

# ST PETER'S CHURCH

## **Notice sheet for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

### **Collect:**

Gracious God,  
you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **First Reading: 2 Kings 5.1-3, 7-15c**

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.

Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.'

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.'

So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.

Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.'

But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage.

But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?'

So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel'.

### **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2.8-15**

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David — that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

**Gospel: Luke 17.11-19**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!'

When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean.

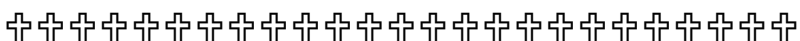
Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?'

Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

**Post Communion:**

Lord, we pray that your grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given to all good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## **Notices**

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October – The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

10.00am Eucharist with Junior Church

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October

9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook

4.00-8.00pm Darwen Food Share

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook

12.00pm Bible Study

2.00pm Funeral of Pauline Moulton

6.30pm Bible Study and Eucharist

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October

9.00am Morning Prayer in church

10.00am Eucharist

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October

9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October

9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October – The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

10.00am Eucharist with Junior Church

## **Home Communions**

If you know of anyone at St Peter's who would like Communion at home, please contact Rev Alison, or Zillah or Lynne, our Pastoral Assistants.

### **Church Charity for October – The Alzheimer's Society**

With over 45 years' experience the Alzheimer's Society is uniquely placed to provide support to those who need it, fund ground-breaking research and campaign to make dementia a priority.

## **Prayers**

*For peace in Ukraine, in Gaza, Israel, Iran and the wider Near East: for all those who are suffering as a result of the conflicts there and around the world, and all who are trying to help them; and for the turning of the hearts and minds of the aggressors everywhere from war to peace.*

*For all those who have been hurt in any way by the attack on the Synagogue in Manchester on Yom Kippur, and those who are working so hard to restore community relations.*

***For those who are unwell:*** Barbara; Rick; Margaret; Leon; Marilyn; Jim; John; Terry; little Lola; John Kevin Griffin; Margaret Seed; Barbara Wong; Margaret; Barbara Woodward; Helen; Ron and Cath; little Ophelia and her family; Orla Buck; Joy; Paul; David Entwistle; Jim H; Liz; Jackie.

***For those who have died and their loved ones:*** Pauline Moulton.

***For those whose anniversaries we remember at this time:***

Derek Walsh; Mavis Dickinson; George Tattersall; John Bowker; Dorothy Dixon; Albert Crompton; Frances Griffiths.

***For the parish: for those living and working in:***

Knott Street, Lily Street and Limes Avenue.

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## ***Events for your diary***

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 10.00am – Harvest Festival**

Donations of non-perishable foods for us to pass on to the Food Larder gratefully received from now on.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 1.00pm on –** Setting up for the Christmas Fair – all help much appreciated.  
Especially for board and pew shifting!

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – the Christmas Fair** – requests for raffle, tombola and other prizes will be made soon.  
Bottles of wine definitely!

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Eden Choir Concert**

The Eden singers will perform a new modern musical adaptation of the Christmas story. It will start at 7pm. Tickets will be £7, which includes a drink and a mince pie (or jam tart!). All the money collected will go towards the upkeep of the church. Please do come along, bring your friends, and tell others about it.

### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Christmas Quiz** at 7 o'clock. £5 per person.

Price includes a mince pie or shortbread or gluten free alternative – bring your own drinks. If you require gluten free please note this on the sign-up sheet.

A maximum of 7 tables with 6 people per team.

David and Alison.



