

# St Peter's Church, St Albans

**Mothering Sunday**  
**11 March 2018**



## Welcome!

If you are new or a visitor please introduce yourself to one of those welcoming at the door. We are pleased to have you with us.

**Welcome to Parents** - A special welcome to you if you have brought children to church. We are delighted to have them join us. There is a **children's corner** at the back of church for babies and young children, and changing facilities are available. There is **no Junior Church** today as the children join us for our All-Age Service.

## Diary This week

Mon 12	7.30pm	Circle Dancing in the Octagon
	8pm	Bell Ringers
Tues 13	9.30am	Toddler time in the Octagon
	1pm	Lunchtime Eucharist
	1.30pm	<i>Inspired to Follow</i> – Lent Course in the Octagon
	6pm	The Core
	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Wed 14	Various	Mandy's Musical Fun Time (pre-bookable classes)
	1pm	Lunchtime Recital – Café Mozart
Thur 15	10am	Baby time in the Octagon
	10.30am	Chatterbox coffee morning at Marlborough Road
Fri 16	5.30pm	F@FT
	7pm	Choir Practice
Sat 17	7.30pm	Voix De Vivre Concert

## Services Today

*Whichever service you are attending, we hope our worship will be a blessing to you.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available at our communion services on request.*

### **8am Holy Communion** (Book of Common Prayer, page 236)

A service of Holy Communion led by our Methodist Minister, Revd Rosemary Fletcher.

Collect, Epistle and Gospel – p91

## 9.30am All Age Holy Communion with Orchestra

President: Rev Mark Dearnley, Vicar

Preacher: Kate Berry, Children's Leader and Laura Harvey, Youth Leader

Please refer to the separate service booklet.

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**Community Coffee** After the 9.30am service you are invited to join us for Fairtrade tea and coffee in the Octagon Room. Today we will have a Traidcraft Sale during community coffee.

**Youth Café** 11am – 12.30pm in the library. Topical discussions and debates over hot chocolate and cookies for 13 – 16 year olds.

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## 11.15am Choral Mattins

(Please refer to separate service order or Book of Common Prayer page 1)

President                      Revd Mark Dearnley, Vicar

Notices

Introit                      The Lent Prose verse 4

*Sins oft committed now we lay before thee : with true contrition, now no more we veil them : grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.*

**Hymn                      77**

Responses                Sarum

Venite                      to a chant

Psalm                      57 (p416)

Old Testament            1 Samuel 16.1-13                      [Roy Cervenka]

Benedicite                Francis Jackson in G

New Testament            John 9.1-25                      [Keith Aldred]

Benedictus                to a chant

Creed

Responses & Prayers

Anthem                      Jesu dulcis memoria – Tomas Luis de Victoria

*Jesu! - the very thought is sweet! In that dear name all heart-joys meet; But sweeter than the honey far The glimpses of his presence are.*

Sermon                      Revd Mark Dearnley

Intercessions

**Offertory Hymn        408**

Blessing



# NOTICES AND NEWS

## Forthcoming Dates

Saturday 17 March 7:30pm	Voix de Vivre Concert
Saturday 24 March 10.30am	Baptism Preparation
Sunday 25 March 3pm	Stop the Traffik workshop
Tuesday 27 March 8pm	Book Group – <i>Mr Mac and Me</i> by Esther Freud
Thursday 29 March 8pm	Maundy Eucharist
Friday 30 March 10am	Messy Church
Friday 30 March 12pm	Good Friday Service
Sunday 1 April	Easter Sunday
Tuesday 3 April 8pm	Lectio Divina
Tuesday 10 April 2.30pm	Tea on Tuesday
Saturday 14 April 7.30pm	Friends Quiz Night
Saturday 21 April 5.30pm	IOF recital
Sunday 22 April 3pm	Church Sing a long
Saturday 28 April 4pm	Forest Church
Sunday 29 April 12pm	APCM – followed by bring and share lunch.

## Notices

**EasyFundraising** - There are over 3500 altruistic firms on the internet who would love to give St Peters free money each time you shop with them. Sign up at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpeterschurchstalbans> install the reminder banner and freely support St Peters. For more information contact Peter 01727873635.

