

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

Today

Congratulations to Revd. Pete on his Ordination as priest yesterday. Today he celebrates his first Eucharist with us.

Wednesday

9.00am St. Peter's School Service

10.00am Holy Communion with Revd. Canon Chris Butt. Please note that this service will be held in the **church hall Committee Room** as the church will be filled with flower arrangers preparing for the opening of the festival on Thursday!



FLOWER FESTIVAL

Thursday June 25th 10.00am - A special peal of the church bells will herald the beginning of the 'Towers' Flower Festival which will run from **today until Sunday 28th**. Admission is by programme, (£3, children free). In addition to the wonderful floral arrangements, there will be live music in the church from 12 noon and 4pm each day, including a concert of summer music by St. Peter's School Choir on Thursday 25th. Our own church choir will be giving a concert at 4pm on Saturday 27th. Light refreshments will be available in the Church Hall from

10 am to 5 pm (Thursday and Saturday)

11 am to 5 pm (Friday)

12 noon to 5 pm (Sunday)

along with a second-hand book stall (gardening books) and other stalls, including hand-made cards, all crowned off with a Celebration Evensong at 6.30pm on the Sunday.

There'll be a raffle with stupendous prizes including a magnificent hand-crafted jewellery box worth £1,000, a limited-edition Peter Rabbit by Steiff, and goody baskets on a floral theme. Raffle Tickets will be on sale in the church hall after the 10.00am service. No cash - no problem as there will be facility for card payments!



Thanks to all those who have already offered to help serve refreshments during the Flower Festival but help is still needed on Saturday afternoon and Sunday all day. Please see Tricia Butt after church if you can help. Thank you! And do please sign up to steward the church for an hour or so during the four days of the festival.

NEXT WEEK ~ JUNE 28th 2026 - PETER TIDE

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am All Age Eucharist with Parade

6.30pm Full Choral Evensong

The minutes of the APCM held on May 17th have been approved by PCC and are now available to read at the back of church.

WELCOME TO ST. PETER'S CHURCH

*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 JUNE 21st 2026

THID SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

Green Prayer Book

10.00am

Common Worship ~ HA & M

Setting ~ Rutter (p20 in the service booklet)

Organ Voluntary: Lobe den Herren ~ Max Reger

First Hymn: 217

Gradual Hymn: 631(i)

Offertory Hymn: 702

Sermon: Revd. Canon Chris Butt

Anthem: Ex ore innocentium ~ John Ireland

Communion Hymn: 763(i)

Final Hymn: 765

Organ Recessional: Lobe den Herren ~ J G Walther

6.30pm

CHORAL EVENSONG

Green Prayer Book ~ NEH

Hymn: 445

Responses: Ferial

Psalm: 46

OT Lesson: 1 Samuel 24.1-17

NT Lesson: Luke 14.12-24

Anthem: Cantate Domino ~ G O Pitoni

Homily: Keith Whitehead

Final Hymn: 485

RIP

Glynn Matts

SUNDAY JUNE 21st 2026
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Collect

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.' But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:24-39

'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. 'Do not think

that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

OPEN CHURCH ~ Thursdays between 1.30-3.30pm



Please sign up at the back of church if you can spare time to steward the church on Thursdays.

Gift-Aiding

A reminder please: if you use one of the yellow giving envelopes, please ensure, to secure the gift aid, that the envelope is filled in and signed. Thank you.



Sunday June 28th after the 10.00am service we will be having new **Team Photos** taken (clergy, church wardens, choir, servers etc), so do please put the date in your diary!



There is to be an online event from Christian Aid to thank supporters and share stories from Christian Aid's partners and experiences from Christian Aid week on 30th June at 7.00pm; it is open to all but you are asked to register in advance by following the link [Join event](#) here or on the Christian Aid website.

AUTOMATIC DOORS - When exiting the church, please use the push pad on a stand to open the doors into the porch – do not push doors directly as this will damage the mechanisms.