

### June Diary

#### June 1<sup>st</sup>

NHS Blood donation in the Hall all day

**10.30am** Funeral of Geoff Reeve

#### June 2<sup>nd</sup>

**5.30pm** Ekins meeting in the Hervey Room

#### June 3<sup>rd</sup>

**7pm** PCC social and short meeting

#### June 8<sup>th</sup>

**11.30am** Funeral of Mary Gray

#### June 9<sup>th</sup>

**2pm** Tea@2 in the Hervey Room

#### June 13<sup>th</sup>

**1pm** Wedding of Ollie and Raket

#### June 16<sup>th</sup>

**2.15pm** Mothers' Union in the Hervey Room

**7.30pm** WFGS in the Hall

#### June 18<sup>th</sup>

**2pm** Bible Book Group

#### June 20<sup>th</sup>

Eden Project Big Lunch (Hall or Peter's Patch weather dependent)

#### June 24<sup>th</sup>

**11am** Church Hall Committee Meeting

**2.15pm** Songs of Praise at St John's

#### June 27<sup>th</sup>

Dance exams in the Hall and Hervey Room all day

**Every Wednesday in term time –**

**1.30pm** Tiny Tots

**Every Thursday –**

**9am** Morning Prayer on Facebook

**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 in term time –**

**6.30pm** Youth Café for Years 6-8 at the Church Hall & Youth Life for Years 9 and above at The Rectory (June 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> this month).

Date	Time	Service	Readings
1 <sup>st</sup> June	7pm	Evening Prayer	
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	10am	Holy Communion	2 Timothy 1. 1-3, 6-12 Mark 12. 18-27
7 <sup>th</sup> June	8am	Holy Communion	<b>1 Timothy 6. 11-19</b>
Stewardship	10am	Holy Communion	<b>Matthew 9. 9-13</b>
	4pm	<b>Peter's Praise</b>	
8 <sup>th</sup> June	7pm	Evening Prayer	
10 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	Holy Communion	1 Kings 18. 20-39 Matthew 5. 17-19
14 <sup>th</sup> June	8am	Holy Communion	<b>Romans 5. 1-8</b> <b>Matthew 9.35 – 10.8</b>
Trinity 2	10am	Holy Communion	<b>Romans 8. 1-4</b> <b>John 1. 1-18</b>
	4pm	<b>Peter's Praise</b>	
	6pm	<b>Choral Evensong</b>	<b>Psalms (42) 43</b> <b>1 Samuel 21. 1-15</b> <b>Luke 11. 14-28</b>
15 <sup>th</sup> June	7pm	Evening Prayer	
17 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	Holy Communion	2 Kings 2.1, 6-14 Matthew 6. 1-6, 16-18
21 <sup>st</sup> June	8am	Holy Communion	<b>Romans 6. 1b-11</b>
Trinity 3 & Confirmation Service	10am	Holy Communion	<b>Matthew 10. 24-39</b>
	4pm	<b>Peter's Praise</b>	
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	7pm	Evening Prayer	Isaiah 40. 1-11
24 <sup>th</sup> June	10am	Holy Communion	Luke 1. 57-66, 80
28 <sup>th</sup> June	8am	Holy Communion	<b>1 Peter 2. 19-end</b>
Petertide & Hilary's 1 <sup>st</sup> Presiding	10am	Holy Communion	<b>Matthew 16. 13-19</b>
	4pm	<b>Wild Worship</b>	
29 <sup>th</sup> June	7pm	Evening Prayer	

#### Team

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

**Churchwardens:** Joy Matsell & Phil Norris  
**Lay Vice Chair:** John Fazackerley

**Assistant Priests** Revd. Canon Michael Webber & Revd. Doug Spenceley

**Assistant Curate** Revd Dr Hilary Halstead

**Lay Ministers** Clare Pearce & Sue Pinington

#### Contact Us

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

#### Parish Administrator:

Cathy de Maid 01604 787117  
stpeterswestonfavell@yahoo.co.uk

#### Website

[www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16484](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/16484) or find us on Facebook search 'St Peter's, Weston Favell'

#### Life Groups:

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

## Welcome to our June Newsletter!

Dear Friends,

The next few weeks are full of exciting events and services! And they speak to us of joy, of sharing and celebrating together as a Christian family, and of fresh and renewed commitment to lives following Jesus. Below are some of the great things in my diary that I'd love you to come and join in with too!

