

### August Diary

**August 12<sup>th</sup> 2pm** Tea@2 in the Hervey Room

**August 13<sup>th</sup> 11am** SPOT meeting in the Hervey Room

**August 15<sup>th</sup> 2pm** Blessing of a marriage

**August 19<sup>th</sup> 2.15pm** Mothers' Union meet in the Hervey Room. Lorraine Bewley- Tippler will be talking about how Baby Basics supports new Mums.

**Every Tuesday and Thursday** – Morning Prayer on Facebook at 9am

**Every Wednesday**

1.30pm Tiny Tots

**Every Thursday**

11am Holy Communion at St John's

7pm Choir Practice – term time only (6.30pm for school age choristers)

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays**

Youth Café for Years 6-8 6.30pm at the Church Hall & Youth Life for Years 9 and above at The Rectory

Church Choir, Young Disciples, Youth Café and Youth Life do not meet in August. All will resume in September.

Please note the office is closed in August.

Date	Time	Service	Readings
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	8am	Holy Communion	Colossians 3. 1-11
<b>Trinity 7</b>	10am	Holy Communion	Luke 12. 13-21
<b>Choir Holiday</b>	4pm	Peter's Praise	
4 <sup>th</sup> August	7pm	Evening Prayer	
6 <sup>th</sup> August	10am	Holy Communion	2 Peter 1. 16-19
<b>Transfiguration</b>			Luke 9. 28-36
10 <sup>th</sup> August	8am	Holy Communion	Genesis 15. 1-6
<b>Trinity 8</b>	10am	Holy Communion	Luke 12. 32-40
<b>Choir Holiday</b>	4pm	Peter's Praise	
11 <sup>th</sup> August	7pm	Evening Prayer	
13 <sup>th</sup> August	10am	Holy Communion	Deuteronomy 34
			Matthew 18. 15-20
17 <sup>th</sup> August	8am	Holy Communion	Jeremiah 23. 23-29
<b>Trinity 9</b>	10am	Holy Communion	Luke 12. 49-56
<b>Choir Holiday</b>	4pm	Peter's Praise	
18 <sup>th</sup> August	7pm	Evening Prayer	
20 <sup>th</sup> August	10am	Holy Communion	Judges 9. 6-15
			Matthew 20. 1-16
24 <sup>th</sup> August	8am	Holy Communion	Acts 5. 12-16
<b>Bartholomew</b>	10am	Holy Communion	Luke 22. 24-30
<b>Choir Holiday</b>	4pm	Wild Worship	
25 <sup>th</sup> August	7pm	Evening Prayer	
27 <sup>th</sup> August	10am	Holy Communion	2 Peter 1. 16-19
<b>Monica</b>			Luke 9. 28-36
31 <sup>st</sup> August	8am	Holy Communion	Proverbs 25. 6-7
Trinity 11	10am	Holy Communion	Luke 14. 1, 7-14
<b>Choir Holiday</b>	4pm	Picnic & Games	

**Life Groups:** If you are interested in joining a Life Group, contact Wendy Wheeler, 07711 828985

#### Team

**Rector:** Revd. Canon Beverley Hollins, 07887 740117

**Churchwardens:**

Joy Matsell & Phil Norris

**Lay Vice Chair:**

John Fazackerley

**Clergy Team Member**

Revd. Evie McNally

**Assistant Priests**

Revd. Canon Michael Webber

Revd. Doug Spenceley

**Assistant Curate**

Hilary Halstead

**Lay Ministers** Sue Pinington,

Clare Pearce Matthew

Woodward

**Pastoral Concern?** If you or someone you know need support, or communion at home or in hospital, please call Sue or Canon Beverley

**Anna Chaplain and Lay Pastors' Coordinator** Sue Pinington, 07710 774990

#### Safeguarding

Everybody has the right to be safe from harm. If you or someone you know might not be safe, call Joy or Canon Beverley

**Parish Safeguarding Officer** Joy Matsell, 07906 378617

**In an emergency call 999**

#### Contact Us

The Church Office in the Church Hall is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (term time) 9am-12pm.

