

St Peter's Church, St Albans

Fourth Sunday before Advent

4 November 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.

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 it is half-term.

Today

Please join us as we give thanks for the lives of those we have lost and pray for comfort and peace for their families and friends. All are welcome to light candles in memory of their loved ones.

This Week

Messy Church – Friday 9 November – 10 – 11.30am – Join us for a morning filled with crafts and themed activities. We begin the session with refreshments and chat before gathering to discuss the day's bible story. The rest of the morning is spent exploring the theme through our planned activities. This week's theme – Remembrance.

Diary This Week

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| Mon 5 | 2.30pm | Circle Dancing in the Octagon |
| | 7.30pm | Bellringing |
| Tues 6 | 9.30am | Toddler Time |
| | 1pm | Lunchtime Eucharist |
| | 6pm | The Core |
| | 7.30om | Choir Rehearsal |
| Wed 7 | 1pm | Lunchtime Recital – Alissa Firsova (piano) |
| Thurs 8 | 10am | Baby Time |
| | 10.30am | Chatterbox Coffee Morning (at MRMC) |
| Fri 9 | 10am | Messy Church |
| | 7pm | Choir Rehearsal |
| Sat 10 | 11am | Remembrance Trail opens |
| | 3pm | Remembrance Talk |
| | 7.30pm | Mosaic Concert |

Notes on the Services

 An INDUCTION LOOP is installed - please switch hearing aid to "T" position. LARGE PRINT versions of our service booklets are available. A collection is taken as part of our offering of worship. This directly supports our ministry & mission. If a UK tax payer, we would be grateful if you would consider placing your gift in a gift aid envelope, filling in your details and signing. This will enable us to reclaim the tax that you have paid on the donation.

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)

Led by Revd Mark Dearnley, Vicar
Collect, Epistle and Gospel – p233

10.30am Parish Requiem with Holy Communion

President: Revd Mark Dearnley, Vicar

Please refer to the separate service order.

Community Coffee After the 10.30am service you are invited to join us for Fairtrade tea and coffee in the Octagon.

6.30pm Festal Choral Evensong for All Saints

(Please refer to separate service booklet, or Book of Common Prayer p16)

President: Canon Margaret Tinsley, Reader

Notices

Introit Holy is the true light – William Harris

Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict: from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia.

Hymn 112

Responses Alex Hall

Psalm 22 (p370)

Old Testament Isaiah 65.17 - end [Bernice Elliott-Smith]

Magnificat Second Fauxbourdon Service – Philip Moore

New Testament Hebrews 11.32 – 12.2 [Kelvin Elliott-Smith]

Nunc Dimittis Second Fauxbourdon Service – Philip Moore

Creed

Responses & Prayers

Anthem They are at rest – Edward Elgar, words by John Henry Newman

They are at rest.

We may not stir the heav'n of their repose

By rude invoking voice, or prayer address

In waywardness to those

Who in the mountain grotts of Eden lie,

And hear the fourfold river as it murmurs by.

And soothing sounds

Blending with the neighb'ring waters as they glide;

Posted along the haunted garden's bounds,

Angelic forms abide,

Echoing, as words of watch, o'er lawn and grove

The verses of that hymn which Seraphs chant above.

Intercessions

Hymn 114

Sermon Richard Butler, Reader

Offertory Hymn 327

Blessing

NOTICES AND NEWS

Forthcoming Dates

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| Sunday 11 November | Remembrance Sunday |
| Monday 12 November 8pm | Lectio Divina in the Library |
| Tuesday 13 November 2.30pm | Tea on Tuesday |
| Wednesday 21 November 8pm | PCC meeting |
| Friday 23 November 6.45pm | Singing on Sunday rehearsal |
| Saturday 24 November 10.30am | Baptism Preparation |
| Sunday 25 November 9.30am | Singing on Sunday |
| Sunday 25 November | Choir Performathon |
| Tuesday 27 November 8pm | Book Group – <i>Love and War</i> by Liz Trenow |
| Saturday 1 December | Choral Christmas Fair |
| Sunday 2 December 6.30pm | Advent Carol Service |
| Monday 3 December 8pm | Lectio Divina in the Library |
| Tuesday 4 December 8pm | Compline |
| Thursday 6 December 7pm | Rennie Grove Carol Concert |
| Saturday 8 December 10am | Messy Church with Christingle |
| Saturday 8 December 7.30pm | St Albans Chamber Choir Concert |
| Sunday 9 December 4pm | Mayor's Carol Service at the Clock Tower |

Notices

Church lighting – The upgrade to the church lighting is ALMOST complete, however please be aware that there could be some areas of the church which are not accessible at times.

Winter Beds Project - Once again St Albans churches, in conjunction with Open Door, will be running the winter night shelter for rough sleepers on very cold nights this winter. If you might like to volunteer, please contact Richard Butler rb@stpeterschurch.uk.com for more information.

Greater Love - on **Saturday 10 November** 11am until 4pm. There will be a Remembrance Trail around the church to view all of the WWI memorials. The names of the fallen from St Peter's church and parish will be displayed with pictures where available. Prayers will be said every 30 minutes. At 3pm there will be a talk by Jonathan Mein a local historian and senior editor of the WWI book '*St Albans, Life on the Home Front 1914-1918*', which charts the development of public commemoration in St Albans from the Boer War to 1925 by which time most of the city's 40 war memorials had been erected. There is a detailed flyer available at the South door.

