

# The Messenger

The Church Magazine of  
St Peter's Church, Darwen

*All are welcome in this place*



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**SERVICES**

**SUNDAY**

10.00am Sung Eucharist

**WEDNESDAY**

10.00am Eucharist

We welcome visitors to our Church - Church is open:

**SUN:** Church open from 9.00am to 11.30am  
Refreshments are usually served after the services

**WED:** Church open 8.45am - 11.30am  
9.00am Morning Prayers 10.00am Eucharist  
Refreshments are usually served after the service

**(At Christmas and Easter and on some other occasions alterations  
to these times may occur)**

**Details of additional services, events and activities at church each  
week can be found in our weekly Notice sheet, on 'A Church Near  
You', and also on our Facebook page, which has a daily update.**

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### **Church Charity for August -**

#### **Derian House Children's Hospice**

Derian House provide respite and end-of-life care to more than 400 babies, children and young people across the North West.

The care they provide is free for families, but services cost £6 million to run every year with under 30% of funding they need coming from the government.

Their help extends right across the family to brothers, sisters, parents and grandparents.

They look after children and young people right up until their 26th birthday offering palliative care, respite stays, day care, holidays and end of life support.

They continue to offer transition support for those young people who are leaving us up until their 28th birthday ensuring they have a well-established network of support in their community.

## **Diary for August 2025**

- 1<sup>st</sup>            9.00am   Morning Prayer on Facebook  
              2.00pm   Cancer Research Afternoon Tea
- 3<sup>rd</sup>            **The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**  
              10.00am   Sung Eucharist with Junior Church  
              12.15pm   Baptism preparation
- 4<sup>th</sup>            9.00am   Morning Prayer on Facebook  
              4.00-8.00pm   Darwen Food Share
- 5<sup>th</sup>            9.00am   Morning Prayer on Facebook  
              *(No Parents and Toddlers)*  
              12.00pm   Bible Study  
              *(No Bible Study and Eucharist this evening)*
- 6<sup>th</sup>            9.00am   Morning Prayer in church  
              10.00am   Eucharist
- 7<sup>th</sup>            9.00am   Morning Prayer on Facebook
- 8<sup>th</sup>            9.00am   Morning Prayer on Facebook
- 10<sup>th</sup>           **The Eighth Sunday after Trinity**  
              10.00am   Sung Eucharist with Junior Church
- 11<sup>th</sup>           9.00am   Morning Prayer on Facebook  
              4.00-8.00pm   Darwen Food Share
- 12<sup>th</sup>           9.00am   Morning Prayer on Facebook  
              *(No Parents and Toddlers)*  
              12.00pm   Bible Study  
              *(No Bible Study and Eucharist this evening)*
- 13<sup>th</sup>           9.00am   Morning Prayer in church  
              10.00am   Eucharist
- 14<sup>th</sup>           9.00am   Morning Prayer on Facebook

- 15<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook
- 17<sup>th</sup> **The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**  
10.00am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church
- 18<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook  
4.00-8.00pm Darwen Food Share
- 19<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook  
*(No Parents and Toddlers)*  
12.00pm Bible Study  
*(No Bible Study and Eucharist this evening)*
- 20<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Morning Prayer in church  
10.00am Eucharist  
7.00pm PCC meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup> 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook
- 24<sup>th</sup> **Bartholomew the Apostle**  
10.00am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church  
12.00pm Holy Baptism - Maisie  
12.45pm Holy Baptism - Louis
- 25<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook  
4.00-8.00pm Darwen Food Share
- 26<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook  
*(No Parents and Toddlers)*  
12.00pm Bible Study  
*(No Bible Study and Eucharist this evening)*
- 27<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Morning Prayer in church  
10.00am Eucharist
- 28<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook
- 29<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook

## **Rev Alison's letter for August**

Dear friends,

Ah, can you believe that it is August?

Some of us will have long lazy days of summer holidays ahead. A time for relaxing, giving us freedom to rest from the usual things that get us up in the morning ... unless of course, you have small children that is. August seems to take on a different pace though. Somehow, it seems to be slower. It's almost as if God goes on holiday too!

Of course, God doesn't! God never leaves us. God is always there for us but will encourage us to take time out from our schedules.

