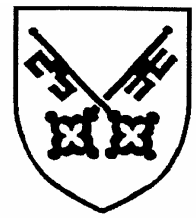


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Single-Friendly, Inclusive, Welcoming Church

St Peter's has always been a friendly church, committed to the community here in south Didcot, it was one of the things that attracted me to the parish back in 2012 when I came for my interview.



During the pandemic, the Church of England ran lots of online training and discussion groups so churches could think about what sort of place they might be when all the lockdowns were over. Analysis of the Census data by the Church revealed that the largest growing group in the population is single people: either always single, or those who are single again after bereavement or separation. Other research showed that

single people are often nervous of coming to church, which they see as being very family-centred. In some churches, single adults have felt that they are seen as an embarrassment, a walking example of failed relationships, or they're made aware that they're seen as a threat to happily married people – temptresses (or more rarely tempters) who must be safely married off as soon as possible.



Single Friendly Church Network is a charity that provides a framework to churches to make it easier for single people to come to church and feel a welcome

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part of the church family. St Peter's has worked through the recommended measures and has become a full member of the Network. This isn't something that's only the responsibility of the Ministry Team, or PCC – we all have a role to play in welcoming people into our church family

The number of people who stay for refreshments has increased a lot over the last year and there is an atmosphere of a friendly, relaxed time of fellowship after the service. Is there someone who you haven't seen before, or whose name you don't know? Try inviting them to stay after the service for tea or coffee and a chat.

We've been trying to make our worship as inclusive as possible for people with disabilities or who are neuro-divergent. If there are ways that you think we can help you, please speak to me (Revd Hannah) and we will do our best.

Revd. Hannah

Regular Giving

If you think of St Peter's as being your church and that we are your community, please consider switching to regular giving by Standing Order. This helps us to plan for our bills and maintenance.

If you would like to know more about our major costs, or how to give regularly to St Peter's, please talk to our Treasurer, Mrs Sue Scane.



*Thank you
Revd. Hannah*

Plant & Produce Sale 2024

Seed catalogues will soon be coming through the door. Will you be able to help by growing more and donating the surplus for sale? Can we raise more towards church funds in 2024 than we managed in 2023? With your help I think we can.



Quiz 'n' Chips

Dates for 2023-2024 Season

A tie break question was needed to separate out The Heretics from The Casual Acquaintances on Saturday, with The Heretics stealing the win. E=MC Hammer took home the wooden spoon. We supported SeeSaw with the charity raffle, with £310 raised. Thank you all for coming. See you on 21st October for round 2 of our 20th anniversary season.

Hugh

2023
16th September,
21st October,
18th November
2024
20th January,
24th February,
20th April,
18th May,
15th June

Contact quiz@stpeters-didcot.org.uk, or
Hugh on 01235 811465.



