

NEWS AND EVENTS



“Eco Church is a scheme to help church communities improve their Environmental impact.

A Rocha has developed Eco Church, an award scheme for churches of all denominations in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that they care for God’s earth.”

Fairtrade and Eco

Our next Eco group is meeting on Monday 2nd February, 7.30pm, at 40 Longmead Road. If you have never been before and are interested in how we can move forward in our Eco Church journey, please do come along. It is a lively and informal group, which also does a lot of work!

Please do check out the Fairtrade & Eco stall after the service, which re-opens this Sunday. We will gradually begin to introduce new lines, so please let me know if there is anything you would particularly like to see there. This week there is a special offer on the large Divine chocolate bars - it's delicious chocolate and Divine is the only chocolate company which is co-owned by the farmers themselves.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, 18th – 25th JANUARY

Please join us, at Holy Angels Church, this evening, Sunday 18 January, 5pm, for a service involving all the churches on the Height. It is such a good and positive way to start the New Year, as Christians together. There will, of course, be tea/coffee and cakes after the service! Everyone is very welcome!

St Luke's - Coffee & Craft Morning

Bring your craft with you and we will provide the warm space, friendly chat and a hot drink.

Every Wednesday from 10:30-12pm

Team Sunday Notices

Any items/articles to be published on the Team Newsheet, please send them by Thursday, am of each week to: John McKenna on: oscar701@sky.com



Bible Study at St Luke's

Come and join us in the hall at 6:30 - 7:30pm. every Thursday as we begin our study of the Gospel of John. No prior knowledge is needed and bibles can be provided.

Bible Study at St Thomas'

Tuesday evenings at 7pm, everybody welcome.

Facebook asked me "What's on your mind, Peter" when I began this post. One word. Iran.

At St Thomas Pendleton we are blessed by a lively and lovely group of Iranians who worship with us. On a Wednesday morning the excellent Taban Charity offers support to Farsi-speakers of all faiths and none. We have celebrated the festivals of Yalda and Nowruz together, and we watch together the horrific scenes coming out of Iran. My wife was born in pre-revolution Iran.

This morning I was preaching about the evil and corruption of declaring a country to be a Theocracy and claiming that any government action is inspired by God and any dissent is heresy. Rather than re-heat my rather emotional arguments I want to share with you a message I received today from a young Iranian woman, a journalist by trade. Here it is unedited - I pray that you will feel moved to respond:

A message from Yalda D

Dear Peter,

The situation in Iran is not good these days 😞. People's access to the internet and to the outside world has been completely cut off.

You are a kind and honorable man. Please, if it is possible for you, in the English-speaking groups you are involved with, talk about the situation in Iran and its people, and be the voice of the Iranian people.

Our people need the help of international organizations to get through these oppressive conditions. This is by no means a call for interference in the internal affairs of my country, nor for other countries to interfere in Iran's political, economic, cultural, social, or other affairs. We only want human rights organizations and the major governments to stop these actions of the Iranian regime and hold them accountable. The people of the United Kingdom can also be our voice and ask their governments not to ignore the pain, suffering, and oppression of the people of Iran. I ask you and your friends to pray for the people of Iran.

We are all embodiments of the beautiful and famous poem by the renowned Iranian poet Saadi, who said:

"Human beings are limbs of one body.

In creation, they are made from one essence.

When one limb is afflicted with pain,

The other limbs cannot remain at rest."

Thank you very much.