Pray for the patronage team as they help these churches through the process to make the search for God's next leader as smooth as it can be.

The Collect

Almighty Father whose son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death on the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Thought for the Week

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day- and not only to me but to all who have longed for his appearing.

2 Timothy 4 v 8

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 11th February 2024

Sunday next before Lent

10.00 am Morning Prayer

Leading: Ross Terranova
Reading: Justin Myles
Matthew 5: 17-20 page 969
Praying: Chris Williams
Preaching: Ross Terranova

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Leading: Carol Wellbelove
Reading: Steve Campbell
2 Timothy 4:6-22 page 1197
Praying: John Paul
Preaching: Ross Terranova

Welcome to Our Services Today

This morning we return to our study of the 'Sermon on the Mount' recorded in chapters 5-7 of the Gospel of Matthew. This morning our theme is 'Christ, The Christian and the Law'. What exactly is the relationship between a follower of Jesus and the law of God as

expressed in both Old and New Testaments? Clearly there was those around Jesus when he was teaching who seemed to think that he had come to get rid of the 'old law' as expressed in the Old Testament. But he says ' **Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets: I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them'**

This thinking is still very prevalent today - often expressed in a cavalier disregard for the Old Testament. Clearly that was not what Jesus thought!! What did he mean and what role should the moral law of God play in the life of the Christian today?

This evening we conclude our study of Paul's wonderful second letter to Timothy. Our theme is '**That Day**'

Lent

Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and there will be a service of Holy Communion for **Ash Wednesday at 11.15am.** Giles will be preaching.

"Dying Well?"

Last Monday evening Ross led an evening on the complex debate surrounding the question of ' assisted dying'. There are some notes still available from that evening and also there is an assignment that he wrote on the subject while studying for his Masters at Heythrop College which if you email **Jane** in the Church office she will email to you!

Lent Course 2024

Our Lent Course for 2024 is going to be based on the book, "**The Nail**", written by *the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell*. It offers imaginative reflections on Christ's crucifixion focused on six different key characters, who each describe his or her experience of the Passion. This fresh and unique Lent study course is starting on **Monday 19th February** at 7.30pm in the Church Centre lounge.

Diary for w/c 11th February at St Peter's Church

Mon

7.00pm - **Prayer@7** – The Morris' home

Wed

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

Food Bank

Thank you for your food bank donations. These will be delivered to the Pilsden Community. The next date for collection will be Sunday 25th February. Baby food, nappies, toiletries are welcome as well as food products.

Giving at St Peters

We encourage everyone who considers St Peters to be their Church to give regularly as they are able to the work and ministry of the Church not just in our community but also so that we can fulfil our commitments to our Mission partners.

If you would like to set up a regular Direct payment, please contact your bank directly to arrange this. Gift Aid forms are available in church.

The Church Bank Account Name: St Peters Ditton PCC

Account Number 00021526 Sort Code:40 52 40

Please speak to Stephen Kemp or Jane in the office if you have any questions.

Church Lunch

This will be on **25th February** from *11.30am* in the Church Centre

We are delighted that Alan and Kathy Mitchell are once again providing this for us.

Please contact Jane in the Church Office by

15th February to reserve your place.

Cost £10 per person (Children free)

This can be paid in cash (please write 'Church Lunch' on the envelope) or you can also pay by Bank Transfer using 'Church Lunch' as the reference
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We're going to the theatre again! Want to come?

Last year we arranged two trips to the Hazlitt Theatre to see the Willington Players perform, which were both most enjoyable. Now our own Christine Williams has joined the Willington Players and will be performing in their next production of *Witness for the Prosecution* (Agatha Christie) from 23 -27 April. St Peters has also joined the Willington Players' charity scheme, which allows us to benefit from a proportion of the ticket price for any tickets that we sell. Funds from this next production will be used to offset costs for our Away Day in May. We are making a group booking for Thursday 25 April. Tickets cost £17. Please let Ruth Campbell know if you'd like to join us. (We can also arrange tickets on other nights if people can't make 25th April.)

Update from Judith Boarer

Back in January 2023 I asked the church to pray for my friend's 15-year-old son James, after he was diagnosed with meningitis and the hospital said he would need a miracle to survive. He has had 9 operations to relieve pressure on his brain and after 13 months in hospital he has finally gone home. He still has a long way to go, he is using a wheelchair and can't swallow, so is fed by tube. Thank you all for your prayers and please continue to pray for James, his parents Alun and Jan and brother Sam.

Crafty coffee

Members were pleased that so many people came to see what we have been doing over the last 10yrs. Currently we are supporting the following charities who take our items: Starfish Malawi, Abigail's, Making miracles, Pembury prem baby unit, Link to hope, Kerry West orphanage Uganda, Seafarers mission Tilbury docks.

New members are welcome to join us, or knit from home. If you would like more information, please contact Jane in the office.
