

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Wednesday

10.00am **Holy Communion** led by Revd. Charlotte Gibson

Thursday

The Parish Office will be closed today and on the 24th November. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

1.45pm **Gardening Group**

Saturday

9.30am **Junior Church Advent Workshop**

Next Week

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26th
CHRIST THE KING

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong

There will be a **Craft Fayre** after the 10.00am service on **Sunday November 26th** in the church hall. There will be an assortment of goods on offer not least of the wooden, woollen and cooked variety, so do please put the date in your diary to remind you to bring your wallets and purses!

THE VICARAGE CALLS....

Kate, Mat and family would like to invite you to drop by for mulled wine and mince pies on **December 3rd, Advent Sunday**, anytime between 4-00-6-00pm ~ a lovely way to ready yourselves for the beautiful service of Advent Carols which will follow on in church at 6-30pm.



OUR LOCAL FOOD BANK

As you can imagine, the food bank is much in demand this year and is very grateful for any donations. Please give what you can in the way of tinned and packaged food and also toiletries; they will be much appreciated.

Alternatively you may like to donate financially so that the staff can buy whatever they are short of. Their bank details are as follows: name – Quinton and Oldbury Food Bank, sort code – 30 – 16 - 84 and the account number – 19424568. Many thanks for your support.

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 NOVEMBER 19th 2023
SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

8.00 am HOLY COMMUNION
Green Prayer Book

JUNIOR CHURCH IN THE CHURCH HALL

10.00am PARISH COMMUNION
Common Worship ~ HA & M ~ Rutter

Hymn: 676

Gradual: 444

Sermon: Diane Reeves

Offertory Hymn: 453

Anthem: Lord I trust thee ~ Handel

Communion Hymn: 127

Final Hymn: 595

6.30pm

CHORAL EVENSONG

Green Prayer Book ~ NEH

Hymn: 418 (omit*)

Psalm: 89

OT Lesson: 1 Kings 1.15-40

NT Lesson: Revelations 1.4-18

Anthem: Round me falls the night ~ Drese

Sermon: Revd. Charlotte Gibson

Hymn: 466

RIP

Derek Edge

Peter Philips

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Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Zephaniah 1.7,12-end

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.' Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Gospel Reading

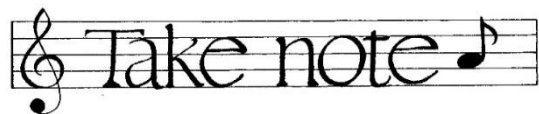
Matthew 25.14-30

'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your

master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Post Communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.



After 18 years of loyal service, David Friel is set to leave St. Peter's for pastures new, his last service being Christmas Day; he, Marion, Iona and Isla will be moving to Bonnie Scotland and of course we wish them much happiness as they start this new chapter of their lives. There will be a collection for David to say 'Thank You'. If you would like to contribute, please send donations to the parish office.

GIVE A LITTLE - SHARE A LOT

· You can support St. Peter's and its mission by donating in different ways:

· Sign up to the Parish Giving Scheme to arrange a Direct Debit donation. Application forms and details of how to Gift Aid donations are at the back of church

· Set up a Standing Order by speaking to Pauline Philpot, Stewardship Recorder.

· Donate via our contactless device Goody McGoodbox at the back of church

· Donate using your Smartphone by scanning the QR code shown here or typing in the link

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/c4f7b7ae-e88f-41c5-9fe2-911134318dda>

