

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

TODAY:

ANNUAL VESTRY AND PAROCHIAL CHURCH

MEETING SUNDAY MAY 25TH

at 11.40 approx. in the church hall

Please attend if you are able. Churchwardens are elected at the Vestry meeting by all parishioners and PCC members are elected at the parochial church meeting by those on the current Electoral Roll.



Thursday May 29th at 7.30pm
there will be an **Ascension Day Eucharist service** at **SS Faith & Laurence Church** for our Oversight Area. **All are welcome**

NEXT WEEK June 8th

THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong



Thank you to everyone for your support for Christian Aid's work in Guatemala. So far through online giving and the cake sales we have raised £850. This does not include the envelope and cash giving. Let's try to make it over £1000 before the final count in early June.

Please continue to give generously to help farmers like Amelia and her community transform their lives and living conditions. <https://tinyurl.com/St-Peters-CAW-2025> or use our QR code.

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The Church of England's House of Bishops has today issued the following statement on the situation in Gaza <https://www.cofebirmingham.com/news-stories/house-of-bishops-statement-on-gaza.php>

The list of the people for whom we pray by name is being revised with effect from the **first Sunday in June**. Please advise the office of any names to be included in the new list.

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S CHURCH

**Growing in Love, Deepening Faith,
Working for God, Welcoming All**

To Newcomers: We are especially glad to see you. By way of introduction please fill in a pew slip and return it to a Sidesperson or contact the Parish Office on 681 1940.

Pew slips can be found at the back of the church.

Please take this notice sheet home.

www.stpeterharborne.org.uk

Email: parishoffice@stpeterharborne.org.uk

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY MAY 25th 2025 SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

Green Prayer Book

10.00am PARISH COMMUNION

Common Worship ~ HA & M ~ Rizza

Organ Voluntary: Siciliano ~ Antonio Vivaldi arr. by JS Bach

First Hymn: 710

Gradual Hymn: 236

Sermon: Revd. Canon Kate Stowe

Baptism: Felicity Alexandra Lane

Willow Flora Jago

Ivy Florence Jago

Offertory Hymn: 683

Anthem: Be thou my vision ~ Bob Chilcott

Communion Hymn: 243

Final Hymn: 645

Recessional Voluntary: Toccata and Fugue ~ Anon

6.30pm

FULL CHORAL EVENSONG

Green Prayer Book ~ NEH

Hymn: 113

Responses: Ferial

Psalm: 126 & 127

OT Lesson: Zephaniah 3.14-end

NT Lesson: Matthew 28.1-10,16-end

Anthem: My eyes for beauty pine ~ Herbert Howells

Sermon: Keith Whitehead

Final Hymn: 124



OPEN CHURCH

We would like to start opening the church to visitors for a couple of hours on a Thursday afternoon, as from May

22nd. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you could be a steward. Thank you.

SUNDAY May 25th 2025 THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collect

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district[a] of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Gospel Reading

John 14:23-29

Jesus answered him, 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

'I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

WHERE DO YOUR TALENTS LIE?

ST. PETER'S IS ALWAYS IN NEED OF A HELPING HAND IN MANY WAYS. DO CHAT WITH REVD. KATE IF YOU CAN OFFER YOUR SERVICES IN ANY WAY AND JOIN ONE OF OUR COMMITTEES AND GROUPS.



Easter Garden in porch: To keep this garden fresh for the full Easter Season, please continue to bring small posies or individual blooms to present before the empty tomb.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you donate cash or cheque using one of the yellow envelopes and are a UK taxpayer, please fill your name and postcode in on the front of the envelope. This allows us to claim an extra 25p from HMRC for every £1 you give. This can make a big difference to the income of the church, giving us more to fund God's work.

Dates for your Diary

Friday June 20th at 7.00pm there will be a short, joint concert in church given by **St. Peter's Choir and The Harborne Orchestra**, followed by refreshments in the church hall. **See the poster at the back of church for more details.**

Sunday June 29th 10.00am Patronal Festival Parade Service

Saturday July 5th 7.30pm Concert by the **CANTORAS UPPER VOICES** Choir in church. More details to follow



Saturday July 12th 3.00pm in church and back by popular demand, the return of **Opera Anywhere**, this year performing 'The Pirates of Penzance'. **Tickets are available from the Opera Anywhere website,**

Saturday July 19th Concert given by our very own **Frank Stubbs on trumpet and Darren Hogg on organ**. Further details to come.

Please do support these live music events if you can.

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated their used branded printer cartridges, which have gone to the charity Just 4Children - <https://just4children.org/>. If you are not already handing them in to another charity or recycling facility, please do **continue** to put them in the box in the church porch.