

October Diary

October 14th

9-11am WFPS Harvest Services in Church

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2pm Tea@2 in the Hervey Room

6.30pm WFWRA AGM in the Hall

October 15th

11am SPOT meeting in the Hervey Room

October 16th

2pm Bible Book Group

October 20th

2pm Women in Fellowship meeting in the Hervey Room

October 21st

2.15pm Mothers' Union in the Hervey Room

7.30pm Weston Favell Garden Society in the Hall

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 (October 5th & 19th). Term time only.

Date	Time	Service	Readings
1 st October	10am	Evening Prayer	Neh 8. 1-12
5 th October	8am	Holy Communion	Luke 9. 57-end
Stewardship	10am	Holy Communion	1 Thess 5. 1-19
Gratitude	4pm	Peter's Praise	Matthew 11. 25-30
6 th October	7pm	Evening Prayer	
8 th October	10am	Holy Communion	Jonah 4
			Luke 11. 1-4
12 th October	8am	Holy Communion	2 Kings 5. 1-3, 7-15c
Trinity 17	10am	Holy Communion	Luke 17. 11-19
	4pm	Pet Service	
13 th October	7pm	Evening Prayer	
15 th October	10am	Holy Communion	Romans 8. 22-27
Teresa of Avila			Luke 11. 42-46
19 th October	8am	Holy Communion	Psalm 121
Climate	10am	Holy Communion	Luke 18. 1-8
Sunday	4pm	Peter's Praise	
	6pm	Reflective Service	
20 th October	7pm	Evening Prayer	
22 nd October	10am	Holy Communion	Romans 6. 12-18
			Luke 12. 39-48
26 th October	8am	Holy Communion	Isaiah 45. 22-end
Bible Sunday	10am	Holy Communion	Luke 4. 16-24
	4pm	Wild Worship	
27 th October	7pm	Evening Prayer	
29 th October	10am	Holy Communion	Romans 8. 26-30
			Luke 13. 22-30

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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Assistant Curate

Revd Dr Hilary Halstead

Lay Ministers

Sue Pinington

Clare Pearce

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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A big thank you to everyone who contributed towards my green stole. It is beautiful. Here is a picture of the detail for you to enjoy.

Revd Dr Hilary Halstead

Calling All Animal Lovers

We invite you to come with your animals for a



blessing and a celebration of their friendship and loyalty. St Francis loved all birds, animals and reptiles and so do we. Our annual Pet Service will be on **Sunday Oct 12th at 4 pm on Peter's Patch**, or in

the church hall if wet. Last year we enjoyed meeting a snake, tortoise and a chicken as well as dogs and cats. Do bring all your pets along (suitably restrained) as we celebrate the richness of the animal kingdom and the joy our pets bring us.



SAVE THE DATE!

On 15th November the Charitable Enterprise Committee are providing you with a two course cooked lunch and the opportunity to



hear about the work of the charity "Mary's Meals", while also enjoying some fun and fellowship. No tickets needed, just generous donations on the day! Booking with Cathy in the

Parish office helps us to cook enough food, but all are welcome on the day.

Mothers' UNION

St Peter's Mothers' Union

At St Peter's we are fortunate to have a flourishing Mothers' Union branch with 25 members who meet monthly in the Hervey Room. We enjoy fellowship with speakers, services and trips out as well as activities to raise money to support MU initiatives across the world.

Mothers' Union was founded in 1876 by Mary Sumner, a woman of deep faith, with a heart for prayer and a determination to make a difference in the lives of others. As MU members, we too want to follow her example as people of faith, listening to and acting upon the call of God.

MU is a member-led Christian organisation operating at parish, deanery, diocesan, national and international levels to support families worldwide. As an international charity with over 4 million members in 84 countries we demonstrate our faith in action, working towards stopping poverty, inequality and injustice. All our projects, programmes and campaigns are carried out by volunteer members working at grassroots level, with a small central staff providing co-ordination and professional support. They bring hope and practical support to millions of people every year through parenting, literacy and community development programmes.

Many members come together every day at midday to focus prayers for their communities, fellow members and for those in need. We believe that the power of prayer is transformational and supports our work around the world.

Membership is open to all. To find out more, please speak to me or email:

clarepearce.mothersunion@gmail.com

Clare Pearce - Branch Leader

150 YEARS

Join us, Join in

Iona 2025

Back in March 2024 I was invited to join a group of people mostly from Hereford Cathedral on a pilgrimage to the Island of Iona. (My link with Hereford is through a friend I met in the Peterborough Diocese during lay ministry training in 2014). The trip looked interesting, being led by the Very Revd Sarah Brown, Dean of Hereford Cathedral, but the journey to get to Iona is long, a little complicated and I would know no one else on the trip except my friend, her husband, and (slightly) Dean Sarah who licenced me as lay pastoral minister in November 2016 at Braunston when she was rural Dean of Daventry. I took a deep breath, booked my place on the trip, almost cancelled it several times over the next year, but eventually arrived on the island on 16th August.

