



NEWSLETTER

ST PETER'S PARISH POST



Issue 2: / May to September/ 2026

A SEASONAL MESSAGE FROM: **Revd Steph Fahie, a retired priest in this parish**

'The wonder of creation'

In spring it is not hard to delight in seeing our world come to life in glorious colour and variety. Even the bright yellow dandelions (French for lion's mane!) in the middle of the lawn! If, like me, you enjoy the wildlife programmes on television maybe you have been following 'Secret Garden' about wildlife in our gardens. I have seen a fox in my back garden and zealously protect my vegetables against pigeon attack! The other day there was a male long-tailed tit attacking its reflection in the kitchen window – territorial rights?!

What wonder and variety we are surrounded by when we look. Another TV series about the Big Cats of the Okavango Delta takes me back to my own privileged upbringing in Kenya seeing wildlife including lion and

cheetah in the game parks and on safari. Closer to home for many years my black labrador/retriever, Guinness, was a much-loved member of the family though very naughty, prone to escaping to the fish and chip shop and known as my 'delinquent son'. Our world is full of the most amazing sights and sounds as well as being the source of our well-being in terms of shelter, food and water. We are truly blessed in this country with such a bounty both local and imported.

At St Peter's we are working towards becoming an 'eco church' through sustainability with our new Solar power and the care of our gardens. This is about playing our part in caring for creation in all its variety.

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STOP PRESS STOP PRESS.....

The new Parish of St Peter's Shrewsbury seeks a part-time **Administrator**. The post is 5 hours/week preferably worked as two 2.5 hour sessions, work base to be agreed with Churchwardens. Remuneration will be at the current living wage hourly rate.

For more information and to submit your CV and a supporting statement, please contact Bernice Firmin, Churchwarden by email (see back of this newsletter).

Closing date Friday 15 May 2026.

The wonder of creation—continued:

The Bible tells us that right in the beginning God created in 'six days'. The empty earth is filled with living creatures – fish, birds, and animals. It is a story of astonishing imagination and delight and a sign of God's yearning for life in all its fullness for the world.

Later in Genesis chapter 1 when human beings are created God invites them to get involved with creation 'to rule over'; in other words to nurture and care for all creatures and the environment. In the second chapter Adam is invited by God to name the animals. Naming is about responsibility to care.

The book of Job ends (chs 39/40) with God answering Job's questions with a wonderful poem about the unseen lives of animals: the doe giving birth and the wild donkey roaming free; the wings of the ostrich flapping joyfully and the eagle soaring free;

the behemoth or hippo and the leviathan or crocodile. When God finished speaking Job acknowledges God and his own ignorance of creation and sinfulness.

With wonder and delight we watch the spring and the lives of animals, pets and wild ones. A walk yesterday was teeming with the 'Aaah' factor of lambs!

With concern and some helplessness we hear of climate change. As Christians we do have responsibility for the care and nurture of our world in all its variety be it your own pet or garden. Yet there are many small things we can put our faith in God to work for the good of creatures and creation.

In what ways are you making small changes to contribute to the care we are all called to exercise?

Steph Fahie

Regular diary dates at St Peter's Church or in the parish hall.

WORSHIP & other activities:

Daily:

Monday to Saturday: **Morning prayer** 8.30am at St Peter's Monkmoor

Weekly:

Sunday: **Holy Communion**, 10.00am at St Peter's Monkmoor

Morning Worship, 10.00am, a non-communion service on 4th Sunday

Monday: **Get Moving**, 10.00am-11.00am, gentle exercise to mobilise your body, in the Parish Hall, behind St Peter's Monkmoor

Tuesday: **Coffee & Chat**, 10.00am—11.45am, in the Parish Hall, behind St Peter's Monkmoor

Wednesday: **Toddle-In** (stay & play), 10.00-11.30am, in the Parish Hall;

Thursday: **Coffee & Chat**, 10.00am—11.45am, in St Peter's Church Monkmoor
Prayer Group, 7.00pm—8.00pm, St Peter's Church Monkmoor.

Monthly:

Wednesday: **Forget-Me-Not Tea**, 3.00pm-5.00pm, first Wednesday of each month, in the Parish Hall, behind St Peter's Church so that is Wednesdays, 6 May, 3 June, 1 July, 5 August and 2 September.





