ST PETER'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

November - December 2026



The annual Christmas Fair will be taking place on Saturday 14th November from 2pm to 4pm at the village hall with proceeds going towards funds for the day to day running of St. Peter's. For anyone who would like to donate cakes, gifts, raffle prizes etc or help on the day please contact Beverley Horton (beverleyhorton@btinternet.com) or Charlotte Relf (07716 176381/ charlotterelf@btinternet.com).

Lots of thank yous!



A big thank you to all the very talented artists who exhibited at this year's Arts, Crafts and Flower Festival which took place in September and to all those who supported over the weekend. We raised a total of £770 which will go towards the day to day running of the church.

Thank you to Genevieve Richardson who took part in Friends of Kent Churches' sponsored Ride and Stride. In total Genevieve raised £70 of sponsor money, half of which will go to St. Peter's with the remaining money going to Friends of Kent Churches who support churches across Kent with funding to undertake repairs and improvements (www.friendsofkentchurches.co.uk).

Faversham Foodbank
Together with Trussell

The harvest gifts donated at September's Harvest Festival service were given to Faversham Foodbank (www.faversham.foodbank.org.uk) and the collection in aid of the Trussell Trust raised £74 (www.trussell.org.uk). Thank you to everyone

Many thanks to all those who supported the Quiz Night in October. In total we raised £185 which has been divided equally between St. Peter's Church and Oare Village Hall. We will be holding another quiz night in February – more details in the next newsletter.





And finally, we hope that everyone who made it up Church Road in the dark on Saturday 31st October enjoyed the church lit by candles and lanterns. It was lovely to see you all.

Charity Christmas Trees

Over the last 35+ years we have been providing Christmas Trees in return for a donation to local churches and a number of charities. As in the past, the way it works is that you book a time for a visit to inspect and select your tree and then to return and collect it from late November or nearer Christmas.

This year, 70% of the money that you give will again be returned to your nominated Parish Church, with the balance being divided between the listed 25 charities. Last year, a total of £14,065 was donated to 50 local Parish Churches and all the charities.

Trees vary in size between 5ft and 12 ft (with some up to 16 ft) in different shapes, colours and aroma with the larger sizes suitable for schools, churches, village halls and outside spaces. There will be plenty of evergreen cuttings including berried holly and ivy for Christmas decorating and hopefully a sprig of mistletoe nearer Christmas.

Please make an appointment to select and collect only on Saturdays and Sundays by contacting Karen or Leslie as follows:

- By e-mail: skarensutton@aol.com or les5755467@icloud.com
- By text/ call: Leslie on 07810 776229

Leslie and Karen will be playing a greater role this year onwards. Many of you will already know Leslie well from all his help with the trees over the years, along with his partner, Karen, who has also been a huge support recently. They've kindly offered to step in and take some of the pressure off me.



Please do not share our information on any social media channels as we do not advertise our trees publicly.

With many thanks for all your support over the decades, and hopefully more to come with our enhanced Christmas tree team. I look forward to seeing you out in the field!

Peter and Alison Howard and family
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Book Exchange



Every 3rd Wednesday of the month at Oare Village Hall any time between 10am and 12pm

Next dates:
- **Wednesday 18th November**
- **Wednesday 16th December**
- **Wednesday 20th January**





Church Services

In general, there is a service at 10.30am on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at St. Peter's with Breakfast Church taking place on the 3rd Sunday from 9am. However, please note that the Holy Communion service on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November will start at the slightly later time of 10.40am. The collection will be in aid of the Royal British Legion.

In addition, the routine changes during December with a 3pm carol service replacing Breakfast Church on Sunday 20th and no Morning Worship service on Sunday 27th. Instead, there will be a Holy Communion service on Christmas Day at 11am.

As many of you are aware, St. Peter's in Oare is 1 of 7 churches in the parish of Kingsdown and Creekside which, in turn, is linked as a benefice with the parish of High Downs which consists of 3 churches. Details of all the different events and services taking place throughout the Christmas period across the wider parish and benefice can be found at www.kc-hd.org.uk.