

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion with Revd. Chris Butt

Friday

8.00pm Compline

Saturday 7th March

Our Crucifer **Charlie Chadwick** will be celebrating his 80th birthday with an 'Open House' party in the church hall. Please do drop in between 1pm and 4pm to share in the celebrations - you are most welcome!



**NEXT WEEK March 8th 2026
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Next Sunday (8th March) **William Murcott** will be holding a cake sale to raise funds for the **Birmingham Hospice**. Please join him after the 10am service to buy some delicious cakes! To raise funds for the Hospice William will also be taking part in a 5k run on 21st March. You are also able to donate/sponsor him here

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/williamchocolate5k>

The last date for renewal of annual subscriptions to our parish magazine is March 8th. A big thank you to everyone who has already signed up. You can take the magazine as a paper copy or via email. Please contact the parish office for details and costs.

Lent Courses continue on Tuesdays 2pm or Thursdays 7.30pm; the CofE theme is 'Draw near: Life-giving habits for Lent'. Booklets to accompany the course are available to order. Please see Revd. Pete Brayshaw or Revd Canon Kate Stowe if you would like to join in.

Confirmation and First Communion preparation

To know more about the sessions preparing for Confirmation and First Communion, please talk with Revd Pete or Revd Kate.

Prayer Meeting on Zoom

Revd. Pete will be leading a Prayer meeting on Zoom on Tuesday March 10th, 7.30-8.30pm. Please contact him for the joining details.



AUTOMATIC PORCH DOORS

The two sets of porch doors at the church entrance are now automated and will open as you approach. If you find yourself between the two sets and they have closed, there is a touch pad on the left door frame of the front set as you face out of church which you can press to open them again. There is also a free-standing touch pad on a support to the left of the inner doors as you leave church.

WELCOME TO ST. PETERS 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** at the back of the church and return it to a Sidesperson or contact the Parish Office on 681 1940.*

Please take this notice sheet home.

www.stpeterharborne.org.uk

Email: parishoffice@stpeterharborne.org.uk

If not already occupied by the Boulders Group, the Side Chapel (where there is audio connection to the Service), is available to you if your **young Children or babies** want to carry on singing when everyone else has stopped (particularly during the quiet bits!)

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY MARCH 1st 2026 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**8.00am
HOLY COMMUNION**
Green Prayer Book

**10.00am
PARISH COMMUNION**
Common Worship ~ HA & M
Setting: Anderson

Organ Voluntary: Andantino (A Little Organ Book)
~ *Harold Darke*

First Hymn: 593i

Offertory Hymn: 748

Sermon: Revd. Canon Kate Stowe

Anthem: On Eagle's wings

Communion Hymn: 494

Final Hymn: 652

Recessional Voluntary: Elegy ~ *George Thalben-Ball*

**6.30pm
NO SERVICE**

RIP

Lynn Waites

Joan Humphreys

Mike Freebury

If you would like to contribute towards the cost of the Easter lilies in memory of a loved one, please send donations and the names of those being remembered to the Parish Office. Thank you.



PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY MARCH 3rd AND RE-OPEN ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 4th.

SUNDAY MARCH 1st 2026 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Collect

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading:

Genesis 12:1-4

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Gospel Reading:

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.'

'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

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.

During Lent we are again collecting items for 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 at the back of church and a box for donations. Thank you.



PARISH SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR (PSC)

We are pleased to announce that we have a new lead person for all matters safeguarding within our parish church – Laura Murcott. We are very grateful to her for taking on this role and any issues relating to safeguarding may be taken to her in person, call her on 07939 721432 or send via the email

safeguarding@stpeterharborne.org.uk

These details are also on the posters up in church and hall.

HEALTH AND SAFETY LEAD

Are you someone who could take the role of Health & Safety Lead for our church and hall? Could you coordinate the necessary risk assessment, training, checking and recording needed to make us a safe place so that accidents don't happen? Please speak to Revd. Kate if you would be interested; for more information about church H&S, look at

<https://www.cofebirmingham.com/info-for-parishes/property-team/health-safety/health-safety.php>



To tie in with our Patronal Festival in June and to raise money for the "Tower of Strength" Appeal, there will be a **Flower Festival** running from June 25th to 28th and the theme will be...

TOWERS! More information may be found in the flyers which you have been given with the pew sheets. Please check pigeonholes at the back of church for specific group invitations.



Have a look at the back of church for information on knitting / crocheting poppies for a Remembrance display later this year.