



Welcome to The Parish Church of St Peter, Rushden

Belong, Believe, Grow & Reach



Welcome to St Peter's church family

Rector

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Licensed Lay Ministers

Joan Botterill (Reader)

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Mick Bantin (Reader)

Jean Bowerman (Pastoral)

Parish Safeguarding Officer Jim Reynolds

St Peter's Pastoral Care Team

If you have a prayer need or would appreciate a visit from the team, please contact **Jean Bowerman** in the first instance on 01933 350568/07403 614699.

The Prayer board in the side chapel is for you to write your prayer requests, which will be prayed for during our Monday evening Night Prayer.

Prayer Ministry takes place during Holy Communion. Just go to the Side Chapel where members of our prayer team will be available to pray with you.

The Fair trade stall is now open every Sunday come and look after the service.

One in nine people in the world do not have enough to eat – Traidcraft (who supply all our Fairtrade products) are working to empower those in poverty.

Flowers

Nov 11th Kathleen Knight

Nov 18th Jean Bowerman. Pedestal Mary Jenkins

(If you would like to donate flowers speak to Barbara Clark)

Tea/coffee is served after the service at the back of the church.

There are toys in the Community Room at the back of the church for **under 3's**, if these would be helpful. Please ensure that all children are accompanied by an adult.

Lettings Co-ordinator for hall/church bookings

Terri Dorman – terridorman59@gmail.com

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Items for the Notices should be sent to
Jean Bowerman by 8pm on Tuesday.

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Sunday 18th November

2nd Sunday before Advent

10am All Age Morning Worship

7.30pm Together in Prayer and Praise @ Highfield Community Baptist Church.

Reading: 2 Sam 7.1-13 & 27-29 page 290 OT

THE COLLECT / prayer for this week

Heavenly Lord,

you long for the world's salvation:

stir us from apathy,

restrain us from excess

and revive in us new hope

that all creation will one day be healed

in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Sunday 25th November Christ the King

10am Holy Communion with SPYS

6pm Deanery Evensong @ Finedon *If anyone wishes to join the choir there will be a rehearsal beforehand at 5pm.*

Reading: 2 Sam 11.1-5 & 12.1-7a page 293/294 OT

THE COLLECT / prayer for this week

God the Father,

help us to hear the call of Christ the King

and to follow in his service,

whose kingdom has no end:

for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, one glory. Amen

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

For our Mission Partners, Derek and Jane Waller:

Praise for the launch of "Rooted in Jesus" course at the Diocesan meetings.

Pray for Derek and Zafy as they visit parishes teaching the Course to would-be leaders of it.

Pray for Jane in her English teaching - for wisdom in knowing who to teach and to discern the most helpful level for the students.

For our church:

Our financial situation & PCC as they discern how to lead us through this challenge. *Pray also that each of us would be generous givers of our time and money in service of the Lord Jesus.*

For those in need:

The bereaved; Megan Graham, Brenda Griffiths, Beryl Shortland and the family of David Ingram.

The sick; especially Tim Johnson.

For those recovering from surgery; Steve Maddams and Liz Bateman.

What's on at St Peter's

Monday

- **19th & 26th Nov 7.00-8.00 St Peter's Singers** meet in church to practice
- **8-8.30pm Night Prayer** in the side chapel.
All church family are invited to join in prayer for the work and ministry of our church, for our community & wider world.

Tuesday

- **10am-12 Coffee, Chat & Community** in the Community Room. All are welcome.
- **27th Nov 3.30pm Service at Imperial Court**, Duck Street.
- **6.30-8pm TNG youth group** (see publicity for venue)

Wednesday

- **10am-12 Knit, Craft and Chat** in the community room. Contact Jean Bowerman 350568.
- **21st Nov 1.30-2.30pm Bereavement Support Group** meet in our Community Room each 3rd Wednesday of the month. See leaflets in church or speak to a member of our Pastoral Care Team for more info.
- **21st Nov 7.30pm PCC** meet in church.
- **28th Nov Advent Pause for Thought** in church.

Thursday

- **9.30-11.30am Tots and Tiddlers** meet in the church hall. Pre-school children are invited to come along and have some fun together with parent/carer. Contact Margaret Maddams on 314251 for further info.
- **22nd Nov 2pm Community Outreach team gathering** in the community room.

Friday

- **9am Flower Team** meet in church to prepare the flower displays. If you would like to donate towards the flowers, or have a display made on your behalf, please speak to Barbara Clark.
- **30th Nov** Setting up of stalls and nativities for festival in church.

Saturday

- **1st Dec 10am-2pm Nativity Festival** in church.

Sunday

- **2nd Dec 10am Advent 1 Morning Worship & SPYS**

We are currently following a sermon series on the life of David in the Old Testament: *'A man after God's own heart.'* Why not take time to read more about David's life in 1 and 2 Samuel? Let us pray that the Lord would speak to us in a profound and powerful way as we read His word together.

The Bible on CD – we have two copies available to borrow which can be found on the table at the back of church.

Please continue to save your used stamps in aid of Tearfund, plus items for recycling, including old phones, coins and jewellery. Please see the box and leaflets at the back of church.

Dates for your diary....

The funeral of Harry Graham will take place on Tues 20th Nov, 1.30pm in Church.

Thanks to all who helped in any way with this year's **Living with Loss service**. The service was well attended (over 70 people) and very much appreciated by those who came.

In preparation for Christmas St Peter's will be holding three '**Advent Pause for Thought**' gatherings on Wed 28th Nov, 5th & 19th Dec, 7.30pm. These are open to all church members to help us to prepare to celebrate the REAL reason for the special Christmas season. Please sign up at the back of church.

Our annual **Nativity Festival** will be on Sat 1st Dec, 10am to 2pm. There will be stalls and displays to browse, refreshments and some entertainment. FREE entry! (Spread the word!) If you can bring in a nativity set to display, please sign the list at the back of church.

The next **Start!** group will begin on Tues 22nd Jan 2019, 10.30am in the side chapel. There are 6 sessions which are ideal for anyone who wants to think about their own life journey, the Christian faith or perhaps explore Baptism or Confirmation. Speak to Rachel for more info. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Our **Christmas publicity** is now ready. Please spread the word and take some cards and invite your friends/neighbours/family to our Christmas events.

Wed 28th Nov 1 for 1.30pm-3.30pm at St Giles' Northampton and Rev Philip Evans & Dr David Smart (GP) will be speaking about Christian ministry to those with mental health issues.

The Council of Churches in Rushden and Higham are planning to put on a performance at the switching on of the **Christmas lights in the High St on 24th Nov**. This will include large scale puppets and volunteers are required to help with this operation! If you can help please let Rachel know ASAP.

School Governor Vacancy - Southend Infant School

Our school has a vacancy for a committed and enthusiastic Governor to help keep our school great and require someone to take on this rewarding role or encouraging someone else, whom you may think has the appropriate skills.

Governing Bodies are responsible for a wide range of matters and we are happy to offer full support. We work together as a group, meeting at least once a term and our Governors work closely with staff, children and stakeholders to ensure that decisions made are fitting for this school community.

Applicants from ethnic minorities and with disabilities are generally under represented on school Governing Bodies in the county so we would like to encourage nominations from such groups in our community.

All School Governor appointments will be subject to enhanced security clearance, the aim of this check is to protect our children.

If you would like to discuss this subject further, please contact Miss Marianne Harper, via the school office 01933 356571.