St Peter's Parish Update

—from our Churchwardens

Bernice Firmin and June Marshall

The joyous season of Easter was celebrated at St Peter's earlier in April, with its message that Christ died for our sins and rose again that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

St Peter's church garden was looking especially lovely, the bulbs were out and the early blossom trees bloomed in the sunshine, as the natural cycle of the seasons turned from winter to spring.

On the 1st January 2026 the new St Peter's Parish came into being, and the church calendar has since moved from Advent, through Lent and onto Eastertide.

We had the great pleasure of Bishop Michael blessing the new parish in January the special service was followed by high tea in the hall.

In February work started on Church Hall roof to install the long awaited solar system which was blessed by Archdeacon Nick on 19 April during Sunday's service.

We have been using the solar electricity to heat and light the hall and the church is wired up ready to be linked to the system very soon.

We are at a significant point in our new parish's story because the PCC has been working to set in place the foundations for the new Parish and will be approving the Mission Action Plan that will be used during the recruitment process for our new vicar.

We have been praying that God is already working to identify a priest for us, His chosen shepherd for St Peter's.

The normal pattern of worship has continued and we were delighted to have had the first baptism in the Parish Church a fortnight ago. We are privileged to welcome Maeve to our growing church family as we did her brother and sister not so long ago.

The annual May Fayre will take place on Saturday 9 May, between 2-4 pm. It's a time for the wider community to be welcomed at St Peter's. Do come along and bring your friends to browse the stalls, buy raffle tickets too for some excellent prizes. But overall have a well-deserved cup of tea and join in all the fun.

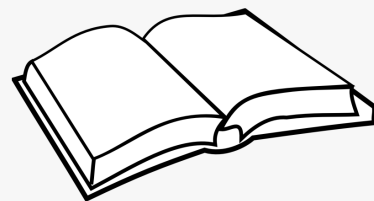
Bernice Firmin
Church Warden

*[This newsletter is **FREE!** We are pleased that you have a copy. Enjoy it and do share it widely. However, like all churches, St Peter's relies on people's regular giving to cover its costs. Any donations towards the £1 cost of this copy will be most welcome! Ed.]*

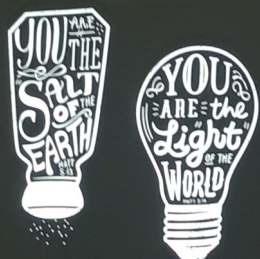
From our C o E Lectionary Sunday readings

May to September 2026

[Using the given related readings]



Sunday / date	1 st Reading	Psalm	2 nd Reading	Gospel
3 May	Acts 7.55-end	Ps 31	1 Peter 2.2-10	John 14.1-14
10 May	Acts 17.22-31	Ps 66	1 Peter 3.13-end	John 14.15-21
17 May	Acts 1.6-14	Ps 68	1 Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11	John 17.1-11
24 May Pentecost	Acts 2.1-21	Ps 104	1 Corinthians 12.3b-13	John 20.19-23 / John 7.37-39
31 May Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 40.12-17,27-end	Ps 8	2 Corinthians 13.11-end	Matthew 28.16-end
7 June	Hosea 5.15-6.6	Ps 50	Romans 4.13-emd	Matthew 9.9-13,18-26
14 June	Exodus 19.2-8a	Ps 100	Romans 5.1-8	Matthew 9.35-10.8
21 June	Jeremiah 20.7-13	Ps 69	Romans 6.1b-11	Matthew 10.24-39
28 June	Jeremiah 28.5-9	Ps 89	Romans 6.12-end	Matthew 10.40-end
5 July	Zechariah 9.9-12	Ps 145	Romans 7.15-25a	Matthew 11.16-19,25-end
12 July	Isaiah 55.10-13	Ps 65	Romans 8.1-11	Matthew 13.1-9,18-23
19 July	Isaiah 44.6-8	Ps 86	Romans 8.12-25	Matthew 13.24-30,36-43
2 August	Isaiah 55.1-5	Ps 145	Romans 9.1-5	Matthew 14.13-21
9 August	1 Kings 19.9-18	Ps 85	Romans 10.5-15	Matthew 14.22-33
16 August	Isaiah 56.1,6-8	Ps 67	Romans 11.1-2a,29-32	Matthew 15.10-28
23 August	Isaiah 51.1-6	Ps 138	Romans 12.1-8	Matthew 16.13-20
30 August	Jeremiah 15.15-21	Ps 26	Romans 12.9-end	Matthew 16.21-end
6 September	Ezekiel 33.7-11	Ps 119	Romans 13.8-end	Matthew 15-20
13 September	Genesis 50.15-21	Ps 103	Romans 14.1-12	Matthew 18.21-35
20 September	Jonah 3.10-end of 4	Ps 145	Philippians 1.21-end	Mattew 20.1-16
27 September	Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-end	Ps 25	Philippians 2.1-13	Matthew 21.23-32



