

THE PARISH OF ST. PETER, PEMBURY

Sunday 6th September 2020

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

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COLLECT

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

TODAY'S SERVICES

9.30 am **Holy Communion (Upper Church)**

Preacher & Celebrant: Rev. Richard Worssam

10.00 am **Zoom Service**

Leader: Judy Cuthbert

Preacher: Jill Marchant

11.30 am **Holy Communion (BCP) (Old Church)**

Preacher & Celebrant : Rev. Richard Worssam

Morning Prayer is held every day, except Sunday, via Zoom at 9.15 am. If you would like to join on any or all of these days, please let Richard know.

SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS

Romans 13: 8-14

This section of Paul's letter to the Romans deals with Christian behaviour. In effect, Paul restates Jesus' summary of the commandments. They may be summed up in this rule: "Love your neighbour as yourself". Our love towards others is a reflection of God's love and forgiveness shown towards us. Paul then uses two images, possibly drawing on an early baptism liturgy – we are to put on the armour of light and we are to clothe ourselves with Christ. Christian lifestyle should point towards Jesus.

Matthew 18: 15-20

Chapter 18 is the fourth discourse in Matthew's Gospel in which the teachings of Jesus are collected. In this case there is an overall theme of how the members of the new Christian community are to behave towards one another. Jesus gives practical and wise instruction about how differences amongst believers are to be settled. On the other side of the coin, he gives a wonderful promise of the blessings that flow from agreement and co-operation.

DAILY READINGS

Day	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Mon	126	2 Samuel 18:1-18	Acts 10:34-end
Tues	132	2 Samuel 18:19-19:8a	Acts 11:1-18
Weds	119:153-end	2 Samuel 19:8b-23	Acts 11:19-end
Thurs	146	2 Samuel 19:24-end	Acts 12:1-17
Fri	142	2 Samuel 23:1-7	Acts 12:18-end
Sat	147	2 Samuel 24	Acts 13:1-12

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE CHURCH BUILDINGS

If you are intending to come to either the Upper Church or the Old Church, please can you let us know by sending a brief e-mail to pemburychurch@outlook.com or calling 01892 711126. This helps us in the preparation of the register we are required to keep for 21 days, and also to ensure we have sufficient seating available with social distancing in place. Thank you for your help.

INTERCESSIONS

Please pray for the residents of Snipe Close

Please pray for the sick: Vivia Power, Doris Alcock, Derek Frost, Stephen Steen

Please remember the departed: Allan Robertson, Margaret Brooks

NEXT SUNDAY - 13TH SEPTEMBER 2020

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am **Holy Communion (Upper Church)**
Preacher & Celebrant: Rev. Heather Hughes

10.00 am **Zoom Service**
Leader: Jill Marchant
Preacher: Judy Cuthbert

11.30 am **Matins (Old Church)**
Preacher & Celebrant : Rev. Heather Hughes

NOTICES

Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride

The annual Friends of Kent Churches Ride and Stride will take place on Saturday 12th September. If you would like to take part, please let Justin Cumberlege know (07710 708107 or cumber@lege.myzen.co.uk) and he'll provide you with a sponsorship form. Also, if you are not taking part and would like to sponsor Justin, he would be pleased to hear from you.

Assistance with Dog Walking

As part of her Silver Duke of Edinburgh activities, Amber Wallace is willing to help with dog walking for 1 hour a week for anyone who currently has difficulty in walking their dog. For more details, please contact k_t_wallace@yahoo.co.uk

Date for your diary - APCM

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which was due to be held in April had to be postponed to the autumn. The new date is **Thursday 15th October at 7.30 pm**. This year, due to the continuing Covid-19 regulations, it will be held by Zoom.

The Annual Report and Accounts for 2019 will be circulated to all church members in two weeks' time. If you have any questions you would like to raise at the APCM, we invite you to submit them by e-mail beforehand to office@pemburychurch.net

Elections to the Parochial Church Council and Deanery Synod

This year there are several places to fill on the PCC. In addition to four members who will serve for three years from 2020-2023, there are also two vacancies to serve for two years until 2022, and two vacancies to serve for one year until 2021. Furthermore, this is the year in which our representatives on the Deanery Synod are elected for a three-year term, and we have two places to fill.

The PCC is a crucial team which has responsibility together with the Vicar and Churchwardens for the oversight of the mission and ministry of the parish. Please consider prayerfully whether you might be able to join the PCC, and let the Vicar or Churchwardens know.

Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival on Sunday 27th September. The service at the Upper Church at 9.30 will be in the "All Together Worship" style which will have an informal and creative feel to it with the use of projection and congregational involvement. The service at the Old Church at 11.30 will be a Communion Service (Common Worship). The churches always look beautiful at harvest time. Harvest Gifts will be distributed via the Pembury Food Bank.

Stewardship

Together with the Annual Report and Accounts for 2019, we will also circulate updated information on how our parish is faring financially this year. It will come as no surprise that 2020 has been a challenging time. We are very grateful for the generous support of church members which allows us to continue our ministry to the village.