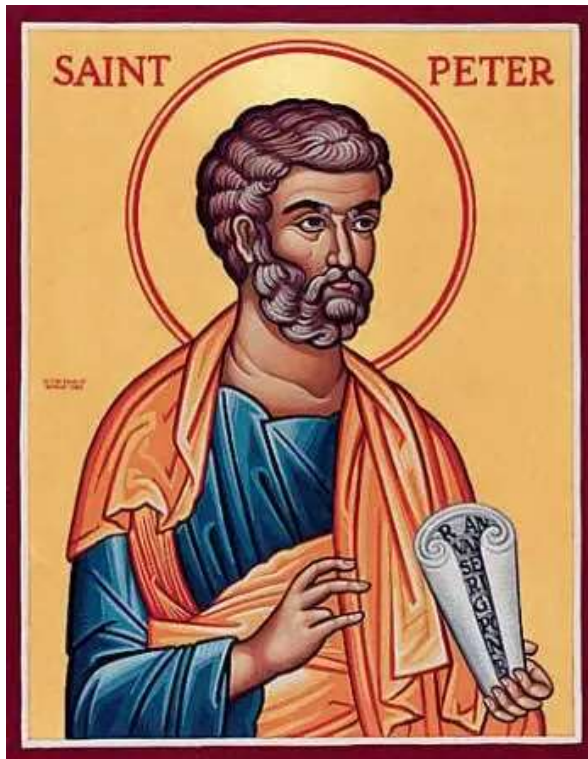


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SERVICES

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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Diocesan Centenary Prayer



Heavenly Father,
in our Centenary year
we rededicate ourselves and our Diocese to you.
Send the Holy Spirit to give us
confidence in our witness,
generosity in our service,
and love for our neighbours,
that your Church may be renewed
and many come home to you,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Diary for June 2026

- 1st 9.00am Morning Prayers on Facebook
4.00-8.00pm Darwen Food Share
- 2nd 9.00am Morning Prayers on Facebook
12.00pm Bible Study in church
- 3rd 9.00am Morning Prayers in church
10.00am Eucharist
7.00pm PCC Meeting
- 4th **Corpus Christi**
9.00am Morning Prayers on Facebook
6.30pm Bible Study
- 5th 9.00am Morning Prayers on Facebook
- 7th **The First Sunday After Trinity**
9.00am Morning Prayer in Church
10.00am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church
- 8th 9.00am Morning Prayers on Facebook
4.00-8.00pm Darwen Food Share
- 9th 9.00am Morning Prayers on Facebook
12.00pm Bible Study in church
- 10th 9.00am Morning Prayer in church
10.00am Eucharist
- 11th 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook
6.30pm Bible Study in church
- 12th 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook
- 14th **The Second Sunday after Trinity**
9.00am Morning Prayers in church
10.00am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church

- 14th** **The Second Sunday after Trinity (continued)**
 11.30am Baptism preparation
 12.00pm Baptisms
 4.00pm Confirmation Service with Bishop Joe
- 15th** 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook
 4.00-8.00pm Darwen Food Share
- 16th** 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook
 12.30pm Funeral James 'Jim' Arthur
- 17th** 9.00am Morning Prayers in church
 10.00am Eucharist
- 18th** 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook
 6.30pm Bible Study in church
- 19th** 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook
- 21st** **The Third Sunday after Trinity**
 9.00am Morning Prayers in church
 10.00am Sung Eucharist with Junior Church
 12.00pm Holy Baptism - Isla
- 22nd** 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook
 4.00-8.00pm Darwen Food Share
- 23rd** 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook
 12.00pm Bible Study in church
 6.00pm Wedding Rehearsal - Kevan and Hayley
- 24th** 9.00am Morning Prayers in church
 10.00am Eucharist
- 25th** 9.00am Morning Prayer on Facebook
 6.30pm Bible Study
- 26th** 9.00am Morning Prayers on Facebook
- 27th** **2.00pm** Wedding - Kevan and Hayley

- 28th **The Fourth Sunday after Trinity**
9.00am Morning Prayers on Facebook
10.00am Family Eucharist - no Junior Church
12.00pm Holy Baptism - Sawyer
- 29th **The Feast of St Peter**
9.00am Morning Prayers on Facebook
4.00-8.00pm Darwen Food Share
- 30th 9.00am Morning Prayers on Facebook
12.00pm Bible Study
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Rev Alison's letter for June

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Can you believe we are already at the beginning of June.

The days are longer and will be as we approach the longest day of the year. And hopefully with the extra daylight we will get some extra warmth! June, this year, offers us a rich opportunity to foster an attitude of gratitude. By recognising the many ways God's grace is revealed among us. Gratitude is not simply a feeling ... it is also a posture of the heart. One that allows us to perceive the Good News of Christ at work, in our midst.

This June, we will see this Good News in our forthcoming Confirmation Service on SUNDAY 14TH JUNE at 4.00PM. Bishop Joe, Bishop of Burnley, will confirm six candidates; Mathew, Max, Curtis, Mathan, Denise, and Mark. Each will affirm their baptismal faith and receive the strengthening of the Holy Spirit. The words '**Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit,**' will be said to each candidate individually.

Along with the Bishop's prayer:

*Almighty and ever-living God,
you have given these your servants new birth
in baptism by water and the Spirit,
and have forgiven them all their sins.
Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.
Amen*

Their commitment is a sign of hope for the whole Church. It reminds us that discipleship continues to flourish in every generation. I wonder if you remember your confirmation day and what it meant to you. Then hold onto those feelings as you pray for our six candidates as they prepare for their special day.

Towards the end of the month, our reflections deepen as we celebrate the feast of St Peter, our patron. Peter's journey, from fisherman to apostle, from denial to restoration, embodies the Good News that God's mercy is greater than our weakness. Our Patronal Festival invites us to renew our own calling to be faithful witnesses, even in our imperfections.

It would be interesting to imagine asking St Peter some questions. Perhaps you could suggest some and let me have them for the day. They could become part of the celebration. My first question would be - what did it feel like the moment Jesus called you?

So as we journey through the month of June, may this season strengthen our gratitude, deepen our faith, and draw us ever closer to Christ, who is the cornerstone of our lives.

Blessings,
Alison.

CHURCH FLOWERS



June 20th - *In loving memory of mother and father, from Joy.*

June 23rd - *Happy memories of Anne and Terrence, from Joy.*

June 28th-29th - *For St Peter's Feast, our Patronal Festival*

Esther

Donations towards the cost of flowers for church are always very welcome – if you can put your donation in one of the yellow envelopes in church and put your details on the envelope we will be able to claim back an additional 25% from HRMC! Many thanks.

FOOD LARDER - JUNE

TOOTHPASTE, SOAP, SHOWER GEL and SHAMPOO

We are, fortunately, still in the position of having a well-stocked Food Larder at this moment in time, so the above items would be gratefully received to supplement our parcels.

Many thanks,

Esther

Anniversaries we remember in June



2nd Joan Ormerod

6th Simone Jepson Bessie Taylor

7th Frederick Mallord Charles Jones

10th Robert Webster Ronald Bibby

Marion Ashworth

12th Joseph Basnett

14th Ian Fraser Stewart

18th Jennifer Copeland Audrey Spouse

20th Ellen Crompton

21st Norman Hunt

28th Thomas Emery Audrey Webster

Ivor Hopson

30th Elsie Yates Olwyn Turnbull

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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, 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.
via a message to our church e-mail address 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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