My diary also contains services tinged with sadness as we celebrate the lives of Geoff Reeve on June 1<sup>st</sup> and Mary Gray on June 8<sup>th</sup>, giving thanks to God for their lives and their love, and for our hope in their eternal life with Jesus. May they rest in God's eternal peace. Have a wonderful summer!

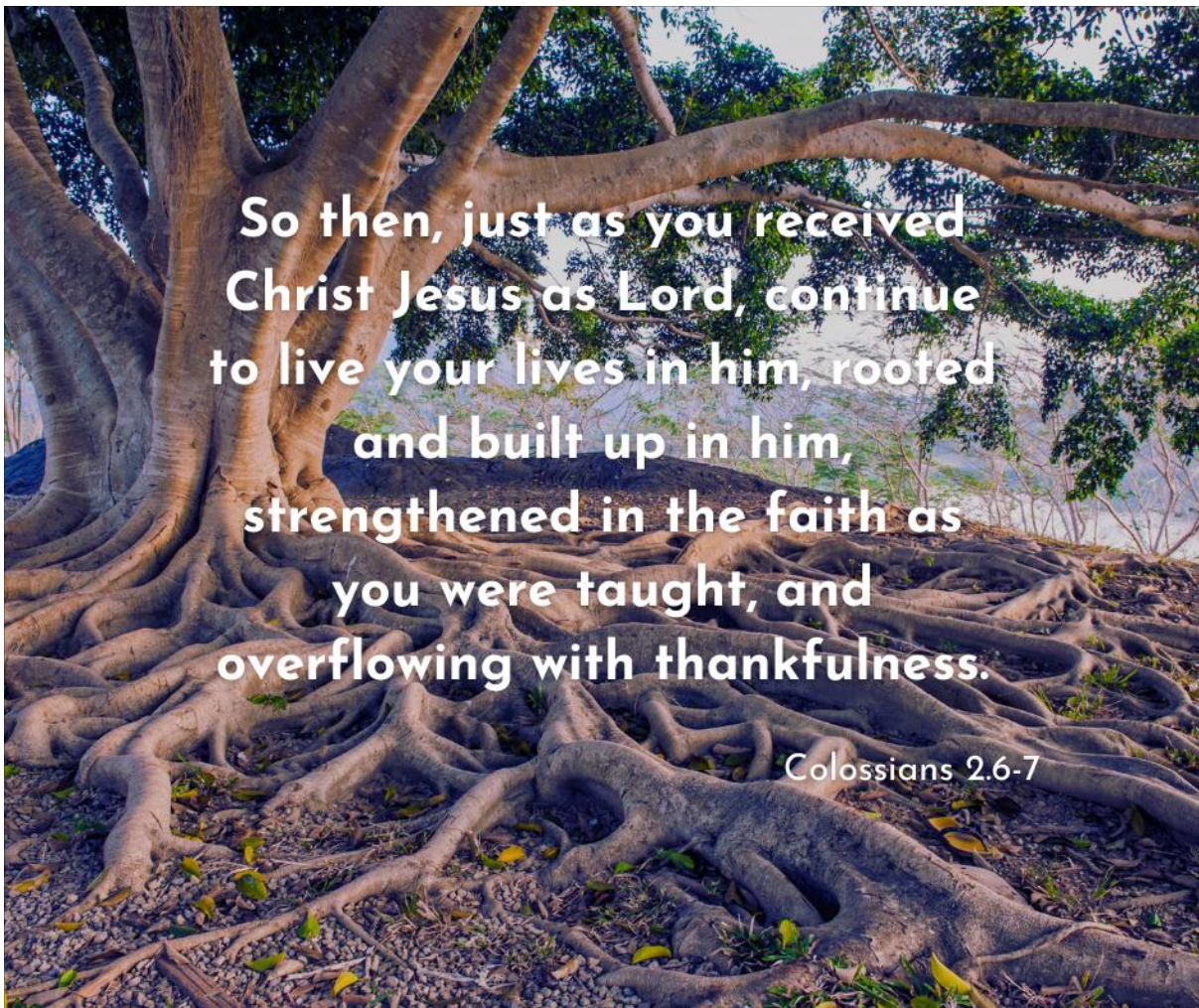
*Canon Beverley*

Sunday June 7 <sup>th</sup> 10am	Stewardship Sunday service with Archdeacon Richard	Yes, we have to talk about money sometimes – Jesus talked about it a lot! And who better to help us than our wonderful Archdeacon?
Sunday June 14 <sup>th</sup> 10am	All Age Communion	The fantastic children at our church school help us to explore the theme of incarnation
6pm	Choral Evensong	For many of us this beautiful service is a highlight of the month
Saturday June 20 <sup>th</sup> 12pm	Eden Project Picnic	Pray for good weather so that we can enjoy this fun event on Peter's Patch! There will be loads to do and we're very grateful that it will be supporting St Peter's to help us keep our building beautiful!
Sunday June 21 <sup>st</sup> 10am	Confirmation service with Bishop Ed Condry	Do come and support our candidates as they are confirmed. Your prayers and your presence make a difference.

Saturday June 27 <sup>th</sup> 4pm	Revd Hilary's ordination as priest at Peterborough Cathedral.	All are welcome, but the cathedral need to know numbers, so do please sign up on the list in church. Don't forget to send a message (and a gift if you'd like to) via Revd Hilary's collection pot: (QR Code at the bottom)
Sunday June 28 <sup>th</sup> 10am	Revd Hilary's first presiding and our patronal festival. Guest preacher: Bishop Andrew Proud.	Revd Hilary will be presiding at communion for the first time in this celebration service which also marks St Peter's day. What a celebration! There will be special refreshments afterwards too.
Sunday July 5 <sup>th</sup> 10am	Canon Michael's golden anniversary of priesting. Guest preacher: Bishop Brian Castle.	From a brand new priest to a very experienced one – celebrate this milestone with Canon Michael and join him for special refreshments after the service.
Saturday July 11 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am	Prayer Partners Coffee Morning	Whether you already receive our regular prayer requests, or whether you'd like to join in; whether you pray with others or on your own – or would like to pray with others but need connections making – this is the event for you. Come and find our more about prayer partners and help us think about the best resources for you.



**Hilary's Collection Pot  
QR Code**



So then, just as you received  
Christ Jesus as Lord, continue  
to live your lives in him, rooted  
and built up in him,  
strengthened in the faith as  
you were taught, and  
overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2.6-7

