St Peter's Church Magazine

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One More Step Along the World I Go
By Rev Hannah Reynolds

St Peter's has been very fortunate in having eight people come forward for Confirmation in 2026. Confirmation is when Christians confirm for themselves the promises made for them by their parents and Godparents at their Baptism.

In early January, we welcomed Bishop Graham Tomlin for the Feast of the Epiphany – the time we celebrate the revelation of the Christ Child to the gentiles, with the visit of the Magi. On that occasion, we have five confirmands: Ellie Ferrie, Natalie Geering, Adam Hedley, Jeremy Nwabude and Nathan Nwabude.



Adam, Natalie, Nathan, Bishop Graham, Jeremy and Ellie after the service on 4th January.



Bishop Graham takes a selfie with (L-R) Adam, Natalie, Ellie, Nathan and Jeremy.

Two days before the Feast of Michael and All Angels, another three candidates were confirmed by Bishop Gavin, at St James the Great, West Hanney. Sam Peedle, David Cooper and Randal Green were confirmed alongside four people from the Vale Benefice.



Sam, David and Randal with their Confirmation Candles in St Peters.

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Randal and Bishop Gavin



David and Bishop Gavin



Sam and Bishop Gavin

Our Confirmation isn't the end of our Christian journey, nor of the opportunities to learn more about God, the Bible and our faith. St Peter's offers Lent Groups each year which cover different themes each year.

If there's enough interest, there is also the opportunity to set-up a study group, which can be supported by the Vicar or other members of the Ministry team. There are lots of materials which can be used or, if people prefer, they can suggest an area they want to study as a group to the Vicar.

At St Peter's we stick to using the lectionary (a three-year cycle of readings for Morning and Evening Prayer and the daily Eucharist, based around the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and John) so that those who attend regularly get to hear a large amount of the whole Bible each year. The sermons are intended to break open the readings for the day, to help give context and some way to understand the Bible for our times.

If anyone is interested in a study group, being Confirmed, or learning more about prayer, our faith or the church, please speak to the Vicar or drop her an e-mail (priest-in-charge@stpeters-didcot.org.uk).

Wednesday Church
First Wednesday of the Month

Help is needed for Wednesday Church, our monthly group for adults with learning disabilities and their carers.

We need help with moving some of the pews and setting up tables and chairs in the narthex, starting at around 9am on the day of the meeting.

If you are able to help, please speak to Sheila Brown.

SMILE LINE:

What bishops do

We were celebrating the 100th anniversary of our church, and several former pastors and the bishop were in attendance. At one point, our minister had the children gather at the altar for a talk about the importance of the day. He began by asking, 'Does anyone know what the bishop does?'

There was silence. Finally, one little boy ventured: "Isn't he the one who moves diagonally?"

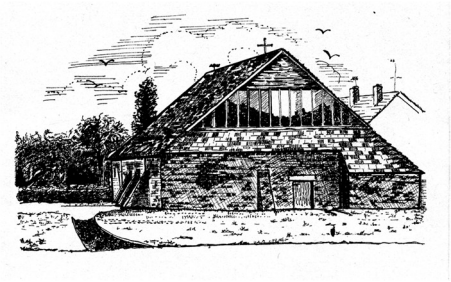
Quiz & Chips – New Season 2026-27

The season continued on 18th October, with Gangreen continuing their winning streak, but with The Choir coming second, in a close run battle with Pheniox. The Charity Raffle was supporting TRAIN who talked about the invaluable work they are doing to support youth in our town. We raised £420.

We welcome everyone who'd like to come and play. There is no age limits, nor levels of ability!

If you'd like to bring a new team, or are returning please get in touch with quiz@stpeter-didcot.org.uk or speak to Hugh.

St Peter's Church Quiz & Chips
Dates for 2026-27



2026
21st November
2027
16th January
27th February
17th April
15th May
19th June

Contact quiz@stpeters-didcot.org.uk, **or Hugh on 01235 811465.**





SUSAINTABLE DIDCOT UPCOMING EVENTS

30 SEP WEDNESDAY, 7.30PM TO 9.30PM Heatwaves & Cold Snaps - Help To Keep Your Home Just Right
03 OCT SATURDAY, 10AM TO 12 NOON SWISH!! Adult Clothes Swap
05 OCT MONDAY, 7.30PM TO 9.30PM Monthly Mending - Sewing Fixes
12 OCT MONDAY, 6PM TO 8PM Evening Skills and Chill
17 OCT SATURDAY, 2PM TO 5PM Repair Café at the Civic Hall
07 NOV SATURDAY 10AM to 12 NOON Craft Swap

