

September Diary

September 4th 2.30pm

A Service for Retired Clergy & Clergy Widows & Widowers in Church followed by refreshments in the Hall

September 7th 12pm

Baptism of Remi

September 8th 9.30am

WFPS Year 5 Visit to Church

September 9th 2pm Tea@2

September 10th 7pm Ministry

Team Plus - Meeting & Social

September 11th 2pm

Bible Book Group

September 16th 2.15pm Mothers' Union

7.30pm Weston Favell

Garden Society

September 23rd 7pm PCC Meeting

September 25th 7.30pm

Deanery Synod Meeting

Every Tuesday and Thursday –

Morning Prayer on Facebook 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)

1st and 3rd Sundays – Youth Café

for Years 6-8 6.30pm at the Church

Hall & Youth Life for Years 9 and

above at The Rectory (September

7th & 21st). Term time only.

Date	Time	Service	Readings
1 st Sept	7pm	Evening Prayer	
3 rd Sept	10am	Holy Communion	Colossians 1.1-8 Luke 4. 38-end
7 th Sept	8am	Holy Communion	Philemon 1-21
Trinity 12	10am	Holy Communion	Luke 14. 25-33
	4pm	Peter's Praise	
8 th Sept	7pm	Evening Prayer	
10 th Sept	10am	Holy Communion	Colossians 3. 1-11 Luke 6. 20-26
14 th September	8am	Holy Communion	Philippians 2. 6-11
	10am	Holy Communion	John 3. 13-17
Holy Cross	4pm	Peter's Praise	
15 th Sept	7pm	Evening Prayer	
17 th Sept	10am	Holy Communion	1 Corinthians 2. 9-13 Luke 10. 21-24
21 st Sept	8am	Holy Communion	Proverbs 3. 13-18
Matthew	10am	Holy Communion	Matthew 9. 9-13
	4pm	Peter's Praise	
	6pm	Choral Evensong	
22 nd Sept	7pm	Evening Prayer	
24 th Sept	10am	Holy Communion	Ezra 9. 5-9 Luke 9. 1-6
28 th Sept	8am	Holy Communion	2 Corinthians 8. 1-15
Harvest Festival / Generosity	10am	Holy Communion	Luke 21. 1-4
	4pm	Wild Worship	
29 th Sept	7pm	Evening Prayer	

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

Team

Rector: Revd. Canon Beverley Hollins, 07887 740117

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Joy Matsell & Phil Norris

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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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What we leave behind

Jesus told a story of a rich man who delighted in his wealth. His crops were great, indeed he had to build a bigger barn to store the harvest. The phrase 'eat, drink and be merry' comes from this parable, with its warning shot 'for tomorrow you die' being applied in hindsight. The rich man did not know that he would die the next day, so he didn't get to enjoy his wealth. We can't take it with us when we're gone, which is why Jesus also taught us not to store up treasures on earth but in heaven, investing in our faith and the good works that flow from following Jesus.

Unlike the rich man of the parable, we can exercise some insight into what happens to our belongings when we are welcomed into God's heavenly home. It is good practice to have a will, and to regularly check and update it as our circumstances change. Perhaps we need to add provision for children, to remove guardianship provision when they no longer need it, to add provision for grandchildren or other loved ones. It's certainly something I'm thinking about, with new grandchildren in my life.

When you are making or revising your will, spare a thought for St Peter's. Legacies make a huge difference to our church. However big or small a gift, they are used for the things that the church really needs, or for the special things we couldn't otherwise afford. Those things help us to remember our friends who have headed to heaven before us and are dedicated in their memory. For example, our lovely matching water and wine cruets, which were bought in memory of Douglas Joll. As I write this article we are ordering much needed replacement radio microphones which will make a big difference to the quality of our services, and when we wear them we will remember Peggy Graves. You will also in due course hear about how we will use legacy money from Richard Pestell.

We are always hugely grateful for these posthumous gifts, which make a qualitative

difference to the church as well as helping us all to remember our friends. Please consider leaving a gift to the church when you write or revise your will. Legacy packs will be available when we celebrate Generosity Week at the beginning of October, or you can speak to John Fazackerley for more information.

Canon Beverley

"All Good Gifts Around Us are Sent from Heaven Above....."

On Sunday September 28th we are holding our Harvest Festival Parade and Family service. Do come and join us as we celebrate and give thanks for God's creation and harvest in all its abundance. This service is a simplified family communion service, with teaching and music that includes something for everyone, led by the Peter's Praise Team. Our uniformed organisations are welcome to join us if they are able.

As in previous years we will be collecting produce for the Weston Favell Food Bank so please bring non-perishable goods of food and toiletries. These can be laid before the altar during the service, or left in church or the hall at other times when it is open. Cash donations are also very welcome either in church or dropped into the office.



What is Diocesan Synod?

Every diocese has its own Diocesan Synod consisting of bishops, archdeacons, elected laity and elected clergy. Diocesan Synod has a varied and wide-ranging role in the governance of the diocese. It considers matters affecting the Church of England in the diocese; it advises the diocesan bishop where requested to do so; it acts as a forum for debate of Christian opinion on matters of religious or public interest; it formulates diocesan policy on a wide range of issues; it deals with matters referred to it by General Synod.

St Peter's members are Canon Beverley, Revd Doug, Clare Pearce and Hilary Spenceley.