#### **Bible Verse of the month: June 2026**

On June 21<sup>st</sup> five members of St Peter's, joined by some members of neighbouring churches will be making a public commitment to living as disciples of Christ through confirmation. They've been studying together, along with members of St Albans church, for several weeks. This verse is a reminder of the calling that we all share as disciples. In woodland, the roots of the trees are connected not just to the soil's nutrients but also to each other with the help of mitochondria. For Christians, our rooting in Christ sustains us, and the Holy Spirit connects us, making us better and stronger than we can ever be alone. Please pray and give thanks for our confirmation candidates: Kelvin, Willie, Gan, Janet and Erin, and for Meg who will be confirmed at another church over the summer.

**On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm, we have Choral Evensong.  
Please join us. All are welcome.**

**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 Pingleton, 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



**ECO TIPS FOR JUNE:** Take part in citizen science or a local nature event. Citizen science is a way for ordinary people to get involved in scientific research or data collection. There are many projects to choose from and it's easy to make a contribution. Invite others to get involved with you too. Here are some projects that you could help with: Search your local beach with a shore survey:

***wildlifetrusts.org/shoresearch***

Spend ten minutes counting pollinators:

***ukpoms.org.uk***

Join in with Churches Count on Nature (6-

14 June): ***arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/***

***churches-count-on-nature/ Do a Bee***

***Walk: beewalk.org.uk***

Join Great Big Green Week (6-14 June):

***greatbiggreenweek.com***

**The Great Big Green Week is the only mass moment for nature and climate in the UK, and it belongs to everyone.**

**THE GREAT  
BIG GREEN  
WEEK** 

Every June, thousands of events take place in towns, cities and villages across the country. From repair cafés and nature walks to community clean-ups and film screenings, people everywhere come together for good and make a real difference.

In 2025, more than a million people took part. In 2026, we want even more. Whether you organise something big, join something local or simply encourage a friend to get involved, every action counts. Take a look at what others have done and start thinking about what you could do between **6 and 14 June 2026**.

## **UPDATE FROM THE CHARITABLE ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE**

**CHARITABLE GIVING IN LENT:** Huge thanks to everyone who responded so generously to the opportunities at St Peter's to include generous giving as part of your observation of Lent. The Lent lunches and the Lent Appeal raised a wonderful total of £5,131.62 for 5 different charities.