**Book Group:** The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 27 March** at 8pm at 2 Rowlatt Court, Hillside Road, when we shall discuss *Mr Mac and Me* by Esther Freud. It is a story of an unlikely friendship, a vivid portrait of the home front during World War I, and of a man who was one of the most brilliant and misunderstood artists of his generation. New members are always welcome. Further details from Margaret [jemjinsley@hotmail.com](mailto:jemjinsley@hotmail.com)

Margaret's lecture on **Women in Shakespeare** which had to be postponed because of the weather will now take place on **16th May at 8pm**, in the Abbey.

**Friends Serendipity Quiz.** The next Friends' event will be a Serendipity Quiz Night on Saturday 14th April at 7pm in The Octagon. Buy your tickets for one or two people and tables will be drawn on the night. Lin Johnson will be the quiz master and tickets are £12. Friends and non-Friends are welcome. Cheese and biscuits provided. Wine and soft drinks will be available for a donation. Advance tickets only. To book please contact:

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Peter (01727 873635, [deeandpeter@gmail.com](mailto:deeandpeter@gmail.com))

Lin (01727 833518) [ljwetherall@gmail.com](mailto:ljwetherall@gmail.com))

Church Office (01727 855485, [mail@stpeterschurch.uk.com](mailto:mail@stpeterschurch.uk.com))

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## Lent and Easter

**Easter Service Cards** containing details of Holy Week and Easter Services at St Peter's are now available by the South door. As ever we rely on a congregation-wide effort to help us deliver these cards to homes within St Peter's parish. This year we will concentrate on delivering these to the houses closest to St Peter's. Please could you take a bundle and deliver to one of the roads? Even if you only have half an hour to spare – every little helps and shares round the load. There are also spare bundles that you are welcome to take to local shops, cafés or other locations that maybe willing to display them. Thank you in anticipation.

**Lent Course: 'Inspired to Follow: Art and the Bible Story' – Tuesday 13 March at 1.30pm-** a continuing course based on works of art that invite us to reflect on aspects of the nature of God and the Christian life within the context of our journey of faith. The course is open to all and includes some input, time for discussion and reflection, and prayer. Please see the Lent leaflet for details.

**Easter Flowers and remembering loved ones at Easter:** Our skilful flower arrangers do a wonderful job of transforming the church for our Easter celebrations. You are invited to make a special donation towards our Easter flowers. Many people do this in thanksgiving for the life of a loved one and their names are then remembered on our Easter flower roll. The brown, donation envelopes are available in the marked box at the south door. If you would like to give in memory of a loved one, please write on the front "In memory of *plus name*." Please write clearly and place in the donation box (also by the south door) or give to the church office by **Sunday 18 March.**

**Lent Leaflet:** Please pick up a leaflet by the South door with details of St Albans City Centre Churches Lent courses and services.

**Communion at home:** If you know of anyone who would like to have Holy Communion brought to them at home at Easter, please let Margaret know.

**Carry the Cross** - On Good Friday (**30 March**) this year you are invited to join Christians from churches across St Albans and District in carrying the Cross from St Albans and St Stephen's Church, Beaconsfield Road (meet at 7.20) to the Cathedral and Abbey of St Albans for the 8 p.m. Unity at the Cross ecumenical service. You may be tired. The weather may not be good. And then there's the Cross to carry ...

**Easter Pilgrimage to the Abbey – Monday 2 April** - Laura Harvey is organising a group to walk to the Abbey while carrying the St Peter's Banner meeting time TBC. To be followed by a picnic lunch before the service at 3pm. Mark your calendars now, more details to follow.

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## **Holy Week Services**

25 March	<b>Palm Sunday Services</b>
8am	Holy Communion – BCP
9.30am	Holy Communion with choir and music
11.15am	Choral Mattins
6.30pm	Choral Evensong
28 March 8pm	Compline – Traditional choir led service
29 March 8pm	Maundy Thursday – Holy Communion
29 March 9pm	An hour vigil for silent reflection
30 March	<b>Good Friday</b>
10am	Messy Church – Activities, stories and prayers for all ages
12-2pm	Meditations at the Cross with choral music, hymns, words, and reflections
2pm	Walking the Way of the Cross – following the stages that led to Jesus' crucifixion and death on the cross
30 March 6.30pm	Choral Evensong
31 March	Easter Vigil – kindling a fire and lighting the Easter Candle, Begins with a candlelit vigil and ends with a celebration of Jesus' resurrection.
1 April	<b>Easter Day Services – He is Risen!</b>
8am	Holy Communion
9.30am	All-Age Holy Communion – With Easter eggs and the blessing of the Easter Garden.
11.15am	Choral Mattins
6.30pm	Choral Evensong

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## **Concerts and Theatre Trips**

**Voix De Vivre Concert - Saturday 17 March at 7:30pm – “Miserere”** directed by Neil Mackenzie including works by Bach, Tippett, and Rachmaninov among others. Tickets £15, OAP £13, Students £5. Available at the door or in advance through [www.ticketsource.co.uk/voixdevivre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/voixdevivre).

