##### Ride and Stride

##### The annual Sponsored Ride and Stride will be taking place this year on Saturday 13th September. We will be opening St Peter’s to welcome any cyclists or walkers. If you are able to help for an hour or so please sign the list at the back of the church. St Helen’s have a cycle team taking part and have invited anyone from St Peter’s to join them for a lovely 20-mile circular ride around the quiet backroads. Marisa, their church warden, says: “It's a great way to visit the local rural churches and we're quite the sympathetic cycle team (emphasis on enjoyment rather than speed). Everyone is free to fundraise for any church (or just enjoy the cycle ride)”. Please contact Mike if anyone is interested: 50% of all money raised goes to Oxford Historic Church Trust with the remaining 50% going to the church

**Tea and cake in the vicarage garden**

##### Maggie invites everyone to join her for tea and cake in the vicarage garden on Sunday 21st September between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm. Please note: this will replace the Autumn Fair. If you are able to make a cake please let Mike or Maggie know. This will be an excellent opportunity to meet Maggie on a more informal basis. Please invite friends and family.

**Prayer meeting**

Shirley, Mike and Simon will continue to meet fortnightly on a Friday at 12.00 for half an hour to pray for our church and parish. We will next meet on Friday 19th September at 12.00. Please join us if you are free.

**St Peter’s Church Wootto**n

##### Sunday 7th August

##### Morning Prayer and Praise

##### 12th Sunday after Trinity

##### Collect

##### Almighty and everlasting God,

##### you are always more ready to here than we to pray

##### and to give more than either we desire or deserve:

##### pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,

##### forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid

##### and giving us those good things

##### which we are not worthy to ask

##### but through the merits and mediation

##### of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**St Peter’s Wootton**

***A vibrant, growing church***

***at the heart of the community***

***spreading the love, joy and peace of Jesus to all***

**Readings**

Philemon: 1-21

Luke 14: 25-33

**Today’s Service**

##### Revd Maggie Crosbie will be leading our service of Morning Prayer and Praise, with Dr Shirley Northover preaching.

##### Next Sunday

##### Revd Maggie Crosbie will be presiding and preaching at our service of Holy Communion at 10.00 am.

##### Harvest Lunch

Our Harvest lunch this year will be on Sunday 28th September at 12.30 pm in the Community Centre. We are keen to make this an enjoyable event for the whole community. Tickets are £8 for adults and £5 for under 16’s. There will be a 2 course meal followed by tea/coffee and a bar will be available. If you can provide a salad and/or a fruit pie or crumble please put your name on the list at the back of the church. If you would like to attend please put your names on the other list so we will know numbers for catering purposes. Please invite family, friends and neighbours.

##### Let us pray for: Roger Davidson and Kate Schomberg who celebrated their birthdays last week; and for Brian Cross receiving treatment for cancer and for Jenny and Caroline as they care for and support him at this time.

##### FUTURE SERVICES

Sunday 14th September – Holy Communion at 10.00 am – Revd Maggie Crosbie

Wednesday 17th September – Holy Communion at 10.00 am

Sunday 21st September – All Age Service at 10.00 am – Mike Varnom

Sunday 28th September – Holy Communion at 10.00 am – Revd Stephen Coe

Wednesday 1st October – Holy Communion at 10.00 am

Sunday 5th October – Morning Prayer and Praise at 10.00 am – Dr Shirley Northover

Sunday 12th October – Holy Communion at 10.00 am – Revd Maggie Crosbie

Sunday School meets today in the Parish room.

**Our next Open Church is on Saturday 27th September between 10.00 and 12.00 - do drop in for a bacon roll, tea, coffee and biscuits and the opportunity for a friendly chat surrounded by the peace and beauty of our ancient church.**

Further details are available at [www.woottonchurch.co.uk](http://www.woottonchurch.co.uk)

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