



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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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.

Flowers Jan 6 Pedestals kindly donated Ken Woodhall & Louie & Margaret De-Monte.

Jan 13 Alter flowers kindly donated by Alan & Sandy Iliffe

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 30th December 2018

1st Sunday of Christmas

10am All Age Morning Worship

Reading: Luke 2.41-end *page 579 NT*

THE COLLECT / prayer for this week

God of Trinity, eternal unity of perfect love: gather the nations to be one family and draw us into your holy life through the birth of Emmanuel, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Sunday 6th January 2019 Epiphany

10am All Age Morning Worship

Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6 *page 700 OT*

Matthew 2.1-12 *page 1 NT*

THE COLLECT/prayer for this week

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Sunday 13th January 2019 Epiphany 2

Holy Communion with SPYS

Readings: Isaiah 43.1-7 *page 638 OT*

Luke 3.15-17, 21-22 *page 57 NT*

THE COLLECT/prayer for this week

Eternal Lod, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

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 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.

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.

A thank you from our Rector on behalf of the PCC:-

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Advent and Christmas worship so special and meaningful this year.

Thanks to:

Our super singers and wonderful welcomers, systematic sidespeople, lovely Lay Ministers; and to all who helped with refreshments (from super sausage rolls to moreish mince pies to serving cups of tea/coffee).

Our reliable sound desk guys and creative flower team, together with our faithful team of cleaners and all who took part in our services with readings, etc.

To all of you who invited and brought people to our services and for ALL your service in the Lord's name: may God bless you all.

Rachel

St Peter's Church Family Prayer (written at our 'Messy' Christmas service)

GOD IS WITH US

God You are with us – always and forever – for this we give You thanks.

Our Father, blessed Lord, our Saviour and our friend.

Delight is in the presence of you, O Lord.

In Your love we praise You.

Spiritually looking over us.

We worship and adore you in our world, every day.

I will always love and trust you.

Trust in the Lord.

His Holy Spirit lives within our hearts.

Under your protection and love we know You are always with us, even when we don't feel you near.

Sorry that we don't always recognise that You are with us – please forgive our sins.

There are some **Christmas messages** from members of our church family and others at the back of church – why not take a look after the service?

CMS Missionary Box – If you have a CMS Missionary Donation Box please remember to bring it to church within the next couple of weeks and give it to our Treasurer, Jean Moksa.

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.

Regular groups and dates for your diary....

Monday

- 8-8.30pm Night Prayer shall resume on 7th January.

Tuesday

- 10am-12 Coffee & Chat in the Community Room shall resume on 8th January. All are welcome.
- 10am Bereavement Support Group meet in the side chapel on 15th Jan. *See below for further details.
- TNG are back on 22nd Jan, 6.30-8pm at the Rectory.

Wednesday

- 9.30am – Brass Cleaning Team meet on the 1st Wed of each month. 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 will resume on 9th Jan. Contact Jean Bowerman 350568.
- 2-15-4pm Ladies Friendship Group AGM on 16th Jan. in the community room. Contact Kaye Rawlins on 396253.

Thursday

- Tots and Tiddlers meet again on 10th Jan. Contact Margaret Maddams on 314251.

Friday

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

***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, starting back again on 15th 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 22nd 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