

SUNDAY AUGUST 29th 2021
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

Today

10.00am Parish Communion. Thank you to **Revd. Hugh Houghton** for presiding and preaching.

This service is live-streamed and can be accessed (even without a Facebook account) by following the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/stpeterharborne/live/>

Hymns: HA&M

584 All my hope on God is founded

748 O Jesus I have promised

6.30pm Evening Prayer on Zoom led by Keith Whitehead

Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4.1-2, 6-9

So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children—

Second Reading

Mark 7.1-8, 14, 15.21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.'

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it.

Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

RIP ~ Audrey Furber Tina Gilligan
Pauline Tweed Debbie White

SERVICES FOR NEXT WEEK

Wednesday September 1st

10.00am Holy Communion. **Revd. Chris Butt** officiating.

Friday September 3rd

7.00pm Zoom Evening Prayer led by **Revd. Charlotte Gibson**

Sunday September 5th, Fourteenth Sunday of Trinity and Climate Sunday

8.00am **Holy Communion**

10.00am **All-Age Parish Communion focusing on the Climate and including the Blessing of Book Bags (booking required).** **Revd. Kate Stowe**

presiding and **Revd. Charlotte Gibson** preaching.

6.30pm **Zoom Evensong** led by



If you have a prayer request, please email the Prayer Team on prayer@stpeterharborne.org.uk. All requests are confidential.



If you are struggling to hear the service in church, please remember we have a hearing loop system.



Zoom coffee with Kate. If anyone fancies a chat with Kate on Zoom over a coffee, drop her an email and she'll be pleased to set up a time: revdkate@gmail.com.

Charlotte is also available for a chat on curate@st.peterharborne.org.uk or 0121 454 9929.

Worship at St. Peter's

Current arrangements following the latest government lifting of Covid restrictions

Please note that with effect from **SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH 8.00AM HOLY COMMUNION** will return. Initially it will be once a month on the first Sunday, but as with all things, this will be under review moving forward.

- **Booking is still required until further notice** for Sunday 10am services and any large attendance services, but not for Wednesdays.
- **Safe distancing** is in place by seating congregation in alternate pews; the limit on numbers in church has been increased to accommodate more people and the side pews will be offered for anyone wishing to sit alone/ more distanced.
- The **one-way system** around the church will no longer be marked with signs, but people are encouraged to keep to the same pattern of movement to avoid close contact with others.
- The **wearing of face masks** will no longer be required but people are encouraged to use them. A small supply will continue to be available upon entry to church.
- **Congregational singing** will be allowed wearing face masks, and hymn books will be provided.

On **September 5th**, the 10am service will be an **All-Age gathering** to recognise **CLIMATE SUNDAY**. Along with 1600 other churches around Britain and Ireland, the aim is to raise awareness of the vital issues surrounding climate change in the run-up to the COP26 governmental meeting in November. The service will also include the **Blessing of Book Bags** for the start of the new school year - do bring along your bags.



Don't forget those instruments to join with the singing!

Let's keep up the Greener Cleaner St Peter's - Join us for an All-Age Litter Pick and picnic 5th September

The All-Age climate service will be followed by an All Age litter pick, and an informal BYO picnic for anyone who would like to join in. Please come along, and let's put our words into practice. It will be so nice to be together again socially too, but please continue to respect social distancing, mask wearing if indoors and **follow** other good Covid hygiene. Depending on the weather, the picnic will either be in the hall garden or the hall. Please bring your own picnic mats if you are able to sit on the ground (if not we will find chairs for you!). We have plenty of litter picking equipment now, thanks to the Council, but do bring your own if you have it. Also please wear appropriate clothes and sturdy closed shoes. If wet, remember waterproofs and wellies if you have them.

If you are planning on coming, do let us know at greener@stpeterharborne.co.uk or tell the parish office, but it'll also be fine to turn up on the day.

Greener St Peter's



Light bulbs: Are all your light bulbs energy efficient? Why not do a check!!



Even if they're still working, it is better for the environment (and your fuel bills) to replace the traditional incandescent or halogen bulbs with LED bulbs. They typically use ca 80% less electricity and last at least 10 times longer!! It is worth paying a few pounds more for better bulbs as they usually last longer! Guide to energy efficient lighting - Energy Saving Trust.

