

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Today: If you wish to receive communion or a blessing in your pew, please let the wardens know so they can communicate this to those administering. 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.



Today is the last date for renewal of PARISH MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS for 2025-26

Don't miss out! Let the parish office know if you would like to subscribe. Thank you as ever for your support!!



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 Chris Butt

Next Week: SUNDAY March 16th Second Sunday of Lent

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Sung Evensong

Date for your diary ~ Saturday March 22nd 7.00pm in church.



The Harborne Consort returns to St Peter's on Saturday March 22nd 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 will be available in church from next week and will be accepted between April 6th and 20th 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

Email: parishoffice@stpeterharborne.org.uk

SERVICES FOR SUNDAY MARCH 9th 2025 FIRST 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: Ich ruf'zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ ~
J S Bach

First Hymn: 46

Gradual Hymn: Psalm 51

Sermon: Revd. Canon Chris Butt

Offertory Hymn: 104

Anthem: Turn thy face from my sins ~ *Thomas Attwood*

Communion Hymn: 127

Final Hymn: 646

Recessional Voluntary: Wer nur den lieben Gott lasst walten ~ *J S Bach*

6.30pm

SUNG EVENSONG

Green Prayer Book ~ NEH

Hymn: 393

Responses: Ferial

Psalm: 119 v.73-88

OT Lesson: Jonah 3

NT Lesson: Luke 18.9-14

Anthem: Nolo mortem peccatoris ~ *Thomas Morley*

Sermon: Anne Abok

Final Hymn: 391

RIP

Alan Mackay

Sister Ellen Knox

SUNDAY MARCH 9th 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Gospel Reading

Luke 4.1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written,

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."'

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; 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 REVD. KATE IF YOU CAN OFFER YOUR SERVICES IN ANY WAY AND JOIN ONE OF OUR COMMITTEES AND GROUPS.

LIVING HOPE

There will be two **LENT GROUPS** running on Tuesdays 2pm and Thursdays 7.30pm on the CofE theme this year, 'Living Hope'.

It's not late to join- see Kate or Pete respectively for more details.

If you have any **branded** used printer cartridges that you want to get rid of, put them at the back of church and they will go to the charity Just 4Children - <https://just4children.org/>.



We are hoping to once again, have fresh lilies for Easter this year. Past practice was to make a donation in memory of a loved one, the names of whom 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.