**LENT LUNCHES:** This year we only received 4 offers to host a Lent lunch. As ever, we were very grateful to those who did host the 4 lunches, as they not only provided some fabulous home-made soups, but also gave us the opportunity for fellowship and to learn about some wonderful charities. 3 of the lunches were hosted by people who had not done so before, and they were assisted by teams of volunteers working for their charity, who we were delighted to meet, widening the opportunity for fellowship. The money raised was as follows:

**7th March:** the host Janet Kirkland and the team of volunteers from "Northamptonshire Search and Rescue," part of the national "**Lowland Rescue**" charity raised **£919.50**

**14th March:** the host Natasha Henson, helped by volunteers supporting the **Firefighters' Charity**, raised **£703.42**.

**21st March:** Clare Pearce and members of **St Peter's Mothers' Union** raised

**£1,268.45 for 3 causes** - a local commitment to provide food parcels each school holiday to disadvantaged families of pupils at Weston Favell Academy; the national MU charity "Away from it all" providing trips and holidays for families facing difficult challenges; and the global MU Literacy Education programme in developing countries.

**28th March:** Lorraine Bewley-Tippler, with Sue Griffiths and Carla Merrey, raised **£910.25** for the local charity "**Wings of Hope**", providing community support for asylum seekers and refugees.

## LENT APPEAL FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY



Thank you to all those who contributed to the wonderful total of **£1,330** raised. The Regional Fundraiser sent heartfelt thanks, explaining that our money could be used, for example, to fund over 200 calls to the Dementia Support Line offering reassurance and practical guidance, and to help organise supportive groups for those with dementia and their carers.



**CHRISTIAN AID  
WEEK LAUNCHED  
BY OUR LUNCH  
ON 9<sup>th</sup> MAY**

We are very grateful to those who came to support the lunch and the raffle on the day, making very generous donations, and also to those who have donated to the appeal during the week. The CEC committee are also most appreciative of our faithful supporters who so generously provide a delicious range of desserts, to tempt those present to give even more generously! At the time of writing the appeal is just drawing to a close, so we can't yet announce a final figure, but it should certainly **exceed £1,000**.

The committee are now taking a rest from organising activities until the Autumn, when we will be organising **Harvest donations for 11th October** and a lunch on **14th November** in support of the **local Street Pastors charity**. So 2 advance dates for your diaries!

Thanks and blessings to you all.  
**Rosemary Pestell - on behalf of the Charitable Enterprise Committee of the PCC.**



## Year 4 Residential Visit to Ilam Hall

From 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April, our Year 4 pupils enjoyed a wonderful residential

visit to Ilam Hall in Derbyshire. Excitement was high as we set off, and after a long journey we arrived at a magnificent stately home set within beautiful countryside, which was to be our home for the next three days and two nights.

We began our stay with a walk to explore the local area, which felt very different from Northampton – so quiet and peaceful. The children quickly



settled in and were delighted by the delicious meals prepared by the chefs at Ilam Hall. A particular highlight of the first evening was enjoying Mrs Heslop's hot chocolate together before bed.

On day two, we set off on a long walk to Dovedale, climbing Thorpe Cloud – a steep hill with a distinctive flat top. Although the walk was challenging and, at times, quite steep and narrow, the incredible views at the top made it all worthwhile. We enjoyed our packed lunch on the hill, which many agreed was the best picnic spot of the year! That afternoon, we explored the River Manifold



through pond dipping, discovering a variety of fascinating creatures, including mayfly nymphs and caddisfly larvae. There was also time to play in the extensive grounds of Ilam Hall, making the most of the space and surroundings. After such a busy day, the children were more

than ready for an early night! Our final morning was spent completing an orienteering activity around the grounds. As the children followed the course, finding letters along the way, they worked together to solve the puzzle, which eventually spelt out "Ilam Hall". All in all, it was a truly memorable trip. The children showed enthusiasm, resilience and excellent teamwork throughout, and returned home with wonderful memories they will cherish for a long time to come.



### **Interview with Revd Dr Hilary Halstead by Lilly Wardle.**

Below is a transcript of the interview conducted by Lilly at Youth Life with Hilary, in the run up to her ordination.