“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” [Matthew 5:13-16]

Here are a selection of prayers to encourage, support and inspire us in our prayer life. We hope they are helpful to you during the summer months ahead.



A Daily Prayer

God of mercy and peace, draw near to all who suffer. Strengthen those who serve, and guide leaders to choose what protects life. Bring comfort to the grieving, provide daily bread to the hungry, heal wounds seen and unseen, and make a way for peace. Amen.

[Taken from the Embrace the Middle East 7-day prayer guide]

Jesus, may all that is You flow into me. May your body and blood be my food and drink. May your passion and death be my strength and life.

Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given. May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your Cross. Let me not run from the love which you offer, but hold me safe from the forces of evil.

On each of my dyings shed your light and your love. Keep calling to me until that day comes when, with your saints, I may praise you forever. Amen.

[A Prayer by David Fleming SJ, based on the Anima Christi. Thanks to Revd Richard Hayes for sharing]

“There is a deep well inside,
And in it dwells God.

Sometimes I am there too.
But more often than not stones
and grit block the well
and God is buried beneath.
Then He must be dug out
again.”

[Etty Hillesum, died in Auschwitz 1943]

I am no longer my own, but yours.

Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will:

Put me to doing; put me to suffering

Let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you;

Let me be full, let me be empty;

Let me have all things; let me have nothing;

I freely and heartily yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

You are mine and I am yours. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

[Methodist Covenant prayer, shared with us by Revd Steph at the start of 2026]

Lord Jesus Christ,

I am sometimes like your first disciples after Your arrest—I am not brave enough to follow You. When that happens, Lord, as my Good Shepherd, find and regather me and help me to rejoin your work of costly care for Your world. Amen.

[Fresh from the Word daily readings, March 2026, shared by Katherine]



Lord, like the spring rains water the earth and help things grow, sprinkle me with Holy Spirit and nurture my fragile faith. Amen



Friend who makes wax and lots of honey



Friend who is extra fuzzy and really loves flowers



Friend who pollinates and eats pests but needs more personal space

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Julian of Norwich (circa 1373) trusted The Lord in all things, even in troubled times. She wrote these comforting words,

**“All shall be well,
All SHALL be well, and
All manner of things shall be
WELL.”**

Because

Jesus is Lord!

Hallelujah! Praise Him!

[thanks to Ann Turner, regular member of Shrewsbury Abbey]

**“Thank you for the world
so sweet,**

**Thank you for the food we
eat,**

**Thank you for the birds
that sing,**

**Thank you God for every-
thing!” Amen**

A prayer of thankfulness regularly used at our Messy Church events as we move towards our shared lunch.

[This might be familiar to you! And you might like to use it at mealtimes and share with the youngest members of your family. Ed.]

“Free us, righteous God, from all oppression,
and bring justice to the nations,
that all the world may know you
as King of kings and Lord of lords,
now and for ever. Amen”

*[prayer accompaniment to Psalm 35
Common Worship]*

The Lord’s Prayer

—in contemporary language

Our Father, who made us, every one and the whole creation too, you are so far above us in every way that we must honour and respect You.

May Your goodness and justice replace the mess we have made of our world.

May all the world’s people have a fair share of the food available and we ask You to forgive us when we are selfish and greedy.

Help us, Father, to forgive others in the same way we would like to be forgiven.

Keep us clear of the things that tempt us, guiding us away from wrong.

For we know that one day You will rule our world in patience and love.

You God are so powerful and full of wonders.

So be it.