The Heretics



E=MC Hammer

Prayer Intentions: October 2023

<p>1st: Trinity XVII Readings: Psalm 125-127; Isaiah 48:2-21-23; Luke 11:37-54.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Edwin Road; Elder Close. Sunday School and its leaders.</p>	<p>2nd: Readings: Psalm 71; Sirach 6:14-end; Mark 14:1-11.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Cockcroft Road, Mowbray Road. Little Fishes, parents and carers for toddlers and young children.</p>	<p>3rd: George Bell Readings: Psalm 73; Sirach 7:27-end; Mark 14:12-25.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Barnes Road, Barnes Close. For Farmers, animal rescue centres and vets.</p>	<p>4th: Francis of Assisi Readings: Psalms 77; Sirach 10:6-8, 12-24; Mark 14:26-42.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Loyd Road; Bradbery Gardens. Wednesday Church and those who work with people with learning disabilities.</p>
<p>5th: Readings: Psalm 78:1-39; Sirach 11:7-28; Mark 14:43-52.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Green Road; Green Close. The work of the Mothers’ union around the world.</p>	<p>6th: William Tyndale Readings: Psalms 55; Sirach 14:20-15:10; Mark 14:53-65.</p> <p>Bible translator and martyr during the early Reformation.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Royal Berkshire Close Our Director of Music and choir.</p>	<p>7th: Readings: Psalm 76, 79; Sirach 15:11-end; Mark 14:66-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Queensway, Hardings Strings. Those who keep the church and grounds clean and tidy.</p>	<p>8th: Trinity XVIII Rdgs: Psalm 128, 129, 134; Isaiah 49:13-23; Luke 12:1-12.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Tavistock Avenue; Bowness Avenue. Those who read the scriptures in church.</p>
<p>9th: Denys Readings: Psalm 80, 82; Sirach 16:17-end; Mark 15:1-15.</p> <p>Better known as Dionysius, St Denys was beheaded in 250 as part of the Decian persecution of Christians.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Warner Crescent; South Park Avenue. The persecuted church.</p>	<p>10th: Paulinus Readings: Psalm 89:1-18; Sirach 17:1-20; Mark 15:16-32.</p> <p>Paulinus was a companion of St Augustine on his mission to England. He began the building of a cathedral in York.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Newlands Avenue; Downs Road. Archbishop Stephen Cottrell and the Province of York.</p>	<p>11th: Ethelburga Rdgs: Psalm 119:105-128; Sirach 18:1-14; Mark 15:33-41.</p> <p>Ethelburga left her native Kent when she married Edwin of Northumbria and began the Christianisation of the North of England.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Larch Drive; Morse Road. Those following the Religious life, particularly at Wantage, Cuddesdon and Alton.</p>	<p>12th: Wilfrid Readings: Psalm 90, 92; Sirach 19:4-17; Mark 15:42-end.</p> <p>Bishop of Northumbria. He fell out with several kings and was exiled to the South, where he established monasteries and churches.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Glebe Rd; Lynmouth Rd. Those who previously attended Wednesday Fellowship lunch.</p>
<p>13th: Edward Confessor. Readings: Psalm 88; Sirach 19:20-end; Mark 16:1-8.</p> <p>Called Confessor as he lived a Godly life, but was not martyred. He died in January 1066.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Craven Way; Hillary Dr; Lockinge Close. Those who need support from carers, district nurses, health visitors and social services.</p>	<p>14th: Readings: Psalm 96, 97, 100; Sirach 21:1-17; Mark 16:9-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Cullen Place; Bernard Barlow Close, Hanover Court. Didcot Food Bank, its clientele, and all those who volunteer there.</p>	<p>15th: Trinity XIX Readings: Psalms 138, 141; Isaiah 50:4-10; Luke 13:22-30.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Clarence Pl; Frideswide’s Court. Affirming Catholicism and groups working towards Anglo-catholic evangelism</p>	<p>16th: Ridley & Latimer Rdgs: Psalm 98, 99, 101; Sirach 22:6-22; John 13:1-11.</p> <p>Two of the three Oxford Martyrs, burned at the stake on what is now Broad Street, charged with Heresy, under Queen Mary.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Wantage Road; Colbourne Road Those moving into Didcot’s new housing.</p>

