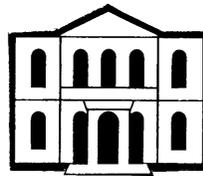


ST PETER'S METHODIST CHURCH

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Sunday 3 February 2019 Gospel Reading: Luke 4:21-30

We are delighted to welcome everyone to St Peter's, especially students and people visiting Canterbury. If this is your first visit, please introduce yourself to one of the Stewards or the Minister and sign the Visitors' Book on the table in the Church Vestibule. If you are new to the Church or have recently moved into the area, and would like more details about what we offer, please speak to one of the Stewards.

- 10.00 am** **Service at Little Haxted, Selling Road, Old Wives Lees.**
(Local Arrangement)
- 10.30 am** **Morning Worship & Junior Church.** Our Service will include Holy Communion and be led by Revd Timothy Nicholls.
Church Stewards: Maureen Stocker & Margaret Anderson
Lesson Readers: Jill Butler, Louise Anstey Watson
Communion Servers: Jill Butler, Dawn & Wendy Irons
- 6.30 pm** **Taize Service** led by Revd Timothy Nicholls
Church Steward: Megan Wells

Speak to the Stewards for detail of the Crèche or if you need a large print copy of the Hymn Book or Bible. There is a Hearing Aid Loop System in the Church. Users should switch to the "T" position.

Minister: Revd Timothy Nicholls
Circuit Office: 01227 459449 Email revdtimnicholls@outlook.com
Church Bookings: Roy Irons, email rhbirons@talktalk.net

Notices for 4 - 10 February 2019

- Tuesday 5** **7.30 pm Church Council.**
- Wednesday 6** **10.00 am Service of Holy Communion** in the Church led by Revd Malcolm Peach.
10.45 am St Peter's Discovery Group meets in the Blue Room to discuss Chapters 3 & 4 of W H.Vanstone's *Love's Endeavour, Love's Expense*
7.45 pm Contemplative Prayer Group meets in the Eastbridge Hospital Chapel. Building open from 7.30 pm. All are welcome.
- Thursday 7** **8.00 pm Ichthus Student Group** meets in the Upper Room.
- Friday 8** **9.00 – 10.30 am Morning Coffee/Drop-in** for toddlers and their parents/carers.
8.00 pm Choir Practice
- Saturday 9** **2.30 pm Annual Christian Aid Tea** in the Church Hall, everyone welcome. No need to book and no charge.
Speaker: Tomi Ajaya, Christian Aid Communications Manager, who will be speaking about Sierra Leone, the focus of Christian Aid Week 2019
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Racial Justice Sunday - 10 February 2019

- 10.00 am** **Service at Old Wives Lees Chapel**, led by Mrs Sarah Aggrey-Ogoe.
- 10.30 am** **Morning Worship & Junior Church** led by Revd Timothy Nicholls.
Church Stewards: Helen Brown & Jemima Wade.
Lesson Readers: Maureen & Brian Stocker
- 2.30pm** **Music in Mortimer Street Concert** at Herne Bay United Church. Emily Renshaw (soprano) with Jamie Rogers (piano and organ). Tickets £9 on the door.
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Also this week

- Thursday 7** **7.30 – 8.30pm at Canterbury Mosque**, The Markaz, 1 Giles Lane, Canterbury, CT2 7LT. **Women of Faith.** Opportunity for women of all faiths (and none) to chat to one another. More information on poster in Foyer.

For Our Prayers

Thought for the week

Prayer – the best wireless connection

Prayer for the Week

God of now God of then, beyond time and unbound by space,
your story reaches us across the ages, always with us.
Yet we find you on our special dates and in certain places,
in the meeting points of here and now.
We hear you through the voices of those who have gone before us.
We see you in their work and witness,
as they sought ways to build your kingdom.
Release us from nostalgia: let their signs and inspiration call us,
come alive to us, be risen in us, speak to us still, so that we may speak of
your story still unfolding, through our lives and work today. Amen
*Owen Roberts, Methodist Heritage Officer, Connexional Team.
Methodist Prayer Handbook 2018/19, A World Transformed.*

We pray for all who are unwell or may be unable to get to church, especially Francine & Meindert Aits, Meryl Bennett, Hazel Burgess, Edith Dyson, Maurice & Maureen Gann, Enid Lazell, Pam Lees, Barbara Martin, Max & Rita Maxwell, Nina Seaman, Eileen Tresidder, Joy Webster, Graham & Joyce Whistance, and Gladys & John Wilkinson.