[thanks to Daphne]

Prayer requests: Prayer is powerful! If you would like someone to be included in prayers at St Peter’s, please do speak in confidence to Revd Steph or Churchwardens who will add names to our prayer list. A Prayer Group meets on Thursdays, 7-8pm in St Peter’s Church. Anyone is welcome to join, regularly or occasionally. You will be most welcome!

Message from Christine and Stefan —our absent friends in pastures new!

“Thank everyone for your generous gifts and for all the lovely cards too. We have been overwhelmed by the love and support we have received and miss you all so very much.

We are settling in well, still busy decorating and gardening, we have met the neighbours, all good!! Church life is good too, we have Bible study every week and have been enlisted for readings and assisting on Sundays and no doubt more to come in the future.

We love being here and being able to pop to the beach when the sun shines! We haven't had a lot of sunshine as yet but plenty of rain, well it is Wales after all.

We had our first visitors (in March) plus Catherine and Joseph visiting for Easter.

We send our Love and Prayers to you all, and look forward to seeing you when we visit,

Christine and Stefan xxx”

World Happiness Day was 27 March 2026

A new poem by Becky Hemsley for World Happiness Day

One day you will notice it

Not the loud kind of **happiness** people write about in big moments, but **the quiet kind** that grows slowly in the corners of ordinary days.

You'll find it
in the **pockets of sunlight** that slip through open windows, just to dance on the floor.
In the **laugh that escapes** you before you have a chance to catch it.
In the crumpled **love note** you find in the pocket of your jeans, and in the **hum** of the kettle as the water warms.

And in those moments,

You'll realise something...

Happiness was never hiding far away.

It was in the **walk** you almost didn't take.
The **song** you almost skipped.
The **book** you almost didn't start and the day you thought was going to be nothing **special** at all.

Maybe happiness is simply learning this:

That life isn't about waiting for the big, perfect moments.

It's quietly filling the small ones with more joy than we ever thought to look for.

[thanks to Jono for sharing this]

Fairtrade

The Shrewsbury Fairtrade stall in the Market is now also open on Thursdays between 10:30 and 2:30pm.

The stall will take debit card payments. Use **Fairtrade!**

Wendy & Roger Ford



(also looking out for more shop volunteers!)

Your thoughts on All creatures, great and small

Our readers enjoy book reviews of fiction, non-fiction, light reading or things more challenging.

If you have contributed, thank you very much!

Perennial favourite books, movies and songs to do with animals might include:

***'Ring of Bright Water'** by Gavin Maxwell and the tear-jerking 1969 film by the same name!

***'Born Free'** by Joy Adamson about the hand-reared lioness and the 1966 film of same name starring Virginia Mackenna.

*Oh yes, not to forget Matt Monro singing the song from the movie:

*Born free, as free as the wind blows
As free as the grass grows
Born free to follow your heart.*

*Live free, and beauty surrounds you
The world still astounds you
Each time you look at a star.*

*Stay free, where no walls divide you
You're free as a roaring tide so there's no need to hide.*

*Born free, and life is worth living
But only worth living 'cause you're born free.*

[Keith Barron & John Barry, thanks to Sony Songs Llc]

The Jungle Book describes Rikki-Tikki-Tavi!

"He was a mongoose, rather like a little cat in his fur and his tail, but quite like a weasel in his head and his habits. His eyes and [...] his restless nose were pink; he could scratch himself anywhere he please, [...]; he could fluff up his tail till it looked like a bottle-brush, and his war-cry, [...] was **Rikk-tikk-tikki-tikki-tchk!**"

[thanks to David who loves this book]

Aesop's Fables

Aesop's Fables were very popular stories for very young children and perhaps not so well read nowadays.

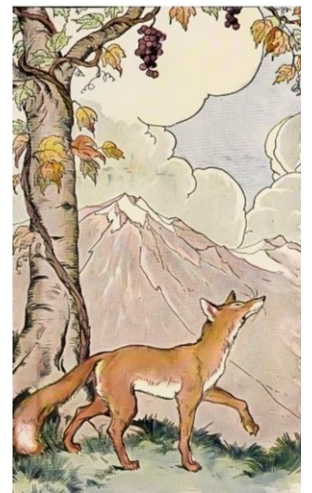
[But do tell us if that is not the case?—Ed]

Characters are frequently animals with human traits. Tales often focus on deception, greed or wisdom and provide practical moral lessons.

