



Welcome to The Parish Church of St Peter, Rushden

Belong, Believe, Grow & Reach



Welcome to St Peter's church family

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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 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.

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 2nd December

Advent 1

10am Morning Worship & SPYS

New Sermon Series: Generous God Generous People

Reading: Mark 12.38-44 page 47 NT

THE COLLECT / prayer for this week

**Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light
of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

Sunday 9th December

Advent 2

10am Holy Communion & SPYS

Reading: Mark 8.31-38 page 42 NT

THE COLLECT / prayer for this week

**Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again
as judge and saviour,
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God. 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.*

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 those in need:

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

The sick; especially Tim Johnson.

For Liz Bateman, recovering from surgery.

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

Monday 3rd Dec

- 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 4th Dec

- 10am-12 Coffee & Chat in the Community Room. All are welcome.
- 6.30-8pm No TNG this week.

Wednesday 5th Dec

- 9.30am – Brass Cleaning Team If you can spare some time, come along to the side chapel and help to bring a shine to the church brass.
- 10am-12 Knit, Craft and Chat in the community room. Contact Jean Bowerman 350568.
- 7.30pm Advent Pause for Thought in church.

Thursday 6th Dec

- 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.

Friday 7th Dec

- No Flower Ladies this week. Meet again on 21 Dec to prepare the Christmas flower displays. All helpers welcome.

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Tuesday 11th Dec

- 10am-12 Coffee & Chat in the Community Room. All are welcome.
- 6.30-8pm TNG youth group (at the rectory)

Wednesday 12th Dec

- 10am-12 Knit, Craft and Chat in the community room. Contact Jean Bowerman 350568.
- 12 for 12.30 Christmas Meal at Pizzeria Venezia, Church Street.
- 7pm AFC Rushden & Diamonds Carol Service (everyone is invited to come and to wear their team colours!).

Thursday 13th Dec

- 9.30 – 11.30am Tots & Tiddlers; 10am Tots and Tiddlers Carol Service in church.

Friday 14th Dec

- No Flower Ladies this week. Meet again on 21 Dec to prepare the Christmas flower displays. All helpers welcome.

Sunday 16th Dec – Advent 3

- 10am All Age Morning Worship
- 6pm Carols by Candlelight in church

Dates for your diary....

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.

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.

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

Bereavement Support Group – change of meeting dates.

The group will now be meeting on the 3rd Tuesday each month at 10am in the Side Chapel. 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.

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?

We also have this year's **HOPE Christmas magazines** to give away to people who don't regularly come to church. Why not give one to a friend or neighbour and invite them to come to one of our services this year?

Mince Pies for Christmas Services



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

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.