

DIARY FOR THIS WEEK

TODAY several of our young people who have been prepared will be admitted to receive Holy Communion for the first time during the 10am service. Please pray and rejoice with them.

4.00pm **Deanery Confirmation Service at Smethwick Old Church.** Please pray for our candidates: Josh Mallett, Mishah Mallett, Harry Craven, Lucy Rabjohn and Mike Villiers-Stuart.

Christian Aid Week 11th – 17th May 2025 **7 days to make a difference**



Please join in our fund raising for Christian Aid's work in Guatemala.

- **Join** the St Peter's team delivering envelopes
- **Bake cakes** for 18th May.
- **Give** generously to help farmers like Amelia and her community transform their lives and living conditions. <https://tinyurl.com/St-Peters-CAW-2025> or use our QR code
- **Do Individual Fund Raising:** Could you do a sponsored challenge like the '70k in May' or host a (donations) dinner party? See the ideas on <https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/>
- **Pray** for Christian Aid's work and for a radical change of heart for politicians, and that, as a global community, we will care for people living in poverty



Sign-up sheets and Christian Aid Week devotional guides are at the back of church. More information on the [Christian Aid Week](https://www.christianaid.org.uk/) website & the May parish magazine. Any questions speak to Julia Julia.howl@hotmail.com or 07818 485286.

Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion with Revd Canon Kate Stowe
7.30pm CPT meeting in the Committee Room.

Thursday

7.30pm BFG meeting in the Committee Room.

NEXT WEEK – May 18th The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
6.30pm Full Choral Evensong

SATURDAY MAY 17th 2-5pm **STREET PARTY PICNIC**



Followed by concert and sing-along in church
COME and celebrate

BRING your 1940s picnic

BRING a dish to share – see recipes at back of church

BRING any memorabilia and items from the 1940s for a display table

HAVE A GO at some wartime quizzes

BRING some bottles for the pull-a-string bottle stall

TAKE a tour of the church hall garden which is

celebrating its 26th birthday and do a garden quiz

LOOK out for a display on Christian Aid which is

celebrating its 80th anniversary as well this year

COME and enjoy a concert and sing-along in church to round off the afternoon.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AS THE CAR PARK WILL BE CLOSED FOR THIS EVENT FROM LATE FRIDAY NIGHT, DISABLED PARKING WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE VICARAGE DRIVE

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 MAY 11th 2025 **4th SUNDAY of EASTER**

8.00am

HOLY COMMUNION

Green Prayer Book

10.00am PARISH COMMUNION

Common Worship ~ HA & M ~Anderson

Organ Voluntary: Chorale Prelude 'St. Peter' ~ Harold Darke

First Hymn: 696

Gradual Hymn: 664

Sermon: Revd. Canon Chris Butt

Offertory Hymn: 807

Anthem: The Lord is my shepherd ~ Goodhall

Communion Hymn: 794(i)

Final Hymn: 650

Recessional Voluntary: Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go ~ George Dyson

6.30pm

CHORAL EVENSONG

Green Prayer Book ~ NEH

Hymn: 345

Responses: Ferial

Psalm: 113 & 114

OT Lesson: Isaiah 63.7-14

NT Lesson: Luke 24.36-49

Anthem: Hide not thou thy face ~ Richard Farrant

Sermon: Pete Brayshaw

Final Hymn: 351

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

If you donate cash or cheque using one of the yellow envelopes and are a UK taxpayer, please fill your name and postcode in on the front of the envelope. This allows us to claim an extra 25p from HMRC for every £1 you give. This can make a big difference to the income of the church, giving us more to fund God's work.

Our Church Warden **Christopher Hargreaves** will be standing down from this post at the APCM. There will be a collection to recognise his dedication and service to St. Peter's. Any donations may be made to the Parish Office please.

SUNDAY May 11th 2025
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading

Acts 9.36-end

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

Gospel Reading

John 10.22-30

Then came the Festival of Dedication[b] at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all[c]; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ANNUAL VESTRY AND PAROCHIAL CHURCH

MEETING SUNDAY MAY 25TH

at 11.40 approx. in the church hall

At the **Vestry** meeting, two **Churchwardens** will be elected and **all parishioners** are eligible to vote.

At the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**, **PCC members** are elected – 4 to serve for 3 years, and 6 to fill casual vacancies.

All candidates must be on the Church Electoral Roll and nominated on the forms available at the back of church.

Proposers and seconders must also be on the Electoral Roll. The new Roll will be presented at the meeting, along with the accounts for 2024 and the PCC Trustees' Report for the year and reports from church personnel and committees and groups.

Copies of the accounts and reports will be available in church next weekend.

This is an important meeting to hear about what St. Peter's has achieved over the last year, and to think about what lies ahead. So please do support it.

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The list of the people for whom we pray by name is being revised with effect from the first Sunday in June. Please advise the office of any names to be included in the new list.
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WHERE DO YOUR TALENTS LIE?

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.



Thank you so much to everyone who has donated their used branded printer cartridges, which have gone to the charity Just 4Children - <https://just4children.org/>. If you are not already handing them in to another charity or recycling facility, please do **continue** to put them in the box in the church porch.



OPEN CHURCH

We would like to start opening the church to visitors for a couple of hours on a Thursday afternoon, as from May 22nd. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you could be a steward. Thank you.

Easter Garden in porch: To keep this garden fresh for the full Easter Season, please continue to bring small posies or individual blooms to present before the empty tomb.