Stories include:

***The Hare and the Tortoise:** slow and steady wins the race;

***The Fox and the Grapes:** it is easy to despise what you cannot get—which is still in our everyday language as expressions of 'sour grapes'!



***The Peacock's Complaint:** where the peacock complains to his maker about its voice. He is told that the eagle has strength, the nightingale has song and he, the peacock, has beauty—and that he cannot be first in everything!

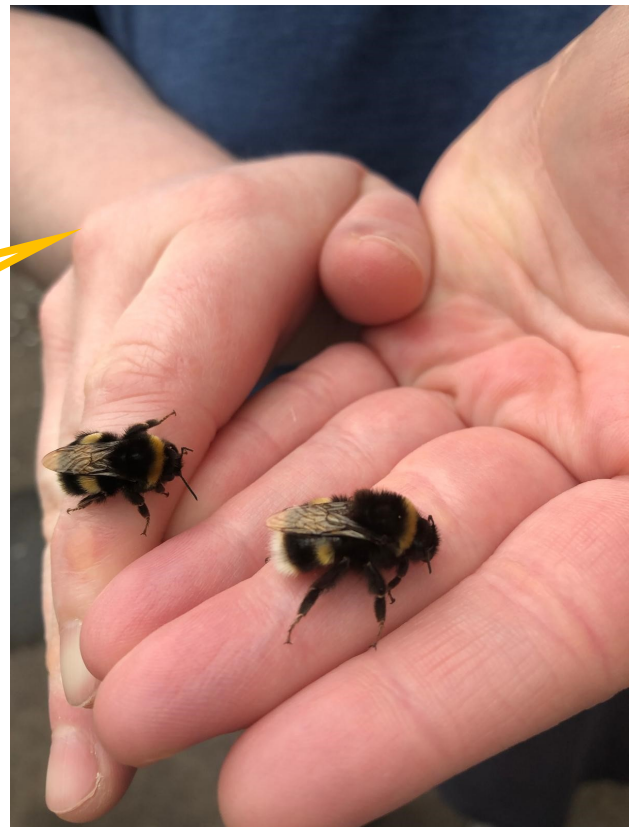


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Perhaps because she and her family lived on a small holding when she was very young, Phoebe shares that her 'favourite animal is **a pig** because, well ... not sure why ... I find them cute and they're nice, and I miss having them.'

Richard too likes **pigs**. He used to drive through a pig farm when working in a big rural house, Roke Manor, occasionally stopping his car, to stand and watch the many pigs penned next the road.



Emma loves **bees** - frequently picking up "distressed" bees, warming them up and finding a safe plant to shelter them. She fished a struggling bee out of a bird bath by the shop at Wightwick, took it into the shop and asked for assistance. One of the staff gave it some sugar water and put it on tissue. Emma took it outside and placed it on a shelf. We waited until it flew away - while the lady from the shop emptied the bird bath! We need to take care of our bees!



Sally asks '**Who doesn't love an elephant!?**

She shares this photograph of her family washing an **elephant** in Kerala on our family holiday—what an experience!

Alison is not sure why, but her favourite animal is also the **elephant!**

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"My favourite creature is a sheep! As spring comes in, the best thing is watching for the new lambs in the fields, gambolling with each other or all over their mum. They're delightful at this stage but before summer arrives they've become mundane head down munching grass. I love their woolly heads and (sometimes) beautiful eyes gazing out of long eye lashes, innocently looking for recognition. I love sheep's wool, which can be soft, full of lanolin, the gorgeous scent of sheep revealed when pressed against the face!!

Jesus said 'I am the Good Shepherd.' John 10: 11. He also described us 'All we like sheep!' Isaiah 53: 6. He talked about gathering His flock and searching for the lost sheep. Even leaving the other 99 just to find that precious one (to Him) who was lost. The people of His day listening to Him, (being pastoral folk), would have

understood about sheep. How sheep flock together stubbornly. Easily spooked into running with the herd without reason. Jesus likened them to us: how we wish to blend in and not stand out or take the Lord's message too seriously.

Jesus too was likened to a Lamb. He went to the Cross in place of a lamb going to the altar in sacrifice. To atone for our turning away from God. We like sheep, unable to grasp who Almighty God is. Or what He - God - is saying to us. God simply wants us to turn and hear His voice and trust Him. Just as the Shepherd wants the sheep to turn to him/her and trust them. God has been trying to get our attention for millennia in order to build a friendship with us. But we like sheep run away from Him and some of us never realise the treasures God wants to give us in friendship with Him."

