

## DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

**Today:** If you wish to receive communion or a blessing in your pew, please let the wardens know. When receiving communion at the altar rail, please take up places from the right-hand side, waiting for those ahead of you to receive the elements, and leave via the side aisles to avoid congestion.



We are pleased to announce that during Lent we will once again be supporting the **Karis Baby Bank** which supports families with newborns and children up to the age of two who are facing hardship or are in crisis by providing essentials for their baby. There is an information poster and at the back of church and a box for donations. Thank you.

### Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion with Revd. Canon Kate Stowe  
7.30pm PCC meeting

### Next Week: SUNDAY March 23<sup>rd</sup> Third Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am Parish Communion  
6.30pm Sung Evensong



### Date for your diary ~ Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 7.00pm in church.

The Harborne Consort returns to St Peter's on Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> with a performance of the Rutter and Faure's Requiems. Tickets on the door (cash only). See the leaflets at the back of church for more details.

### RENEWAL OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

This year there will be a completely new Electoral Roll produced rather than the annual revision of the existing roll. All current names will be removed and if you wish to be included in the new roll, you will have to fill in an application form. These are being emailed or posted out where possible and they will be available in church from next week and accepted between April 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> when the Roll is open.

### Appointment of the next Archbishop of Canterbury

A public consultation has begun and runs until MARCH 31st for people to give their views on the following questions:

- What are your hopes for the ministry of the next Archbishop of Canterbury?
- What gifts, qualities, skills and experience do you believe the next Archbishop of Canterbury should have?
- Do you have any names that you wish the Crown Nominations Commission, nominating the next Archbishop of Canterbury, to consider?

You can submit your views online

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/governance/archbishops/canterbury-crown-nominations-commission/consultation-nomination-106th-archbishop-canterbury> or by post to Canon Stephen Knott, Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments, Lambeth Palace, London, SE1 7JU

## 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](http://www.stpeterharborne.org.uk)

Email: [parishoffice@stpeterharborne.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@stpeterharborne.org.uk)

### SERVICES FOR SUNDAY MARCH 16<sup>th</sup> 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8.00am

Holy Communion

Green Prayer Book

### 10.00am PARISH COMMUNION

If you wish to receive the wine of Communion, this is received directly from the chalice; we ask that you do not intinct (dip) your wafer in the wine.

Common Worship ~ HA & M ~ Murray

Organ Voluntary: Andantino ~ Harold Darke

First Hymn: 595

Gradual Hymn: My help comes from the Lord

Sermon: Keith Whitehead

Offertory Hymn: 683

Anthem: On Eagle's wings ~ Michael Joncas

Communion Hymn: 126

Final Hymn: 510

Recessional Voluntary: Elegy ~ George Thalben-Ball

6.30pm

CHORAL EVENSONG

Green Prayer Book ~ NEH

Hymn: 433

Responses: Smith

Psalm: 135 v.1-14

OT Lesson: Jeremiah 22.1-9, 13-17

NT Lesson: Luke 14.27-33

Anthem: O Pray for the peace of Jerusalem ~ Herbert Howells

Sermon: Revd. Canon Kate Stowe

Final Hymn: 372

Recessional: Psalm Prelude ~ Herbert Howells

RIP

Alan Mackay

Sister Ellen Knox

## SUNDAY MARCH 16<sup>th</sup> 2025

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

#### Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### First Reading

##### Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

#### Gospel Reading

##### Luke 13.31-end

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not

willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." '

#### Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### WHERE DO YOUR TALENTS LIE?



Are you good at helping others – young and old? Can you plan, organise, help out at social events? Are you someone handy with the tools and good at fixing things? Is admin & paperwork your forte? Do you have a head for figures? ST. PETER'S IS ALWAYS IN NEED OF A HELPING HAND IN MANY WAYS. DO CHAT WITH REV. KATE IF YOU CAN OFFER YOUR SERVICES IN ANY WAY AND JOIN ONE OF OUR COMMITTEES AND GROUPS.

If you have any branded used printer cartridges that you want to get rid of, and are not already handing them into a charity, put them at the back of church and they will go to the charity Just 4Children - <https://just4children.org/>.



We are hoping, once again, to have fresh lilies for Easter this year. Past practice was to make a donation in memory of a loved one, whose names are collected and presented at the altar for prayers. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, please make your donations to the parish office along with the name(s) of those you wish to remember. Due to the cost of the flowers per stem, we would ask, if possible, for a minimum donation of £5 please.

#### FIDGET TOYS

To support our congregation, we now have a bag of fidget toys available for use. The current bag is bright yellow, marked 'Fidget Toys', and will be visible as you enter church. There is also a clear plastic box (with lid) marked: *Fidget Toys to be Sanitised*. Please place toys used during a service in this box as you depart. Many thanks.



St. Mary's Selly Oak are looking to engage a Children, Young People & Families Worker. More information may be found on the poster at the back of church. Application Packs are available from Revd. Hazel White - closing date is March 30<sup>th</sup>.