

## **NEW TO CHURCH?**

Welcome to St Peter's Church, Pilning, whatever you seek - friendship, community, something to challenge and stretch you, something to give you comfort and peace, the love of Jesus Christ, or simply the satisfaction of curiosity - you are most welcome

We understand it can be daunting if you've never been to church before - or if it's been a while.

To make it easier, we hope that this page will give you some idea of what to expect if you come to a service.

### **WHERE IS THE CHURCH BUILDING?**

St. Peter's Pilning is near the centre of the village. It is located about half way along Cross Hands Road, it's set back off the road so not everyone sees it the first time. For a map, see our "Find Us" page.

### **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I GET THERE?**

As you arrive, a member of the congregation will greet you at the door and will be happy to point you in the right direction. We hope that you will feel warmly welcomed.

The service will normally follow a printed booklet or the overhead screen and consists of singing hymns, Bible reading(s), some prayers and a sermon (about 10 minutes) that aims to explain and apply what the Bible says to our everyday lives. Communion Services will give the opportunity for most people to receive the bread and wine (though there is no need to do so).

Please sit wherever you like - there are not any reserved seats. The service is sound enhanced and there is a loop system.

After the 10.00am service there is a chance for a drink. Please feel free to stay around and enjoy tea, coffee or a cold drink and have a chat to other folks.

### **IS THERE ANYTHING FOR MY CHILDREN?**

Yes, we do have a small number of books and toys to keep little ones interested and when we have a communion service they are more than welcome to come for a blessing at the altar rail.

### **WILL I BE ASKED TO GIVE MONEY?**

We bring a collection plate around the congregation during a hymn but there is no obligation to give. If you wish to do so and you are a tax payer then there are orange Gift Aid envelopes for you to use.

### **WHAT ABOUT THE LOO?**

Should you need the 'facilities', toilets can be found beyond the front right of the church, through the choir vestry.

### **WHAT'S BEING A CHRISTIAN ALL ABOUT?**

It's a journey in fellowship with the Church in relationship with God through faith in his Son, Jesus Christ, who died that we might live.

If you'd like to know more, why not have a look at the following sites. We've not made them, but you might find the content helpful.

*Being a Christian*

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/being-a-christian.aspx>

*Faith Stories - Christianity in everyday lives*

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/faith-stories-christianity-in-everyday-lives.aspx>

### **MISSION**

We hope this helps to explain something of what this church is like. Please do come along; we'd love to see you! If you are still unsure after reading this, please contact us and we will arrange for someone to meet you and show you around.