Prayer Intentions: October 2023

<p>17th: Ignatius Readings: Psalm 106; Sirach 22:27-23:15; John 13:12-20.</p> <p>A follower of John the Apostle. Ignatius, on the way to his martyrdom in Rome, he wrote a series of letters to Christians, which are considered great works of early theology.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Barleyfields; Elbourne. Those who support St Peter's with prayer.</p>	<p>18th: Luke Readings: Psalm 145, 146; Isaiah 55; Luke 1:1-4.</p> <p>A companion of Paul on his travels and author of the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Drake Avenue; Collingwood Avenue. Those who put together the Church magazine and weekly news-sheets.</p>	<p>19th: Rdings: Psalms 113, 115; Sirach 24:23-end; John 13:31-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Park Road; Park Close. The Standing Committee.</p>	<p>20th: Readings: Psalm 139; Sirach 27:30-28:9; John 14:1-14.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Garden Close; Rutherford Place. The police in Didcot and our PCSOs.</p>
<p>21st: Readings: Psalm 120-122; Sirach 28:14-end; John 14:15-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Norreys Road; Norreys Close. The Quiz n Chips team, those who raise funds for the ministry of St Peter's.</p>	<p>22nd: Trinity XX Readings: Psalm 145, 149; Isaiah 54:1-14; Luke 13:31-end.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Meadow Way; Brunel Road The Ministry Team.</p>	<p>23rd: Rdgs: Psalm 123-126; Sirach 31:1-11; John 15:1-11.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Portway; Wheatfields. Those who care for the Church linens and furnishings.</p>	<p>24th: Readings: Psalms 132, 133; Sirach 34:9-end; John 15:12-17.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Cromwell Drive; St Ann's Court. St Peter's Outreach to the community.</p>
<p>25: Crispin/Crispinian Rdgs: Psalm 119:153-end; Sirach 35; John 15:18-end.</p> <p>Twin brothers preached the Gospel in Gaul. Martyred by beheading in 286.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: St Hilda's Close; St Hugh's Rise. Our team of welcomers and the assistance they give.</p>	<p>26th: Alfred the Great Readings: Psalms 143, 146; Sirach 37:7-24; John 16:1-15.</p> <p>He styled himself King of the Anglo-Saxons, the first king to do so. He defended England against the Viking invasion. He promoted the use of 'English' rather than Latin in worship.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Campion Hall Drive; Pebble Drive. Our schools, Willowcroft, Aureus, Northbourne and St Birinus.</p>	<p>27th: Readings: Pss 142, 144; Sirach 38:1-14; John 16:16-22.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Stonesfield; Mansfield Gardens. Our retired clergy.</p>	<p>28th: Simon and Jude Readings: Ps 116, 117; Jeremiah 3:11-18; Luke 6:12-16.</p> <p>Simon the Zealot and Jude were martyred in Syria around 65AD. Jude is the patron saint of the Armenian Church. It is believed that the Wedding at Cana was Simon's wedding.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Linacre Close; Balliol Drive. Didcot Citizens' Advice Bureau.</p>
<p>29th: Last after Trinity Rdgs: Psm 119:137-152; Isaiah 59:9-20; Luke 14:1-14.</p> <p>An Anglican missionary whose murder was ordered by King Mwanga of Uganda—one of many Christians martyred in mid-19th Century Uganda.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Sycamore Way; Willow End. Missioners and evangelists.</p>	<p>30th: Readings: Psalm 1, 2, 3; Sirach 39:1-11; John 17:1-5.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: Buckingham Close; Balmoral Road. Our partners in ministry in Didcot.</p>	<p>31st: Martin Luther Readings: Psalm 5, 6; Sirach 39:13-end; John 17:6-19.</p> <p>Prayer intentions: All Saints Church, on its Patronal Festival Those providing children with alternatives to Halloween celebrations.</p>	

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Alison Driscoll

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

. . . . also Calling on all **retired** or **semi retired** individuals looking to keep active and making good use of their time-rich leisure days wanting to keep expanding on their life knowledge experiences and wishing to meet with like-minded people. . . . this can be achieved by visiting and joining your local branch of the University of the Third Age (**u3a**) in the Didcot and surrounding district which happens at **Monthly Meetings on the 3rd Tuesday in the month in the Didcot Civic Hall, starting at 2:30 pm., with a warm Welcome to current and new members** along with tea and biscuits **and an interesting presentation by Guest Speakers!**

Also at these monthly meetings you can learn about the numerous Interest Groups on offer (over 30!) which include diverse topics such as, photography, learn languages, nature and family history, ukulele, science/maths/technology to name but a few !

'Learn, laugh, live ! ' . . . the National philosophy of the u3a!

Guest Speakers in the coming months

15 August: *Sue Ryder – A Life lived for Others* - Joanna Bogle

19 September: *A Brief history of Tattoos and their meaning* - Janine Kilroe more

17 October: *George Orwell* - Richard Blair

21 November: *Freda Skene: Oxford writer, prison reformer* - Liz Woolley more

19 December: Christmas Event: *Magic Show* with Ian Keable

Some reminders: you can find the u3a Thames Valley Network events and information about national u3a events by visiting **u3asites.org.uk**

For further information you can contact either **Chairman@didcotu3a.org** or **Secretary@didcotu3a.org** -

We look forwards to Welcoming You!

Who was Rehoboam & Jeroboam?

If you have never heard of them, you won't be asking the question, but their place in the Bible story is significant.

Like Tweedledum and Tweedledee, they resolved to have a battle, and it is for their disagreement that they are famous.

Rehoboam was the son of King Solomon, but where Solomon was famous for his wisdom, Rehoboam was famous for his foolishness.

When he became king about 975 BC he planned to be even greater than his father. The old men who had advised Solomon, advised him first to gain the favour and support of the people, by serving them and "speaking good words" to them - as indeed our Queen did. His own friends, young men, advised him rather to crack the whip, and to show the people who was king now, and that was the advice he followed. "My father chastised you with whips," he said, "but I will chastise you with scorpions!"

