

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Advent Prayer
Lord Jesus, light of the world,
born in David's city of Bethlehem,
born like him to be a king:
be born in our hearts at Christmas,
be King of our lives today.
Amen.

Coffee will be served in the church hall following the 10.00am service- all are welcome.

Mull and Mince
Before our beautiful **Advent Carol Service** starts tonight at **6.30pm**, Kate and Mat invite everyone to pop into the vicarage between **4pm and 6pm** for a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie to celebrate the beginning of Advent (a good way to get warmed up
If you can't come to the vicarage, don't despair! Mince pies and mulled wine will also be served in the church hall after the Advent Carol Service. Donations of mince pies for this would be greatly appreciated please. Many thanks



Wednesday
10.00am Holy Communion with Revd. Canon Chris Butt.

NEXT WEEK December 7th
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
6.30pm No service

The **Altar Guild** will meet on Thursday December 18th at 10.00am to prepare the church for the Christmas season. If you can spare a couple of hours, do please come along.

DECEMBER DIARY
Wednesday 10th 6.00pm Christingle
Saturday 13th 7.00pm Wassail Concert
followed by refreshments in the hall.
Sunday 14th Junior Church Nativity during the 10am service
Christmas Craft Fayre in the church hall at coffee time
12.00pm Organ Recital in church to celebrate 50 years since the installation of the organ.
Sunday 21st A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies.
Wednesday 24th 5.00pm Crib Service
10.30pm Community Carols
11.15pm Midnight Mass
Thursday 25th 8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion

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 **welcome slip** and return it to a Sidesperson or contact the Parish Office on 681 1940.*

Welcome 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 NOVEMBER 30th 2025
ADVENT

8.00am
HOLY COMMUNION
Green Prayer Book

10.00am
PARSH COMMUNION
Common Worship ~ HA & M
Setting: Murray

Organ Voluntary: Prelude I ~ *Edward Bairstow*
First Hymn: 45
Gradual: Responsorial Psalm ~ My help help cometh from the Lord (Psalm 121)
Offertory Hymn: 37
Sermon: Revd. Canon Kate Stowe
Anthem: The truth from above ~ *Ralph Vaughan Williams*
Communion Hymn: 32
Final Hymn: 41
Recessional Voluntary: Prelude III ~ *Edward Bairstow*

6.30pm
A SERVICE OF ADVENT CAROLS
Separate Order of Service

RIP
Jill Bettam
Richard Brooks Patricia Fumagalli

Confirmation and First Communion
We will be running sessions to prepare for Confirmation and First Communion in the New Year. If you are interested or would like to know more, please talk with Revd Pete or Revd Kate.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30th 2025 ADVENT

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

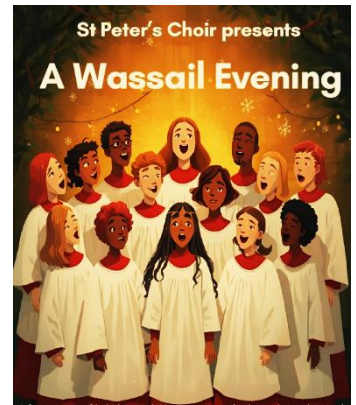
Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

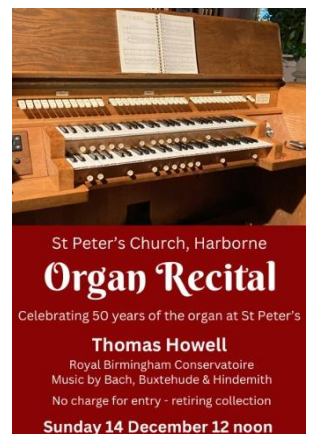
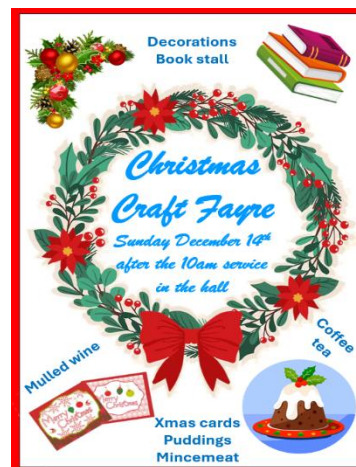
Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Postcards listing Christmas Services and Events are available at the back of church. Please pick up a handful and post them through local doors - write your name and the road(s) you are delivering to on the sheet. There is also a stack of Tower Fundraising leaflets to be distributed at the same time, so please make sure you have both before you post!



SATURDAY DECEMBER 13th 7pm
- A fun evening of lighthearted Christmas music both secular and sacred, with singalong and readings. Followed by mulled wine and mince pies. No charge for entry - retiring collection.



St. Peter's has a vacancy for the role of **PARISH SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR - PSC**. This is the key link person between our church and the Diocese concerning safeguarding matters. The PSC has an overview of all church activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults and will seek to ensure the implementation of safeguarding policy. If you would be interested in taking on this role and would like to know more, please do speak with Revd. Canon Kate. In the interim, any safeguarding concerns can be raised directly with either of our Churchwardens, Sid Werrin and Jan Willcox.

CofE Birmingham is seeking to capture a snapshot of safeguarding culture across our diocese to help inform future priorities and strengthen ongoing work to improve safeguarding practice and governance. If you could help, please take their short, online Parish Safeguarding Survey, available at:

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/Cofebirmingham/ParishSafeguardingSurvey2025>

You can also access it by scanning the QR code on the poster either at the back of church or in the hall. The survey will be open until **Sunday 14 December 2025**.

Thank you for your support with this important survey and for all you do to make our churches safer places for all.