**Lilly:** Why are you getting ordained?

**Hilary:** I was a lay reader before, and as a reader it was basically a teaching and preaching Ministry which I loved. But I missed the fact that I felt called to sacraments as well, like Eucharist and baptism, funerals and weddings which I could not do as a reader and I felt called by God to develop my Ministry to actually be able to do more. And so, I went back to a year of college in London (Saint Mellitus College) and did a year there called Caleb, which is a mixture of the discernment process where you have two selection processes over the year. I went down to London every week for one day, for teaching and study and learning together. And at the end of that year, I was recommended for ordination by Bishop John, and was made a Deacon last summer. It certainly feels very different because I'm now called Reverend, and I wear a collar, and I feel different. I feel affirmed in a way that God is calling me to a

deeper Ministry. This year's been a steep learning curve and it's been a lot to learn. I didn't realise how much there is to learn! And now this summer I will be ordained a priest. As a priest one can do Eucharists and weddings, you can anoint people, you can bless people, you can forgive sins. So, all those things that a priest does. It's going to be - honour isn't quite the word. Is it privilege? It's just something that I felt called to do. It's enabling. It's a Ministry that's very special - being able to talk closely with people and care for them, and walk with them on their journey in a fuller way than I could before. Even though I'm not young.



**Lilly:** Was there a specific point that you knew you wanted to be ordained?

**Hilary:** I thought about it in my 50s. I felt called to do more and it took a while to work out what that was. And at the time, it ended up being reader Ministry. For lots of reasons, I didn't pursue discernment for ordination. At that point, partly, because I was a busy GP and that was a calling in itself. And I could not do both properly. And I realised that I had to make a choice between leaving the practice of being ordained or staying in the practice and being a reader. And at that point staying in the practice was more important because I

was a partner running a challenging practice, and that was the calling at the time. The first thing that happened to me after I'd been retired for six months was a course, called holy listening. I knew I had to do this course, and became what's called a spiritual director where you actually talk to people and support them in their prayer life and their spiritual life. And that was such a powerful call. And then of course, we had David Kirby with us but Sue was ill. So I was very much supporting David and Sue. Then she was having treatment, so it wasn't a time for me to think about what I wanted to do. I think it was only when Canon Beverley arrived and everything settled down and suddenly there was space for me to think about what I thought about that question of where am I called to be?

At that point the space opened up for me to actually say there's no reason why I shouldn't think about that again. And my son, David said to me. 'Mum. There's some people in our church who've done this Caleb course in London, it's just perfect for you.' So, we went and had a look and it was 'Yes, I need to do this course. This could be home.' It's just the right thing. It was wonderful. So I was accepted for that course in London for a year. And did all the discernment as we went, so it was quite a challenging year.

**Lilly:** Yes, you said that you were too busy as a GP and that took a higher position in your life, which stopped you progressing. Which nicely moves me on to my next question. Did your career as a doctor impact, your views on religion? If so, how?

**Hilary:** It's really good to get out there and actually experience other things because otherwise you can think that the way you do it is the only way. And that's absolutely not true. There's so many ways of being a Christian that are different. I was blessed in

that because as a young medical student, I was travelling around the country to different hospitals, experiencing a lot of different things and meeting a lot of different people and learning a lot about life and the world and myself. And then you start to see the world from a different perspective once you get all that training. I mean you start talking about psychology and sociology and the needs of the world, and the needs of people, and family dynamics and you become very aware of what's going on around you. When I finished my training I decided that before becoming a GP I wanted to travel. So I went abroad and I had a friend who worked in a hospital in India. And I said to her, 'Can I come out?' I taught in a rural development project in Andhra Pradesh for 3 months. I trained the villagers. They have what they call a Barefoot doctor. It was a training programme where you're teaching a kind of very basic medicine and such like to the villagers. So I did that for a while and then travelled a bit and went down to Bangalore. Then I went to Bihar where there's a CMS Mission hospital. I stayed with people who were so hospitable. I had no money but I travelled around and people put me up. It was the poorest place I've ever lived. I mean, even most Indians don't know where it is, it's so poor. All I can tell you is it's eight hours north of Calcutta on the train. And then you get off at the station and they put you in a Land Rover then you turn up at this incredibly shabby hospital, which does amazing work. I worked with two missionaries. And it was different medicine, like I could not believe it. I saw huge illnesses like we don't see in England because here they get treated much quicker. And Easter day there, the Easter morning was just wonderful. Just that early morning as the sun rose there, everything was much more intense, I think because it was so simple. We had so little. We had very, very simple food and no

