



WELCOME to ST. PETER'S CHURCH WESTHAMPNETT
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NEWSLETTER
for
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SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2015

Sunday 1st November <i>All Saints Day</i>	8.00am 9.45am	Holy Communion. Family Service
Sunday 8th November <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	9.45am 9.45am	Parish Eucharist, followed by Act of Remembrance Sunday School in the Vestry
Sunday 15th November <i>2nd Sunday before Advent</i>	8.00am 9.45am 9.45am	Holy Communion Parish Eucharist Sunday Club in the Vestry
Sunday 22nd November <i>Christ the King</i>	9.45am	Parish Eucharist No Sunday School
Sunday 29th November <i>Advent Sunday</i>	9.45am 9.45am	Parish Eucharist Sunday School Vestry/outside

Morning Prayer takes place every Wednesday from 9 - 9.30 am. All very welcome.

The next PCC meeting will be on 10th November. If you have anything which you would like to raise please speak to one of the Churchwardens – Annie or John.

Pastoral Care. If you would like to speak to a priest, for any reason, please contact the Rev'd Simon or the Rev'd Karen, whose details are on the front of this Newsletter.

Sunday School and Children's Church:

8th November	Sunday School in the Vestry
15th “	Sunday Club in the Vestry.
22nd “	No Sunday School
29th “	Sunday School in the Vestry/outside - all children need to bring warm clothing and preferably wear wellies.

*Please note that Sunday School will be held in the Church Vestry for the immediate future – listen or look out for updates, but in the meantime we look forward to seeing you **in church**.* For more information please contact Kate Peregrin: kateperegrin@gmail.com

Mothers and Others : Thursday 26th November - Christmas lights and supper. Meet in the car park at St. Paul's Church at **5.45pm** to see the Christmas lights switch-on, followed by optional shopping and supper. Contact Sandra for details: sandrafowlerbennet@yahoo.co.uk

Produce stall : There will not be the usual produce stall this month but please make jams, chutney, biscuits, give, make or do anything that you can to support the **Christmas Market on 28th November.** More details can be found below.

Foodbank : next collection will be on 8th November - tinned puddings and custard are still needed, and sugar, fruit juice, rice, smash, toiletries and toilet rolls are always gratefully received. Thank you once again for your generosity, traceyflitgroft@sky.com

The Quiz Night was an enjoyable family evening, with delicious fish and chips from L.A. Fish, and was a great success. Just over £1,100 was raised for the *Flush Fund*. Thank you Quiz Master, Julian Barnes, Jane and your team for your thoughtful organisation and hard work.

Christmas Market... This will be held on Saturday 28th November 10am - 2pm at St Peter's Church. There will be refreshments available and lots of lovely handmade gifts, jams, chutneys, cakes etc. So please put the date in your diaries, come along and do some Christmas shopping! Proceeds will be shared with The Sussex Snowdrop Trust.

In the meantime thank you to everyone who's volunteered to make, bake or sew items for the Market but there's still time, so if you can contribute please add your name to the list on the board at the back of the church. Tina Proctor

From the Revd. Karen Young.....

It is no good trying to ignore it, the clocks have gone back, the days are getting colder and winter is coming. Whether we like it or not, we are forced to confront the cold season, reluctantly putting the heating back on and digging out the warm coats. But then we also realise the beauty of walking in crisp winter sunshine, the joys of Christmas – and the promise of spring!

It does us good to face up to things – be they small or more serious, and when we do so we are reminded of good things too, and of course November is the time of year when the Church calls us to remember those who went before us. 1st November is All Saints when we remember not just the major saints - Saint Peter and the Apostles, or national saints like St George - but all the holy people who have shaped our lives over the years and that includes the (often) unsung heroes of our own faith journey: perhaps the teachers who told bible stories at school, the inspirational Sunday School leader; or the friend who quietly spoke of their faith when others poured scorn. All these are saints in their way – part of the host of heaven.

Following soon after All Saints is All Souls when we give thanks for departed loved ones and friends (there's service at St Pauls at 6.30pm on Thursday 5th November, when the names of the departed are read out and remembered) and of course on Remembrance Sunday we commemorate those who gave their lives in two world wars and in other conflicts since.

So, in the space of just a few days, we recall generations – centuries even - of our forebears and give thanks for the part they played in making us and our community what it is today. During the second half of November and into Advent, we will be considering how we can grow as a Christian community and how we can be a living witness to God's Kingdom in our little corner of West Sussex. Though we will look forward, we do so in the context of a rich heritage. We celebrate all those who have gone before us and we will remember them as we journey on. Karen

Admission to Bishop Luffa School or The March School

Parents wishing to apply for their children to go to Bishop Luffa or the March School next September will need to complete a Church Support Form. On Sunday 1st November Karen will be seeing parents after the service to go through the form. Please sign the notice at the back of church. If you are not able to make that day, please contact Simon or Karen to make another arrangement.

Church Attendance Register.

The Bishop Luffa and The March Primary School Admissions Policy includes a category for church attendance. There is a Church Attendance Register on the table near the bells in church. For the March School the criteria for admission with a church recommendation requires regular attendance at a church for at least one year,

for Bishop Luffa it is regular attendance for at least 3 years. If any parent or carer is seeking a church recommendation for either school, please make sure that your name is on the register. If you require any help please speak to Annie.

Volunteers needed.....

Welcomers....

We are all pleased to see a smiling face when we come into church. Would you be able occasionally to come early - 9.15 am. - to greet people and hand them a hymn book and Order of Service? Not an onerous job but an important one, especially for visitors, who often comment on the warmth of the welcome at St Peter's. If you would like to help in this way please choose your date then add your name to the list on the board at the back of the church.

and Refreshments....

to serve tea and coffee after the service on the first Sunday each month, giving people the chance to socialise. Could you help please? Choose your date and add your name to the list on the board at the back of the church.

The Bell Tower Drop-in Centre....

Volunteers willing to offer a couple of hours once or twice a month on a weekday between 2.30 and 6pm. No qualifications are needed and age is no bar. The task is simply to spend time with the young people in the Bell Tower in a relaxed, fun environment.

If you are interested and able to spare the time, please will you contact Rev'd Steve Flashman, Minister at Immanuel Church: steve@immanuelchichester.com or on 01243539129/ 07950 000910 or Sam Harding Project Leader sam@belltowerchi.uk or see website www.belltower.chi.uk

In the cathedral...

Saturday 7th November at 7.30pm – The Chichester Singers and Southern Pro Musica will be performing two Mozart masterpieces, Symphony 40 in Gmi and the great Mass in Cmi, together with the première of a Requiem by William Godfree.

For tickets 01243 813595 or www.chichestercathedral.org.uk