



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

Sunday 4th October	8.00am	Holy Communion
<i>18th Sunday after Trinity</i>	<i>9.45am</i>	<i>Harvest Festival – Family Service</i>
Sunday 11th October	9.45am	Parish Eucharist

<i>19th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.45am	<i>Sunday School - The March School</i>
Sunday 18th October	8.00am	Holy Communion
<i>20th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.45am	Parish Eucharist
	9.45am	<i>Sunday Club in the Vestry.</i>
Sunday 25th October	9.45am	Parish Eucharist
<i>Last Sunday after Trinity</i>	Half-term	<i>No Children's Church</i>

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

The next PCC meeting will be on 13th October. If you have anything which you would like to raise please speak to a churchwarden – Annie or John.

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

QUIZ NIGHT/HARVEST SUPPER

Sunday 4th October 5.30 for 6pm start at Boxgrove Village Hall

Cost : £10 to include Fish and Chips, children under 16 free – bring your own drinks.

Fun and prizes for all the family

Tickets and details from Jane Ambrose : Tel 01243 530894 or at church on Sunday.

Sunday School and Children's Church: We look forward to seeing you all on the
11th October at the **The March School Claypit Lane***
18th “ **Sunday Club in the Vestry.**

* Please bring your children at 9.30 am so that we can have a prompt start and complete our project before going to church to join in the Eucharist. For more information please contact Kate Peregrin: kateperegrin@gmail.co.uk

Produce stall Sunday 11th October after the morning service: Please support the stall by making jams and chutneys, growing or baking – cakes must be individually wrapped, and *come and buy!* lesley@davisaylingmedia.co.uk

Foodbank : next collection will be on 11th October. This month is October Sponge Pudding Sunday – there is a shortage of tinned puddings and custard. If you would like to donate - sugar, fruit juice, rice, smash, toiletries and toilet rolls are always needed. Thank you once again for your generosity, Tracey. traceyflitcroft@sky.com

Mothers and Others will meet on Thursday 29th October at Eastfield House
I think we should have an “Indian Supper” evening – that should warm us up!
Bring an Indian dish or drinks for us to share – see the list on the board at the back of the church for ideas. ***Please note the date may be changed as this is half-term.***
Contact Sandra at sandrafowlerbennet@yahoo.co.uk for more details.

From The Rev'd Canon Simon Holland...

Dear Friends

Have you read a good book lately? Perhaps over the summer you were able to enjoy a few days sitting in a deck chair with a Kindle on your lap. With so many sophisticated forms of entertainment to choose from, it's good to know that many people still enjoy the simple pleasure of reading.

Have you read a good religious book recently? That's a rather different question. For some of you the thought of opening any kind of religious book may be decidedly off-putting, and you might well think that an hour in church on a Sunday morning is more than enough time to spend thinking about matters of faith.

Well, there are certainly many religious books that are as dull as ditch-water and scarcely deserve to see the light of day. But there are also plenty of attractive and stimulating books which are able to help us to relate our faith to the everyday

circumstances of life. Sometimes I meet people whose lives have been changed by a book that they have read, and I can certainly think of books that have played an important part on my life's journey.

This month we are starting a Breakfast Book Club, to give encouragement to those who would occasionally like to do some spiritual reading. The club will be very informal, and will meet on the second Tuesday of every month at the Barn Harvester at 9am, starting on 13 October. Breakfast costs £4.99 (full English), £2.99 (continental) and there are vegetarian and gluten free options – or just coffee! You are free to turn up as you wish and there is no commitment to being there every month.

The first book we shall be reading is a New York Times bestseller called '*Learning to Walk in the Dark*'. It is written by Barbara Brown Taylor, a distinguished American Episcopalian priest who was named by *Time Magazine* as one of the 100 most influential people of 2014. It's a book that helps us to sense God's presence in new ways, particularly in our moments of emotional and spiritual darkness.

We do hope that some of you from St Peter's (together with some from St Paul's) will be able to join Karen and myself each month to discuss one or two chapters of the book in a relaxed way over breakfast. We realise that many of you are not free on Tuesday mornings, but if that is the case you might like to read the book in your own time and then arrange to meet with us to chat about it (perhaps an evening at the pub). Copies of the book will be available in advance, costing about £10-12. If you would like to order one, please contact either Karen or myself as soon as possible.

Please don't think that the club is going to be intense and intellectual. Think of it more as croissants and cappuccino – with a hint of Christianity!

With my prayers for you all

Simon.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP COURSE

It is well-recognised that 'successful' churches require good leadership. Such leadership may well be provided by the parish priest in conjunction with the churchwardens, but many other members of the congregation also fulfil leadership roles, often in a quiet and unassuming way. Many of you are leaders of St Peter's Church, even if you might not think of yourself in that way; some of you might like to become leaders but may lack the confidence to offer your gifts more fully in God's service.

Over the next year we shall be running a course called 'Growing Leaders', which is open to any members of our United Benefice who wish to play a full and committed part in its life. The material for the course is provided by the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS) which is a long-established Church of England organisation devoted to supporting parishes in their ministry. It consists of ten evening sessions, run each month by a course facilitator (myself and Karen jointly) and focuses on the characteristics and skills of Christian leadership, rather than on particular models or styles. It is intended to help participants become aware of God's call and respond to it effectively within the context of their own church.

The course will be held on the third Tuesday of every month at St Paul's Parish Centre at 7.30pm, starting on Tuesday 20 October. The aim is for participants to attend all ten sessions if possible (obviously it may be necessary to miss one or two). You are all warmly invited, even if you've never before thought of yourself as a church leader. Perhaps God has some special work for you to do. If you would like to take part, or just find out more, please contact Simon – or simply turn up on the 20th.

St. Peter's Christmas Market..... will be held on the last weekend in November and the proceeds will be split 50:50 with a local children's charity.

If you make jewellery, cards or candles; if you knit, crochet, sew or any other craft and could make & donate items to sell at the market, please help. Everything from

traditional gifts, to small quirky fun items.

Jams, jellies & chutneys are good sellers and nearer the day we're hoping the bakers amongst us will bake Christmas biscuits, individual cakes, make puds & sweets.

In the meantime please also save any unused/unwanted gifts and any "good as new" children's books, toys, DVDs, and *childrens clothes* only please. *Tina Proctor*

Volunteers needed at.....

The Bell Tower Drop-in Centre, with a great deal of help from Revd John Dane, opened last November in the Cathedral Bell Tower. It has filled a real need for a safe place for young people to go between the end of their school day and parents returning home. In order to continue their work they are looking for more volunteers willing to offer a couple of hours between 2.30 and 6pm., once or twice a month. 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

Thursday 15th October - St. Pauls and City Mothers' Union: : Our meeting follows the regular **10.00am** Eucharist at St Paul's. The ***Rev. John Dane will tell us about his work as a Chaplain to the University of Chichester.*** Anyone is very welcome to both the Eucharist and the meeting. For details contact Heather Hyde 01243785633 and for other events at St. Pauls go to www.stpaulschichester.org or contact the parish office tel: 01243 533403

Monday 26th October Family Fun '**Amazing Animals**' at the **Cathedral** 10.00 to 3.00pm Just drop in - £2 per child. Details on www.chichstercathedral.org.uk.