Psalm 46 verse 10 says:

*Be still and know that I am God.*

Psalm 46 is often used to take the reader to a place of quietness within themselves. As a way of finding rest that the mind, body and spirit need. It's God's encouragement to take a holiday or Holy Moment as it were.

Perhaps we should look at Psalm 46 like this though:

‘Be still’ is translated in the Hebrew as ‘Let go’.

This suggests that we allow God to take the reins of our life instead of trying to keep control for ourselves.

The interesting thing is that as we let go, little by little, we find ourselves freed from the constant stresses and anxieties that plague our culture.

There are two things which you might want to try.

Firstly, why not ... Read Psalm 46 and ‘let go!’

OR secondly, quietly sing, or listen to ...

Be still and know that I am God,  
be still and know that I am God,  
be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord that healeth thee,  
I am the Lord that healeth thee,  
I am the Lord that healeth thee.

In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,  
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust,  
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.

So why not ... Be still and let it go.

Experience that sense of freedom which is like being on holiday all the time.

But whatever you do this August, I wish you all a wonderful and blessed time.

Yours in Christ,

Alison.

## CHURCH FLOWERS - AUGUST

*As in August last year, no one has asked to make donations in memory of a particular loved one or loved ones for flowers in this month.*



*So – perhaps this month we could remember all those who have died but who have no one who might be moved to remember them by making a donation for flowers in church in their name? Or those who do have people who cared about them in life but who are unable to afford to make donations for flowers in their memory?*

*Flowers are so expensive days, which is why all donations received for flowers at church are so very welcome.*

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## FOOD LARDER - AUGUST



*Many thanks, as always, for all the donations, especially for the tins of carrots, fruit & rice pudding, which continue to be needed. Esther*



## Anniversaries we remember in August



- 1<sup>st</sup> Brian Martin
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Hazel Flegg Fiona McNeill
- 4<sup>th</sup> Keith Jennings
- 6<sup>th</sup> Alexander Wilson
- 9<sup>th</sup> Jean Kershaw Peter Munro-Scott  
John Baines
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nora Holden
- 12<sup>th</sup> Irene Mitchell
- 13<sup>th</sup> Donna Walsh Edna Emery
- 14<sup>th</sup> Margaret Mitchell
- 15<sup>th</sup> William Watson
- 20<sup>th</sup> Ivy Woodcock
- 24<sup>th</sup> Harry Wardley John Kay
- 25<sup>th</sup> Joyce Bell
- 26<sup>th</sup> Brian Tomlinson Ron Ainsworth  
Eileen King
- 27<sup>th</sup> Florence Vaughan John Ollerton
- 28<sup>th</sup> Shaun Whitehead
- 29<sup>th</sup> Ellen Counce
- 31<sup>st</sup> Scarlett Straughton

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# ENQUIRIES

## BAPTISM

Those who live in the Parish, and who can with any integrity make the affirmations of faith required within the Baptism Service, may have their child baptised at St Peter's. Baptisms are normally held by arrangement, but are usually on the second Sunday of the month at 12.30pm.

If you would like to arrange a baptism, please make contact with Rev Alison via [rev.alison@stpeterschurchdarwen.org](mailto:rev.alison@stpeterschurchdarwen.org), or phone 07540 792409. Messages left for Alison on the office phone 01254 703929 will be passed on.

## MARRIAGE

Those who live in the Parish, or are on the Electoral Roll of the Parish, are entitled to be married at St Peter's.

Anyone who would like to arrange a wedding, or the calling of Banns at St Peter's, is asked to make contact with the Vicar, Rev Alison.

## CARE OF THE SICK

If you or a loved one are unable to be present at our Church services and would like to receive Communion at home, or if you want us to include someone's name on our sick list, please contact Rev Alison.

Rev Alison can be contacted in the following ways:

- by sending a message to her e-mail address [rev.alison@stpeterschurchdarwen.org](mailto:rev.alison@stpeterschurchdarwen.org).  
via a message to our church e-mail address [stpeterschurch829@btinternet.com](mailto:stpeterschurch829@btinternet.com)
- by phoning 07540 792409, or the Parish Office on 01254 702939 - any messages left will be passed on to her; or
- by speaking with her at church after one of our services.



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