Prayer Intentions: November 2026

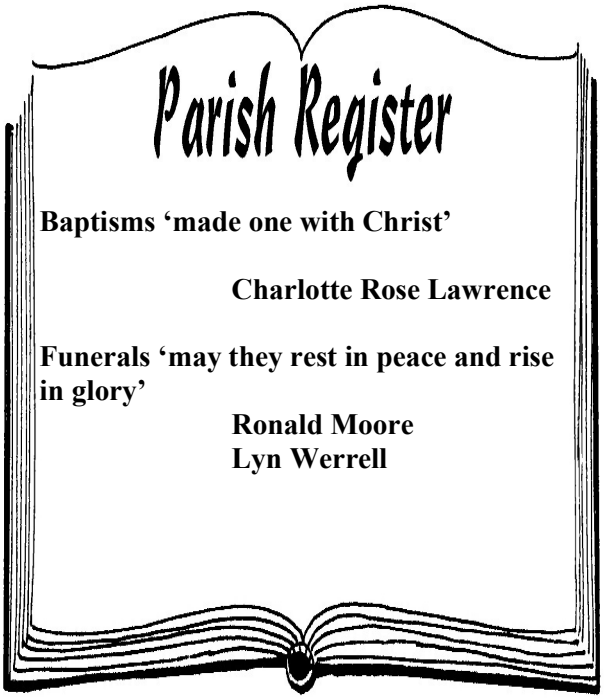
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Year's Mind for November

1	Harry Leach
	Reginald Church
	Leslie Cook
	Ted Web
2	Jason Naylon
	William Pitt
	Violet Hooper
3	
4	Annie Wells
	Henry Freeland
5	Albert Bird
	Edward Avann
6	Dennis Betteridge
	Jack Ireson
7	Cecil Bennett
	Margaret Martha Pratt
8	Andrew Jeremenko
	Lisha Gayle
	James Shepherd
9	Gertrude Mee
	Ethel Loveless
	Archie Greenaway
10	Edward Pearson
	Arthur Slater
	Bernard Paine
11	Barbara Shugar
	Kathleen Blakeley
	Mollie Griffiths
12	Douglas Neale
13	Esther Fletcher
	Andrew Heath
	Kenneth Brown
	Phyllis Evans
14	
15	Ernest Crisford
	Nellie Bentham
16	Alice McClean
	Jean Stockwell
	Raymond Yates
	Dorothy May Lovelock
17	Edward Stephens
	Roger Childs
	Patrick Saunders
	Sheila Warr
18	Ronald
	Wakefield-Smith
19	Irene Simpson
	Frederick Bennett
	Dimitri Mshar
	Bryan Varney
20	Dora Elias
21	Frederick Beaven
22	Alfred Bennett
	Ernest Frank
	Joyce Giles
23	Albert Grimes
	Florence Hann
24	
25	Anne Saunders
	John Berry
26	George Buckingham
	Norman Johnson
	Constance Davis
27	Douglas Shaw
28	Kerry Bennell
	Winifred Chandler
29	Victoria Prescott
	John Brocklehurst
	John Rees
	Joan Williams
	Albert Fisher
30	Sylvia Dunn



U3A
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Newly retired or semi retired and wishing to remain active in body and soul, then the Didcot and District U3A (motto, '*Learn, Laugh, Live* !') could be just what you are looking for ?!

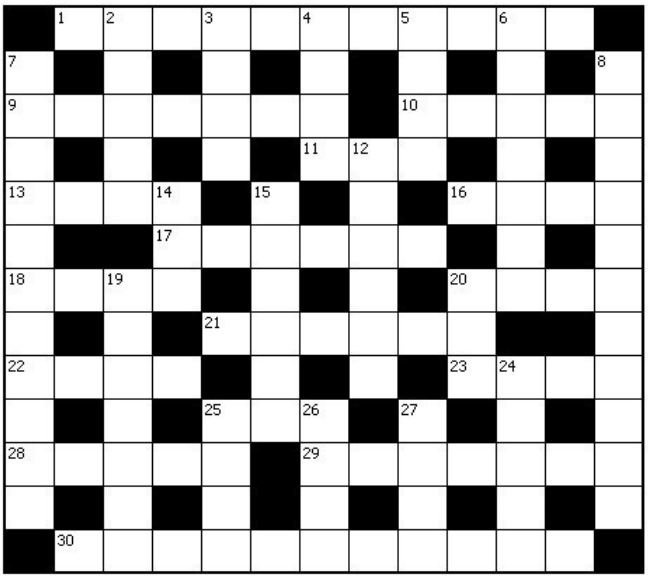
With over 30 Interest Groups that include walking, gardening, learn an instrument or language and many more - see details atdidcot.u3asite.uk