Tickets for **Fanny and Alexander** at the Old Vic Theatre, for the 7pm performance on **Monday 9th April**. They are in the circle and cost £40.25 each, inclusive of booking fee, providing we make up a group of 6 or more. They would normally cost £55 + booking fee. The play, which stars Penelope Wilton, was described as a 'roaring success' by the *Sunday Times*, which gave it 4 stars. I need bookings and payments for this by 18th March. Margaret (859528)

**Allelujah**, the new play by Alan Bennett, on **Monday 17th September** at 7.45pm at the Bridge Theatre. They cost £35.25 each (including a share of the booking fee) and are in the lower gallery. The play is described as 'as sharp as *History Boys* and as funny as *The Lady in the Van*.' If you have not yet been to the new Bridge Theatre it is certainly worth a visit. The theatre itself is comfortable and the situation stunning: by the river with a view across to the Tower of London and close to Tower Bridge. By September our trains should stop at London Bridge station, which is a few minutes walk from the theatre. Please let me have bookings and payment by 23rd March including a SAE unless I am likely to see you to hand over the tickets. Margaret (859528)

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## **Children and Youth**

**Taizé Trip** - Join the Bishop of Hertford, and local young people on a pilgrimage to the Taizé community in France. Taizé is a monastic order who welcome young pilgrims from across the globe to spend a week with them, in prayer, worship and Bible study, and experience time dedicated to God. Taizé offers a chance to connect with God away from the clamour of the everyday world. This year's trip dates are Saturday 21st July - Monday 30th July. The cost is £200 per person and is open to people aged 15 to 29 at time of travel. For more information, please contact Rev. Mary de Salis [marydesalis@hotmail.com](mailto:marydesalis@hotmail.com)

**Friday@FT** – For 7-11 year olds. Come with your friends for pizza, games and fun. Spring term runs until Friday 23 March 2018 from 5.30pm to 6.45pm. For more information contact the church office [mail@stpeterschurch.uk.com](mailto:mail@stpeterschurch.uk.com) or Kate Berry [k.berry@stpeterschurch.uk.com](mailto:k.berry@stpeterschurch.uk.com)

**Youth Café** - Usually meets on Sundays at 11am and runs until Sunday 25 March 2018 11am until 12.30pm. For more information please contact the church office [mail@stpeterschurch.uk.com](mailto:mail@stpeterschurch.uk.com) or Laura Harvey [l.harvey@stpeterschurch.uk.com](mailto:l.harvey@stpeterschurch.uk.com)

**The Core:** "The Core" for ages 11-14 on Tuesdays from 6 until 7.15pm. More details from Laura Harvey [l.harvey@stpeterschurch.uk.com](mailto:l.harvey@stpeterschurch.uk.com)

**Messy Church** - Our next Messy Church is on **Friday 30 March** at 10am. For more information contact the church office [mail@stpeterschurch.uk.com](mailto:mail@stpeterschurch.uk.com) or 01727 855485 or Kate Berry [k.berry@stpeterschurch.uk.com](mailto:k.berry@stpeterschurch.uk.com)

# Please pray ....

**For those in need** – Irene Casper

**RIP** – Kathlyn Childerstone

**Parish Prayer List & Prayer Chain:** *If you would like to request a name on the parish prayer list, please pass names to one of the ministerial team. If you would like to pass on your, or someone else's name, to our Prayer Chain, please contact Sheelagh Marlow 863520, [sheelaghmm@aol.com](mailto:sheelaghmm@aol.com), Betty Pickbourne 859704 or Margaret Tinsley 859528, [jemjtinsley@hotmail.com](mailto:jemjtinsley@hotmail.com). No need to give details and names are not disclosed.*

## Services next Sunday 18 March 2018 – Passion Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion (said - BCP)  
9.30am Holy Communion with Baptism  
11.15am Choral Mattins  
6.30pm Choral Evensong

Morning Prayer is said Tuesday to Friday in the Chancel at 9am – 9.30am.

There is normally a lunchtime Eucharist on Tuesday 1pm – 1.30pm followed by coffee.

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