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**Website**

[www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16484](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16484)

**or find us on Facebook**

search 'St Peter's. Weston Favell'

### **Deanery Synod Update**

So far this year the Greater Northampton Deanery Synod, of which St Peter's is a part, has met twice. In February our first speaker was Damon Boughen from the Hope Centre who told us that every night 35-50 people use the night shelter and on a daily basis 65-70 people use Oasis House where they can eat, shower and receive practical support. 600 families a month use the foodbank. They are currently negotiating to move their day services into Holy Sepulchre rooms to give more scope to increase the support available.

Canon Charlie Nobbs then gave a presentation on the 'Year of Prayer' within the diocese during which he commended two prayer courses. These resources were used by members of our St Peter's Life Groups between Lent and Pentecost. We were all encouraged to revitalise our personal prayer life.

The focus for our July meeting was Northampton as a town in need of revival and it was suggested that we could, and indeed should, take lessons from the 'Great Fire of Northampton' 350 years ago. Following a fascinating presentation about the fire and its effect on the local community, we were left with a number of conversation points to take back to our parishes to help us consider the significance of our parishes, our ministry of reconciliation and our place in the local community.

Much food for thought to accompany the tasty refreshments provided for us!

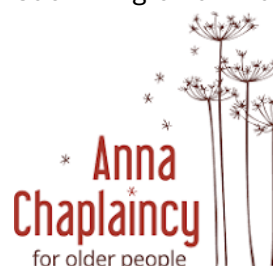
***Clare Pearce, Lay Chair of Greater Northampton Deanery***

Within St Peter's our main concentration within the ministry of Anna Chaplaincy continues to be St John's Care Home. Our Thursday morning Eucharist is now supported by a pianist each week, and we are really grateful for Marion, Christine M, Hilary S, and Ellie who accompany our hymn singing. The team leading the services are myself, Pamela (as our Anna Friend), Clare and Canon Beverley. Hilary H has left our team for the time being while she pursues other pathways within the church. We also now have our monthly Songs of Praise (also supported by a pianist) on a Wednesday afternoon. Everyone is welcome to any service at St John's as we try to incorporate the care home more into the life of our parish.

While Tea @ 2 has its own band of loyal organisers, Pamela and I can usually be found there as part of the Anna team to sit and chat, and we can occasionally offer lifts to those people who struggle to get there. We also drink tea and eat cake!

With Pamela's support, my role as pastoral lead for St Peter's combines with Anna Chaplaincy so that we continue to take communion to those unable to get to church and visit anyone in hospital or at home. I liaise with our lay pastor team and keep them informed of any of their flocks who may need extra input, be that prayer or a friendly phone call.

Sue Pinington 07710774990



### **Slowing down to God's pace**

Even for those of us who aren't on holiday for the whole of the school break, August can be a gentler month. Perhaps you, like me, might take some time off this month to rest and visit family. Whatever you are doing, there are fewer meetings and events, and more space to 'be still and know' God. Can you take time for a slow walk, or simply to sit in a garden or park? Take time to delight in God's creation and to pray. Listen, look, maybe say the Lord's Prayer. God's pace is a gentle stroll not Silverstone races!

Over the summer if I'm away and you need anything please contact Canon Michael - if he's away, contact me!

Have a restful summer. ***Canon Beverley***

## Getting Married at St Peter's

One of the most joyful things we are able to do at St Peter's is to host a wedding. With the huge range of choice of venues available, there are fewer church weddings than there were ten or twenty years ago, but we still make the effort to make the day as special as possible. Every wedding at St Peter's is unique. There may be bells or a choir. There may be music playing over our PA system or a band. There may be candles and flowers everywhere, or a very simple relaxed vibe. There may be a livestream to family members abroad. But there are some things you will always find. There is always love and joy. From our wonderful vergers who take care of everyone's needs so quietly, calmly and humbly that you just don't realise the huge amount of work they are doing, to the well prepared cleanliness of the church as the cleaning and maintenance team get the church ready, to the clergy team who have the privilege of leading the services we are there to serve and to remind everyone of God's presence in marriage. Marriage is a threefold cord which is not easily broken (Ecclesiastes 3.4). Husband and wife are strengthened in their bond by the presence of God, who brings his deep unwavering love to hold theirs together. *Please pray for every couple married at St Peter's this year that they will welcome God's part in their marriage and come to experience his amazing love.*



*Pamela and Matthew Woodward were married at St Peter's in 2023*

If you would like to join the verger team and help make wedding days special, please talk to John Baxter.