Monthly meetings start at 2:30 pm on the Third Tuesday of every month at the Didcot Civic Hall, new members are always warmly welcomed over tea and biscuits (first visit free-pre membership) along with a Guest Speaker, forthcoming Speakers include;

October 20th - Sing with Mandy who offers a brief history of folk music (but beware - you will be invited to sing along!).
November 17th - Jennifer Cowling talks about 'The extraordinary things we say' The talk will ask are you the kind of person who happily uses phrases such as "*a turn of the screw*" or "*a turn up for the book*" "*cupboard love*" or been "*taken to the cleaners*" in your everyday conversations - a light-hearted look at figures of speech.
December 15th - Our Christmas Lunch and Entertainment will be held from 12:00pm to 3:00pm (ticket only event) at The Barn, Foxhall Road, Didcot

Why not come along and sample for yourself - remember you are never too young to '*Learn, Laugh, Live!* ' more information available at NEW WEB SITE: didcot.u3asite.uk

November Crossword



Across

1 and 20 Down 'Lord of all _, Lord of all _, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy'(11,3)
9 Mosesí question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you _ your fellow Hebrew?" (Exodus 2:13) (7)
10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline _ (2,3)
11 'At even _ the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay'(3)
13 A descendant of Gad (xNumbers 26:16) (4)
16 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but _ for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4)
17 Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)
18 Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must _God rather than men!'(Acts 5:29) (4)
20 Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, _ Eareckson Tada (4)
21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)
22 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat _ _ '(Matthew 13:2) (2,2)
23 Infectious tropical disease (4)
25 Tree (3)
28 'No fear of me should _ you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you'(Job 33:7) (5)
29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)
30 Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

Down

2 'O Jerusalem _ how _I have longed to gather your children together' Matthew 23:37) (5)
3 Way out (4)
4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)
5 Done (anag.) (4)
6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)
7 Concerning the study of God (11)
8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)
12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)
14 Frozen (3)
15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)
19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)
20 See 1 Across
24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)
25 Time (anag.) (4)
26 Lists choice of meals (4)
27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the _ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord'(Romans 6:23) (4)

Answers to October Crossword

ACROSS

1 dare; 3 cherubim; 9 son Tohu; 10 yield; 11 ranch; 12 enlist; 14 Baalah of Judah; 17 Edward; 19 Sheol; 22 media; 23 open air; 24 apostasy; 25 Eton

DOWN

1 describe; 2 run in; 4 household gods; 5 royal; 6 blessed; 7 MIDI; 8 Joshua; 13 children; 15 added to; 16 Jasper; 18 await; 20 exalt; 21 YMCA

NEXT ISSUE
Wednesday 21 October 2026 is the next magazine deadline. Please email the editor with any articles—
se.scane@gmail.com

Church Calendar for November 2026

SERVICES IN CHURCH THIS MONTH

Sunday 2 ALL SAINTS
10.00am-Patronal at ALL SAINTS'CHURCH

Thursday 6 *Leonard*
9.30 am—Said Mass

Sunday 9 Remembrance Sunday
10.00am—Parish Mass

Monday 10 *Leo the Great*
9:15AM– Pebbles Baby Church

Thursday 13 *Charles Simeon*
9.30am —Said Mass

Sunday 16 2nd before Advent
10.00am—Parish Mass

Thursday 20 *Edmund*
9.30am —Said Mass

Sunday 23 Christ the King
10.00am—Parish Mass

Thursday 27
9.30am —Said Mass

Sunday 30 Advent I
10.00am—Parish Mass



ONLINE SERVICES AND EVENTS THIS MONTH

Monday - Thursday & Saturday
9.00AM Morning Prayer

Sunday
10.00AM - Parish Mass—live streamed from church



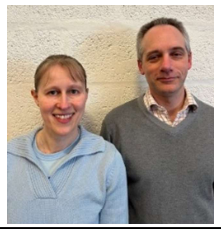
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