Now Jeroboam had been in charge of the slave gangs under king Solomon, but was not of the tribe of David, the tribe of Judah. He was an able man, and popular, and when Rehoboam threw his weight about, Jeroboam led the rest of the nation in a rebellion akin to the "Boston Tea Party" centuries later. A civil war followed, and the nation was split in two. The ten tribes to the north became known as "Israel" or sometimes "Ephraim" after the largest of them, while the other two in the south were Judah and "little" Benjamin.

In 721 BC the ten were defeated, exiled, and disappeared from history because they intermarried with the heathen. In 587 BC Judah also was exiled, but remained separate, as they do to this day, for from "Judah" comes "Judea" in the New Testament, and the name "Jew" itself. Read the story in 1 Kings 12 onwards.

Peter Barratt

Registers

Funerals 'may they rest in peace and rise in glory'

Rhema Dapaah
David Roberts

Year's Mind for October

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| 1 | Harriet Mobley | George Barrow |
| | Charles Goodenough | David Arthur |
| | Robert Walker | Blackburn |
| | Sidney Williams | 18 Thomas Houghton |
| | James Scott | Ronald Stevenson |
| 2 | Leonard Hiscocks | Maureen Howell |
| 3 | Norah Talbot | 19 |
| | Helen Jones | 20 Evelyn Rouse |
| | Barbara Mayhew | Gladys Wright |
| 4 | Elizabeth | George Ritchie |
| | Buckingham | 21 Peter Newman |
| | Herbert Crisford | Margaret Morgan |
| | Daphne Haxton | 22 Thomas Adams |
| | Adam Baxter | Kenneth Smith |
| | Jean Jones | Aileen Tyler |
| | Luke Crook | 23 Maurice Hartwell |
| | Ronald Spratt | Lilian Buckner |
| 5 | Mabel | Samuel Boyle |
| | Hannaford-Hill | Ellen Stevenson |
| | Roger Jones | 24 Claud Cooper |
| 6 | Iris Tubb | 25 Winifred Smith |
| | Stuart Daynes | Samuel Berry |
| 7 | Maggie Griffiths | Susan Scott |
| 8 | Edith Fleming | 26 Philip Baker |
| | Elsie Pryor | Ford Davis-Porter |
| | Kevin Tallett | 27 Gillian Barney |
| | Flora Hatt | 28 Sidney Pope |
| | Ellis Murray | Wallace Belcher |
| | William Gore | Roy Bentham |
| | Alfred Holt | 29 Gladys Bennett |
| 9 | | 30 Robert Keynan |
| 10 | Joy Edith Anne Carter | Marjorie Churchman |
| | (priest) | John Frederiksen |
| 11 | Kenneth Elias | 31 Iain Murray |
| | Raymond Hopkins | |
| | James King | |
| 12 | Walter Talbot | |
| 13 | Frederick Ruddle | |
| 14 | Margarite Bennell | |
| 15 | | |
| 16 | Gloria Onions | |
| 17 | Violet Brewerton | |

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Wednesday 25 October 2023 is the next magazine deadline. Please telephone or email the editor with any articles—
210525 or maurice.meardon@ntlworld.com

Church Calendar for October 2023

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS MONTH

Sunday 1 *Trinity XVII*
10.00AM—Parish Mass

Wednesday 4 *Francis of Assisi*
10.00AM Wednesday Church

Thursday 5
9.30AM—Said Mass

Sunday 8 *Trinity XVIII*
10.00AM—Parish Mass

Thursday 12 *Wilfrid*
9.30AM—Said Mass

Sunday 15 *Trinity XIX*
10.00AM—Parish Mass

Thursday 19 *Henry Martyn*
9.30AM—Said Mass

Saturday 21
7.30PM Quiz 'n' Chips
(Doors open 7.00PM)

Sunday 22 *Trinity XX*
10.00AM—Parish Mass

Thursday 26 *Alfred*
9.30AM—Said Mass

Sunday 29 *Last after Trinity*
10.00AM—Parish Mass



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ONLINE SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS MONTH

Monday 8.30AM Morning Prayer
Tuesday - Thursday & Saturday
9.00AM Morning Prayer

Sunday
10.00AM - Parish Mass—live streamed
from church

Associate Minister



The Revd. Fran Childs
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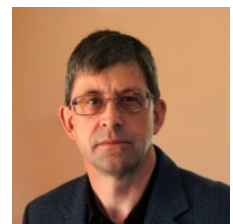


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