Thanks to Sue H

"The Lamb" by William Blake, poet

Little Lamb who made thee
Dost thou know who made thee
Gave thee life & bid thee feed
By the stream & o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing woolly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice!
Little Lamb who made thee
Dost thou know who made thee?



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Charlotte says her current favourite animal is a **Platypus**. The first people to discover them, thought they were not real because they were so weird. They have a duck bill, otter-like fur and a tail like a beaver. Under UV light, their brown fur glows a blue-green colour. Baby platypuses are called puggles—very cute!

Bryan loves dogs and has had several. Some years ago, he knew a couple who had a stuffed, platypus that had lost a leg. They also owned a duck farm and had an extremely large cat. Bryan laughed, ***“They had a three legged duck-billed platypus and a four-legged duck-filled-fatty-puss!”***



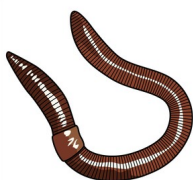
David's favourite creature is the **Cheetah!**

An awesome sprinter, for sure! Now the only living member of the genus *Acinonyx*, an iconic predator, it is the fastest land animal, capable of running at 93-104km/hr. It has evolved for speed, having powerful hind-limb muscles, long limbs and a flexible spine.

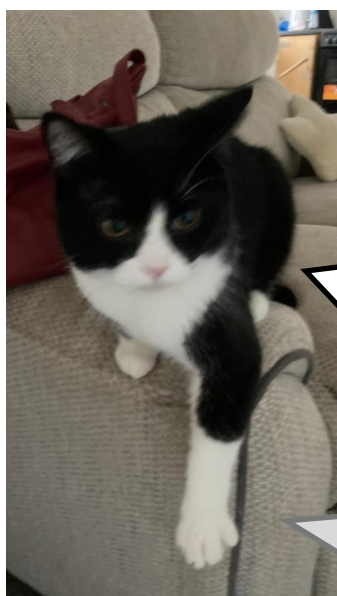
[thanks to David and Wikipedia]

Lumbricus Terrestris, the common earthworm. They are awesome wiggly miners, working their way through the soil, making it a finer loam for we mortals to use for our growing.

Katherine had to dissect *lumbricus terrestris* when at university, to show either its primitive nervous system or perhaps it was their hermaphrodite reproductive system! D'you know, it was nearly half a century ago, and she now thinks that such accuracy is hardly necessary! But they are splendid little creatures to which we owe much!



Pam and Richard together love **cats**—they've had many along the years. He thinks it is in his DNA, whereas he has friends whose DNA indicates a preference for dogs.



Jean is still housetraining her favourite **tom kitten** Ralph. [left] His behaviour is slowly improving!

Zoe adores her Brodie! But also her cat grey, tabby-coated Arthur.

Regular Events at St Peter's Monkmoor and in the Parish Hall

COFFEE AND CHAT

Weekdays, 10-11.45am

*Tuesdays in the St Peter's Hall and

*Thursdays in St Peter's Church

Hope to see you there! No charge and all welcome. There's a rota for serving and new helpers will be most welcome! Please speak to Steph Fahie.

**Coffee
Morning**



**Dementia
Friendly
Church**

At Forget-me-not Tea we welcome many people, most particularly we are pleased to see anyone living with memory loss, dementia and their partners or carers. We very much enjoy spending time talking, jogging our collective memory, praying, singing hymns and other songs from our younger days.

If you recall, our theme this year is colour and thus far we have enjoyed in January—blue, February—red, March—yellow and April—green. In May our chosen colour is **PINK**.

If you are a regular attendee, please do share the event with your friends—those who live with memory loss or anyone who is in need of some jolly company on a Wednesday!

Hoping to see you there on Wednesday, 6 May, 3pm in the parish hall.

Bernice Firmin—Dementia Champion



Toddle-in at St. Peter's Church Hall

Term times
Wednesday Morning
10-11.30

**Stay
and
Play**

for babies or toddlers
and children Mums,
Dads and Carers

£3.00 voluntary contribution



At St Peter's we pray regularly for all the little ones and their families who come to play at Toddle-In;

Thanks go to Helen Comerford-Roberts and Nicola Edwards and to all the parents, grandparents and carers who join in with and run each session.