My overriding memory will be of Dean Sarah and Cathedral Pastor Belinda baptising a member of our party in the (very cold) sea. Full immersion.

I arrived on Iona very tired, with possibly some decisions to be made. I'm not sure I finally made those decisions, but I'm further along that path. We were encouraged to keep silent in the house from waking to lunchtime, so there was plenty of time for quiet reflection. I read three novels (unheard of nowadays), and I had two long conversations with others who gently encouraged me, reminding me that God is at my side. The discipline of attending Eucharist every morning at 8am was a worthwhile challenge, plus attending evening services in the chapel or at the abbey, and I'm once again aware of how I love different ways of worship, at different times of day. I feel truly blessed to have been able to join the pilgrimage, to meet up

'... a thin place where only tissue paper separates the material from the spiritual.'

George Macleod, founder of the Iona Community, describing this holy isle.

What did I discover?

It is beautiful, a little wild, and the clarity of the light sometimes is astonishing.

We were blessed with mostly good weather (too hot for a couple of days), and very little Scottish rain. The midges came out in abundance in the late afternoon.

The beaches are beautiful, the walking can sometimes be a little hazardous (look out for the toads after dark..).

The air is clear and there is a deep sense of peace.

Everywhere Iona is advertised as a "spiritual island"; its links with St Columba and other saints are well known and for over a thousand years people have gone there on pilgrimages. I must admit I did not find that sense of spirituality in the land. I did, however find it in Iona Abbey, which is run by the Iona Community and where you can almost feel the history of worship and prayer over the centuries seeping out of the ancient stones.

with some lovely people and to renew friendships begun so many years ago. Would I go back again? I'm not sure. The experience of Iona has not been what I expected but in the meantime I give thanks for being there and for the welcome of the people from Hereford. **Sue Pinington**

Bible verse of the month



Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! Genesis 1. 31a God loves every part of creation. Humans sometimes behave as if we are the only part of creation that is good, but Genesis – and other parts of scripture – tell us that God finds it all very good. He gives us the task of ruling over it – which is not permission to exploit, but a mandate to care. Imitating his compassion and his delight in all that he has made, we have the responsibility of protecting, nurturing and rejoicing with God in all of creation. Look out today – what do you see that is very good? And how can you help to protect it? **Canon Beverley**



Visit to London and the Houses of Parliament

The trip began early at 6:00am as everyone boarded a heavily loaded coach. During the service stop, there was a mix of excitement and impatience as we anticipated arriving in London.

Upon arrival, we saw several important



landmarks, including statues commemorating those who sacrificed their lives for the country. One of the highlights was seeing Big Ben towering next to the Houses of Parliament.

Next to Victoria Tower Gardens is the Houses of Parliament, where politicians work to create and decide on future laws. After passing through high-level airport-style security, we were introduced to our tour guides, Morgan and Khadija. We were given headphones to better hear the commentary throughout the tour. The first stop was Westminster Hall, a building over 1,000 years old. We took photos to mark the moment. We then visited the House of Lords and observed a live debate – a rare and valuable experience.

Morgan explained the process of how a bill is passed. It starts in the House of Commons and is then passed back and forth between the Commons (Green Room) and the Lords (Red Room) in a process often called "ping-ponging." We also saw the voting room where MPs vote "yes" or "no" on new laws.

Finally, we learned about the suffragettes, who campaigned for women's rights. A notable story included how they chained themselves to a statue, which still shows a missing spike from a shoe — removed by the police at the time.

Written by two children from Year 6



Report from PCC held on 23 September

We agreed:

- To open the Church during the week for private prayer from the beginning of October
- That after further planning we would introduce a more informal communion service at 10am on Sunday on one Sunday a month
- A policy for legacies and gifts in memoriam to underpin our encouragement for legacy giving to St Peters

We considered what the church is doing in respect of *Vision point 5 – to respond to human need within our church and beyond it*. We felt that we were fulfilling many needs but agreed that we would seek to enhance the work of lay pastors and prayer partners over the next six months.

We received the financial report for the 8 months to 31 August 2025, together with reports from various committees, and on the Deanery Synod meeting in June. We noted that the next Quinquennial Inspection will be in 2026.

We committed to the Diocesan Year of Discipleship in 2026 and will be hosting a Diocesan Roadshow regarding this on 7 March 2026.

We are seeking to recruit some volunteers to assist in live streaming the Sunday 10am service, and occasional funerals and weddings. Full training given. Please speak to Phil Norrs if you think that you might be interested in finding out more.

We'd love to be able to have more social events. Although we have a band of willing volunteers to cook and serve, to make it happen we need someone to lead and co-ordinate in this area. Might that be you? If so, please speak to the Rector.

John Fazackerley - Lay Vice-Chair of PCC