Volunteers are needed for the **Greater Love** event to greet visitors and answer basic questions. If you can donate an hour or two of your time, please put your name on the sign up sheet at the South door.

Remembrance Sunday – 11 November - Marking the 100 year anniversary of Armistice Day and the end of World War I, Remembrance Sunday will feature an All-Age Remembrance Service at 9.30am. There will be NO Mattins service, but there will be a public act of remembrance at the War Memorial at 10.55am led by Revd Mark Dearnley. Likewise, there will be NO Evensong at the church. Instead there will be an ecumenical service at the War Memorial at 6.30pm including prayers led by the Bishop of St Albans and followed by beacon lighting and bell ringing at 7.00pm.

Singing on Sunday - Calling all singers! Another exciting opportunity to let your voice be heard has arrived! Join in with the choir on **Sunday 25 November** at the 9.30am service to fill the church in glorious song. There will be a rehearsal on **23 November at 6.45pm** for those who are willing to add their dulcet tones to our joyful singing. No experience required. All who are willing are welcome.

Book Group – The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 27 November** at 8pm at 2 Rowlatt Court, Hillside Road, when we shall discuss *In Love and War* by Liz Trenow. After the First World War, three women are searching for traces of men they have loved and lost....although very different they are united in their search for a reconciliation. They must accept what the war took from them and look ahead to what life might bring in the future. New members are always welcome. Further details from Margaret jemjtinsley@hotmail.com

Concerts

Mosaic Chamber Choir – 10 November 7.30pm at St Peter's Church. *Remembrance: Music and Poetry on War and Peace* featuring *Howells: Requiem*. Tickets £15 or £12 (for under 18's) are available on the door or phone 07872 62661.

Friends Notices

St Peter's Choral Christmas Fair Saturday 1 December 2018, 11am - 2.30pm. Proceedings will be opened by Mark. The Choral Winter Fair is taking place inside the church and proceedings will have a Christmassy feel with choral music being performed by St Peter's Choir and visiting choirs. Santa Claus will be in his grotto for the children to visit and there will be a seasonal theme to the stalls, games and refreshments. We are also inviting a selected number of local charities to participate with their stalls free of charge.

The Friends organising team are few in number and we continue to rely on substantial help from outside to make our larger events happen. In this instance we shall need a number of volunteers to help run a stall on the day and serve tea, coffee and refreshments. Please advise your availability for a minimum 2 hour stint to Robin Farrar (01727 832621, robin@robinfarrar.co.uk). Donations to stock church stalls will be requested for supply *nearer the day* and will include....Bottles for the Bottle Tombola, unused items which are no longer required for Yvonne's 'Nearly New Stall'(e.g. duplicated purchases or recycled gifts **but no clothes please on this occasion**) and donations of cakes for sale on the day. Many thanks to those who have already come forward with offers of help.

Looking further ahead we will be getting 2019 off in style on **Saturday 5 January** at 7.30pm with a concert themed '**Music for a Tudor Christmas and New Year**'. The Pastime Ensemble together with The Stonesfield Players, comprising a group of, mainly professional, musicians under the lead of Jeremy White are once again freely offering their services in support of St Peter's.

Children and Youth

Youth Cafe - A new launch is being planned. Watch this space! Contact Laura Harvey for further information l.harvey@stpeterschurch.uk.com

The Core is for ages 9 -14 on Tuesdays from 6 until 7.15pm term-time only. If you are aged 9 – 14 come and join us for a relaxed and fun time. More details from Laura Harvey l.harvey@stpeterschurch.uk.com

Messy Church is once a month on a Friday morning from 10 – 11.30am. We begin with refreshments followed by a short bible-themed story and then 45 minutes of crafts ranging from gluing, painting, sand and play dough, decorating cakes, etc. We end with songs and a prayer. Everyone is welcome. Our next Messy Church is on **Saturday 8 December** at 10am and will feature the Christingle! For more information contact Kate Berry k.berry@stpeterschurch.uk.com or the church office mail@stpeterschurch.uk.com

Christmas Nativity

This year's nativity will be themed on the TV show Goggle Box. It takes place on **Sunday 16 December** during the 9.30am service. Rehearsals are on Sunday 2 December from 11.15am until 12.45pm, Sunday 9 December from 11.30am until 1pm. Dress rehearsal on Saturday 15 December 11am-1pm followed by lunch. Please let Laura know by **Tuesday 20 November** if you would like to take part. l.harvey@stpeterschurch.uk.com

Please pray

For those in need – Don Gibbons and those on our long term prayer list.

RIP - Barbara Francis, Bob Sollis and Ann West

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 Betty Pickbourne 859704, Sheelagh Marlow 863520, sheelaghmm@aol.com, or Margaret Tinsley 859528, jemjtinsley@hotmail.com. No need to give details and names are not disclosed.*

Services next Sunday 11 November – Remembrance Sunday Third Sunday before Advent

- 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am All-Age Remembrance Service with Holy Communion
10.55am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
6.30pm Ecumenical service for Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial
(No Service at St Peter's)

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

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

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