Gateway's Cake Stall for Ruth Everingham's work with deaf children in Uganda raised £185:60. Thanks to all who contributed.

Money collected in 2018 from Friday Morning Coffee/Drop-in for Parents /Carers/Toddlers raised £479.84 towards Action for Children.

Margaret King is grateful to all those who have donated warm clothing for the refugees in Calais and Dunkirk. Warm medium and small size men's clothing is still required and can be dropped in to the Salvation Army Monday – Friday 10.00 - 2.00 pm. Contact at the Salvation Army for this collection is Claire.

St Peters is again providing overnight accommodation in the church hall for Canterbury homeless people on Wednesday evenings this winter, until the 27/3/2019. If you are able to volunteer to offer fellowship and light refreshments to those making use of the service, please sign up on the list on the table in the entrance to the church. Two people are required per night and you are requested to be there from 7pm until approximately 9.30 - 10pm. Catching Lives provides the overnight supervisory staff. See Richard Cockell for details. Many thanks.



There are some vacancies on the Flower Rota. If you would like to help with providing flowers in the church perhaps to celebrate a special occasion, remember a dear friend or like to see the beautiful arrangements we have every week, please contact Daphne Pope (tel. 01227 765836). If you do not feel able to arrange a display yourself, there is a team of flower arrangers who will do this for you.

Looking Ahead

February

- Tuesday 12 7.30 pm Circuit Meeting at Broadstairs Methodist Church.**
Saturday 16 7.15 for 7.30 start Quiz Night in aid of Sam Brown's World Scout Jamboree Fund at Sturry Guide and Scout Headquarters, Park View, Sturry, CT2 0NW. £40 per table of 8 or £6 per person. Snacks and Nibble Included, bring your own drinks. More information contact Helen Brown on 07865 897361 or email brownh27@gmail.com
- Saturday 16 7.30 pm Music at St Peter's Concert** featuring Adrian Bawtree (organ). The programme has been chosen to demonstrate the qualities of the church's 19th century tracker organ and will include music by Bach, Schumann, Mendelssohn and Saint-Saens.

March

- Saturday 2 The Circuit Eisteddfod** We have been told that unfortunately the Eisteddfod has not received sufficient entries for it to be viable, so it has been cancelled. There will be no Eisteddfod next year either. **We are very grateful to Ruth Denton who has worked tirelessly over the years to publicise the event and encourage members from St Peter's to enter. Thanks to Diana Whybrow and her team of helpers at St John's Whitstable who have organised and hosted the event and to all of you who have submitted entries over the years.**

Your Church Needs You!!!

Following Tim's sermon on Sunday 6th January volunteers are needed. Can YOU help?

Can you volunteer on a regular basis, say one Sunday a month, to act as a Book Steward. This entails arriving early, giving out the notices, hymn books and when necessary, the worship books. Take up the collection and ensure that all the books have been returned at the end of the service. Ideally a group of ten to twelve volunteers would make life so much easier for everyone.

Could you read the lesson in church occasionally? We have a regular willing band of readers however there are times when none of them are available. It would be wonderful to have some more volunteers to read. The steward on duty will let you have the reading usually on the previous Friday. So, you will have plenty of time to read it through beforehand.

Do you feel that you would be able to assist with the serving of Holy Communion? Finally, have you ever thought about becoming a 'Sound Engineer'? Joy, our chief sound engineer, is willing to help anyone who would be willing to learn how to use the sound system in the church. Again, the more volunteers that we have the easier it will be for everyone.

If you are able to volunteer for any of the above, please see me, or e-mail me on kaye.merrywest@btinternet.com or telephone me on 01227 765620, Thank you Kaye

Items for next Sunday's Notice Sheet should be with me by 10.00 pm on Wednesday. Jenny Devenish, tel: or email: jenny.deven@btinternet.com