ADVERTISEMENT!

Hats Galore Show! Friday, 11 September 2026, 6.30pm to 9pm

Take your seats for the **Hat Show** of a lifetime! With our troupe of experienced models, **Hat Trix** will showcase a selection of preloved hats and fascinators—for you to enjoy and all at modest prices! All funds that evening go to St Peter's Monkmoor.

Tickets: £5.00pp to include light supper and a money-off voucher for future purchases made from **Hat Trix—look lovely for less!**

Other events



MESSY CHURCH!

What, you might ask, is *Messy Church*?

Well, it is a crafty session that shares the good news of the Gospel!

Each session is full of crafts suitable for young children, crafts that illustrate for children and their parents stories from the bible.

Several churches in town offer Messy Church events.

At St Peter's, we usually include a collective colouring activity, such as the one above. This one is from our Easter *Messy Church* where we looked at the week leading up to Easter Sunday—called Holy Week. We made paper doves, coloured palm crosses.

In church, we heard the story of Jesus during Holy Week—and told by animals seen in the frieze above—a fox, doves, sheep, duck and ducklings.

After story, songs and a few prayers in church, a light lunch is available for everyone back in the hall.

At St Peter's, *Messy Church* is held every few months, usually in the half-term holiday, on a Wednesday morning, 10am to 12.30pm

Look out for future dates at **Toddle-In** and via the **Toddle-In** Facebook page. We'd love to see you there.



PUZZLES



Have a cuppa and
puzzle away!

An Animal Wordsearch

E S W D O G T O A F G L F E O
 P O A Y G U I N E A P I G N A
 E R E E A E S I O T R O T E O
 V A G N P L A T Y P U S C A C
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 T O E A K S E L G G U P I E R

Cheetah
 bees
 cat
 peacock
 guineapig

elephant
 piglets
 tortoise
 donkey
 kangaroo

platypus
 puggles
 hare
 mule
 wolf

earthworm
 dog
 fox
 rabbit
 beaver

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HARDER

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Funnies—the old ones are still the best!

Qu: Why did the pig leave the party?

A: *Because everyone thought he was a boar!*

Qu: Where do cats go when they lose their tails?

A: *To the re-tail store!*

Qu: How do you catch a squirrel?

A: *Climb a tree and act like a nut!*

Qu: How do you make an octopus laugh?

A: *With ten-tickles!*

“Knock, Knock!”

“Who’s there?”

“Alpaca!”

“Alpaca who?”

“Alpaca the backpack, you pack-a the suitcase!”

Qu: What do you get when you cross a sheep with a kangaroo?

A: *A Woolly Jumper!*

“So, I was in the car today and saw someone with the license plate “X0DUS3”.

I thought perhaps it referred to Exodus 3:5, so I looked it up and d’you know what it said?

“Do not come any closer!”

Now, **that’s** a well done biblical license plate! Ha!



“Sometimes when you’re in a dark place you think you’ve been buried, but you’ve actually been planted.” — Christine Caine



Other social things we might do together

During the covid era, you recall, at St Peter’s we met on the grass for a socially distanced picnic and a couple of times for a lunch-time fish & chips gathering.

We also arranged a visit to Attingham Park, Atcham a year or so ago.

If you think these are worth repeating, do let us know.

And finally



Sir David Frederick Attenborough

celebrates his one hundredth birthday on 8 May! In this edition about all creatures great and small, we just had to include him due to his lifelong passion of the earth, its incredible variety of habitats and all created life.

Sir David is a **British biologist, natural historian, broadcaster, and writer** whose career spans over eight decades. Revered for pioneering natural history documentaries such as the nine-part Life series, *Planet Earth*, and *The Blue Planet*, he is the only person to have won BAFTAs in every format from black-and-white to 4K.

Knighted twice, he has become a leading advocate for conservation, biodiversity restoration, and action on climate change.

What a life! Lord, bless David Attenborough as he enters his 101st year!

[Ed: thanks mainly to Wikipedia]

Baptisms, weddings & funerals take place at St Peter's church.

If you'd like to discuss any of these services, please contact: Revd Steph Fahie—on the email below.

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