Junior Church and Greener St Peter's would like to produce a Nature calendar for 2022, to sell in the same way as last year. We'll produce it all in house to maximise funds raised. We'd love all the photos to have a **nature theme and be taken by children**. The idea is to encourage them to get outside and appreciating nature. Please send all your photos to greener@stpeterharborne.org.uk

A message from Izwi Muyambi:

ZIMBABWE ORPHANAGE AND SCHOOLS AND CLINIC APPEAL

In Zimbabwe, there are high levels of those testing positive for Covid and, sadly, of deaths. Due to economic hardships, people's immune systems are weakened and the pandemic is taking its toll on people of all ages. The health facilities are very poor and under-equipped. There is a high medical staff migration to developed countries and or neighbouring countries which are offering better remuneration. St Peter's has a long-standing relationship with the projects I represent. Once again, I am appealing for support in the form of PPE including face masks, medical gloves, aprons, girls' sanitary wear and general equipment that helped the UK reduce the impact of the Covid. Sealed sanitisers can also be included. Any support in kind or cash will help. I will bring a barrel for collection of donations every Sunday for the next 3 weeks. If anyone has contact details of where we may be able to obtain bulk quantities of PPEs, please contact me on my mobile number 07789405835

Thank you for your continued generous giving.

Lectio Divina Group The group that met during Lent to explore the lectio divina way of praying with scripture has decided to continue on a monthly basis on Zoom. We are going to meet on **Thursdays at 1400**, starting on **September 9th**, when Revd Kate will be leading us as we explore the Gospel for the following Sunday. Date for September to be advised. Newcomers are very welcome! Just drop Kate an email (revdkate@gmail.com) if you would like the Zoom link, or if you would simply like a bit more information.



St Peter's will be running a **Living in Love and Faith (LLF)** course jointly with St George's Edgbaston and St Mary & St Anne Moseley this autumn. LLF is the Church of England's course on relationships, marriage and sexuality. The purpose of the course is to explore church teachings and open up a safe space for people to tell their stories and share different perspectives. Everyone is invited to join, but we are limited to 12 spaces per group in order that conversations are possible. **To book:**

St George's, Edgbaston: Sundays at 3.30pm on 19 Sept, 3 Oct, 17 Oct, 31 Oct and 14 Nov. Book via the Vicar: The Revd Dr Sam Gibson: vicar@stgeorgesedgbaston.org.uk; 0121 454 9929

St Peter's, Harborne: Tuesdays at 1.30pm on 14 Sept, 28 Sept, 19 Oct, 2 Nov, 16 Nov. Book via St Peter's Parish Office: parishoffice@stpeterharborne.org.uk; 0121 681 1940

St Mary's and St Anne's, Moseley: Tuesdays at 7.30pm on 14 Sept, 28 Sept, 19 Oct, 2 Nov, 16 Nov. Book via St Mary's Parish Office: office@moseleychurch.org.uk; 0121 449 2243

More information about LLF can be found at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith>

A series of studies exploring the theme of **Journeying** on **Mondays 10.30am - 12 noon with Revd. Chris Butt** and **Thursdays 7.30 - 9.00pm with Diane Reeves** as follows:
27th September / 30th Sept - Session 1: People of The Way.
4th October / 7th Oct - Session 2: The Call of Abraham.
11th October / 14th Oct - Session 3: The Story of the Exodus.
18th October / 28th Oct - Session 4: A Pilgrim's Psalm.
25th October / 11th Nov - Session 5: Mary visits Elizabeth.
1st November / 18th Nov - Session 6: A Visit to the Temple.

Confirmation of whether this will be via zoom or in person will be made nearer the time. A Course booklet will be provided. Would you like to join the journey?

For **Monday** mornings, please contact **Chris Butt** at revbutt@ymail.com Tel: **07720 865653**. For **Thursday** evenings, please contact **Diane Reeves** at dianereeves89@gmail.com or through the Parish Office. A flyer is available to pick up at the back of church giving the details.

LINK TO HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL

This year we are again supporting this charity's appeal for shoeboxes for families or the elderly in Eastern Europe countries. Boxes have to be ready in church for **OCTOBER 31st**, so it is never too soon to start preparing your gifts. Details of how to fill your box are on the website <https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2021/> and Chris Batch will be putting leaflets into church in the new few weeks. Let's see if we can beat last year's total of 80 boxes!