You can help with the cleaning and maintenance team by talking to Phil Norris. Or maybe you could consider joining the choir? Talk to Clare Pearce.

**Bible verse  
of the month** 

The Lord asked Moses, "How long will these people refuse to obey my commands and instructions? They must realize that the Sabbath is the Lord's gift to you. That is why he gives you a two-day supply on the sixth day, so there will be enough for two days. On the Sabbath day you must each stay in your place. Do not go out to pick up food on the seventh day."

### **Exodus 16.28-29**

The Hebrew word *shabat* means to pause or to settle, and comes from a verb that means to sit – stop moving around. In the psalms there is sometimes a pause or interlude marked as *selah*. That pause, a musical bridge without words, allows the singer to slow down. The words that have been sung sink in, and the whole song is more meaningful. The pauses make all the difference. So it is with sabbath. We stop, and take time just to be, not to do, to rest, reflect, and allow God to be our main focus instead of the pressures of everyday activity. The Sabbath is God's gift – take it, treasure it, and rest in it. May this be a restful month for you.

**Canon Beverley**



**Wild Worship** takes place at 4pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. The aim is to engage with the outdoor world and nature in its relationship with God and Humankind. We welcome everybody of all ages to share the beauty of creation with us. For example: ***If the answer is 61, what was the question?***

It is the number of times 'fish' (49) or fishermen (12) appear in the bible. (Disclaimer: These numbers vary depending on which version of the bible you use!)



June's Wild Worship focused on the importance of fish to St Peter who was indeed an experienced and professional fisherman. On our patron saint's festival it seemed

appropriate to link his, Jesus's and our world with the early Christian symbol ichthos (Greek), the fish, secret symbol of the early church.



We gathered natural items from Peter's Patch such as sycamore seeds, feathers, wall barley flowers and various leaves. We then produced artwork with references to Matthew 17:27, Mark 1:16, Luke 9:10 and John 21:3, the latter being my personal favourite – I'm going fishing!!!

Our autumn sessions are on 24<sup>th</sup> August, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 26<sup>th</sup> October and 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Do come and join us!

**Alex Pearce on behalf of the Wild Worship Team**



*Committee Update*  
*News from the groups that make us tick!*

## **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST 2025 RIDE AND STRIDE 13 SEPTEMBER 10am - 6pm**

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP?**

#### **Could you plan a bicycle ride or walk between churches?**

A list of churches open on the day is available from the parish office, church, Rosemary Pestell, or on the website - [www.nhct.org.uk](http://www.nhct.org.uk) Many of the churches welcome you with refreshments and you have the opportunity to explore some of their special heritage features. It is also possible to **Ride in a car!** This is an alternative option for those who don't feel fit enough to contemplate riding a bike or walking far. It also enables you to venture further afield and view interesting churches which are possibly not always open, and in other Deaneries.

You can also seek sponsorship for **sitting in our church for an hour!** This is an essential contribution to the success of the day, as we need people in church to welcome riders and striders to St Peter's, offer them refreshments, point out interesting features (such as the Holman Tapestry in the St Crispin Chapel) - and sign their forms to record their visit. There will be a list at the back of the church for you to **sign up for a slot.** We will need 2 people for each time slot.

There are **sponsorship forms** on which you record your planned route, so that each church visit can be ticked off on the day by those welcoming you into their church. On the back of the form you record who has sponsored you and for how much. You then use this to collect and record the money you have raised. If your sponsors are able to Gift Aid the amount, that adds significantly to the amount. There are also forms entitled **Advice for Participants**, which you are advised to read.

For further information contact **the parish office on 01604 787117 or [stpeterswestonfavell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stpeterswestonfavell@yahoo.co.uk), or Rosemary Pestell on 01604 408712** - or visit the **website** as shown above. Forms will also be available **in church.**