Bishop Debbie is keen to revitalise diocesan governance, hence the recent review carried out by external consultants. Its findings are being considered by senior managers in the diocese. Diocesan Synod, as a part of that governance, is embarking on a more active programme of work, the first session of which was held in July when the diocesan budget was rigorously discussed by a large gathering of synod members and church treasurers.

As you will see from the introductory paragraph the brief of Diocesan Synod is wide and influential. As a forum for debate of Christian opinion it welcomes your views, which St Peter's members would be happy to discuss with you.

Communication between the "person in the pew" and diocesan leaders is made possible through the synodical structure. Hence the importance of having elected representatives at all levels to help you feel connected and valued in diocesan matters.

Hilary Spenceley

Member of Deanery Synod, Diocesan Synod and Bishop's Council

What does St Peter's offer for school aged young people?

At St Peter's we value our young people, encouraging and developing their Christian faith through specific groups.

Young Voices is the junior section of our Church Choir for school years 3 - 11. Some members sing with us on a regular basis, others occasionally.

Young Disciples for all those at school, meets in the vestry during our 10am Sunday morning service, leaving the main service after the Gospel and returning at the Peace. Sessions focus on the Sunday theme through a bible passage or story, discussion and activities.

Youth Café for school years 6, 7 and 8, meets 1st and 3rd Sundays each month, 6.30-8.00pm, Church Hall. This really has nothing to do with coffee but describes the style of the sessions which are informal, include food and drink, chat and creative activities for our young people. Each session has a focus, maybe biblical, maybe topical or maybe a special visitor; followed by games, quizzes and fun with the dual aim of learning about our faith, living Christian lives, and wanting to come back for more in 2 weeks' time.

Youth Life is a group for young people in Year 9 and above which meets at the same time, 6.30-8.00pm, in The Rectory. We enjoy games, chats, chilling out together, and a more focussed Christian learning group discussion, often led by the young people themselves, with topics that are relevant to their lives in the 21st century.

For further information please contact:

Young Voices & Young Disciples: Clare Pearce – clarepearce.stpeters@gmail.com

Youth Café: Peter Halstead – peter.halstead1@ntlworld.com

Youth Life: Hilary Halstead – hilary.halstead@gmail.com



Committee Update

News from the groups that make us tick!

HARVEST FESTIVAL 28th SEPTEMBER 2025

As we head into the Autumn, our thoughts turn to the traditional Harvest Festival, when we give thanks to God for the wonders of His Creation, which sustains us with food and drink. We also thank those whose labour on the land brings the produce to market and enables it to arrive on stalls, shops and supermarket shelves.

Unfortunately there are far too many people in our nation, including our local community, who face poverty, resulting in hunger and hardship. This means that their kitchen shelves would be empty, were it not for Food Banks. So we ask you to give generously, week by week, through the collection in the North porch of the church, to the Weston Favell Centre Food Bank. On **Sunday 28th September**, when we celebrate our **Harvest Festival**, please make a special effort to fill the steps of the sanctuary in church with lots of tins and packets of food for us to deliver to the WFC Food Bank the next day. We will let you know nearer the time what items are most needed.

15th NOVEMBER IN THE CHURCH HALL: LUNCH AND SPEAKER ON MARY'S MEALS
Do come and join us at noon for a cooked 2-course meal, followed by a speaker who will explain the work of this wonderful charity **tackling poverty and hunger across the world**. Its founder was inspired when in 2002 he met a mother dying of AIDS in Malawi and her son. His dream in life was "I want to have enough food to eat and to go to school one day." More than 2 million hungry children eat a simple but nutritious "Mary's meal" each school day, encouraging them to attend school and enabling them to learn. **The meal is named after Mary, mother of Jesus**. Every meal is a little act of love, for children of all faiths or none.

Please **"save the date"** and look out for reminders - no need for tickets, but it helps us if you let Cathy in the office know that you are coming. And of course come

prepared to enjoy the fun of the raffle and to donate generously to the charity.

CHRISTMAS 2025 - AND ON INTO THE NEW YEAR 2026!

I hardly dare to mention Christmas, but of course we will be having our usual **Christmas Appeal** for charities working with homeless people and new mothers struggling to provide the basics for their newborn babies - a situation which faced Mary and Jesus in that amazing first Christmas which we will be celebrating. On **23rd December** in the early evening we will be gathering singers of all ages for our **Parish Carol Singing**, followed by the usual mulled wine and mince pies in the church hall. We will also all too soon be reminding enterprising members of our church community to give thought to offering to organise a Lent Lunch for their favourite charity!

In the meantime, we hope that you will have had an enjoyable and refreshing summer, which often stretches on into September.

Wishing you every blessing,

Rosemary Pestell, on behalf of the Charitable Enterprise Committee.

Bible verse of the month

"So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need. **Matthew 6.31-33**

The author Kurt Vonnegut once met the novelist Joseph Heller at a party hosted by a wealthy hedge-fund manager. Vonnegut pointed out that their wealthy host made more money in one day than Heller would ever make from his best-selling novel, *Catch-22*.

Heller replied, "Yes, but I have something he will never have: Enough."

God provides all that we need. We don't need to be anxious about it, and we also don't need to be greedy, for he will always ensure that we, like Heller, have enough. In enough is contentment and freedom to priorities more important things, like time with God and our loved ones. May you always have enough.

Canon Beverley