



# Welcome to The Parish Church of St Peter, Rushden

*Belong, Believe, Grow & Reach*



Welcome to St Peter's church family .....

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## Church Wardens

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**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 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.*

**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.

**Flowers** 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Kindly donated by Audrey Seabrook & Harry Curtis

## Lettings Co-ordinator for hall/church bookings

Terri Dorman – [terridorman59@gmail.com](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup> December

### Advent 3

10am All Age Morning Worship

New Sermon Series: Generous God Generous People

Reading: Mark 6.30-44 page 39 NT

6pm Carols by Candlelight

### THE COLLECT / prayer for this week

Eternal God,

as Mary waited for the birth of your Son so we wait for his coming in glory;

bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

### Advent 4

10am 'Messy' All Age Christmas Service

We welcome Rachael Newman from Spurgeons

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

#### For our Mission Partners, Derek and Jane Waller:

Give thanks for the nine conferences held in the Diocese to train leaders of disciple-making groups. Give thanks too, for the new person appointed to follow up on this work.

Pray for safety in travel – the roads are terrible – journeys take a long time!

Pray for Florent, Derek's co-worker who speaks very little English!

Pray for Derek and Jane in their continuing language study.

Pray for them at Christmastime – opportunities and challenges.

#### For our church:

Our Christmas services; that as a congregation we would be proactive in inviting others to worship with us during this special season and that hearts would be open and responsive to the Christmas gospel message.

Our financial situation & PCC as they discern how to lead us through this challenge.

Let us also thank the Lord for the generous responses we have already received from members of our church family.

Our new sermon series: 'Generous God, Generous People' through the Gospel of Mark. Let us pray that the Lord would speak to us in a profound and powerful way as we read His word together.

For Jordan Allen, who will be coming to serve as a Curate at St Peter's next year, together with his wife-to-be, Emily. Pray for them both as they finish their studies at Trinity Theological College in Bristol.

#### For those in need:

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

The sick; especially Tim Johnson.

## The next two weeks at St Peter's...

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

- 4-6pm Carol Singing at Rushden Lakes – We need you! (No Night Prayer this evening. Night Prayer shall resume on 7<sup>th</sup> January.)

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

- 10am-12 Coffee & Chat in the Community Room. All are welcome.
- 3.30pm Christmas service at Imperial Court.
- 6.30-8pm TNG Christmas party at the rectory.

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec

- 10am-12 Knit, Craft and Chat with Christmas nibbles, in the community room. This is our last meeting this year, back again on 9 Jan 2019. Contact Jean Bowerman 350568.
- 7.30pm Advent Pause for Thought in church.

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

- No Tots and Tiddlers. Meet again in the new year on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. Contact Margaret Maddams on 314251.
- 7pm – Carol Singing at Rushden Park Nursing Home (the more, the merrier!)

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

- Flower Ladies meet to prepare the Christmas flower displays. All helpers welcome.

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

- 10am 'Messy Christmas' service for all ages.

### Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Eve

- 4pm Nativity Service
- 11.30pm 'Midnight' Holy Communion

### Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Day

- 10am All Age Holy Communion

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

- 10am All Age Morning Worship

#### Mince Pies for Christmas Services



In preparation for our Christmas Services, donations of mince pies (bought or baked) will be very gratefully received

Instead of sending individual Christmas cards to church family members, why not write one message to everyone? There is a board at the back of church and some labels to write your message on. There is a box for donations so that the money you would have spent on cards can go to Tearfund Christian charity.

Please take our **Christmas publicity** cards and spread the word inviting your friends/neighbours/family to our Christmas events. Why not take enough to deliver to your street?

## Dates for your diary....

### **Christmas Nativity Festival News**

A Big **THANK YOU** for all the hard work put in by the volunteers and supporters which made this year's festival such a big success. The total raised was a massive £490.00.

In support of the Al Ahli hospital in Gaza, Rachel & Andrew's stall raised £138.00, a Big **THANK YOU** to everyone who purchased items from their stall.

Highfield Road - There is **no TIPP (Together in Prayer & Praise)** Sunday 16 Dec. However, some have asked if they can still come for prayer and praise for an hour, so the Olive Room will be open from around 7pm to start prayer and some praise together. It's an opportunity to pray for Christmas events in our towns, and maybe our nation. Open invitation to all

### **Bereavement Support Group – change of meeting dates.**

The group will now be meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month at 10am in the Side Chapel, starting back again on 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. Please speak to Rachel or a member of the Pastoral Care Team if you feel this group could be helpful to you or someone else.

The next **Start!** group will begin on Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2019, 11.00am 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.

### **Book the Date**

**St Peter's Church Family  
POTS & PUDS PARTY**

**Date: Saturday 26 January**

**Time: 6 – 9pm**

Place: The Church Room

Cost: Adults £6 – Under 11's £3

Bring your own drink

Tickets available after Christmas

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.