

MORNING PRAYER: Benedictus

Each day, after our readings we say the same canticle (a biblical hymn or chant). It comes from Zechariah's prophecy in Luke 1:67-79. He was a priest in the temple. So incredulous at the news of a son (John the Baptist) that he had his mouth closed for the duration of the pregnancy. As they came to name his son, Elizabeth, his wife said John. Since there were no John's in the family those around checked it out with Zechariah who wrote "John" on a tablet. His mouth was opened, after nine months mute, and he proclaimed the most hopeful and praiseworthy prayer in which he extols God's praise for His blessedness (hence the latin *Benedictus*). He proclaims coming salvation through one that was foretold by the prophets. Salvation from enemies and darkness, receiving mercy, God remembers an ancient promise to Abraham. Deliverance from enemies, safe from fear means holy and righteous service—believers being made like God through this man, Jesus. Finally he identifies his own son's role—to prepare the way for Jesus; to tell others that they will be forgiven and walk in light and peace.

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*God is Spirit, and
his worshippers
must worship in
spirit and in
truth"
(John 4:24)*

ST PETER'S NEWS



CELEBRATE, DISCOVER, SHARE life with God through Jesus Christ 10th September 2017

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S

St Peter's is the Anglican Parish Church for Woodmansterne. We are a worshipping community seeking the presence of God and an evangelical church seeking to share the good news of the Kingdom of God with those who do not yet know Jesus.

THIS SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion

Romans 13:8-end, John 16:17-33

10.30am All age with Baptism renewal

John 16:17-33

Theme : Grief to Joy

6.30pm Holy Communion

Ephesians 5:21-6:9, Matthew 18:15-25.

Theme: Submission

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THIS WEEK AT ST PETER'S

Monday 11th 9.15am Morning Prayer (MP)

Tuesday 12th 9.15 am MP (pray for schools)

Wednesday 13th 9.15am MP

Thursday 14th Bus stop Café

Sunday 17th

8.00am Holy Communion

Romans 14:1-12, John 17:1-5

10.30am All age with Communion

John 17:1-5

Theme : Prayer for Jesus

6.30pm Holy Communion

Ephesians 6:10-23

Theme : Armour of God

NEWS

NEW DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

A new Discipleship Group will be forming this term. Please let Susan Knight know if you would like to join. Meeting for fellowship, prayer and bible study.

BIBLE SOCIETY SEPTEMBER SAUNTER

Saturday 16th September 2017 9.30am
fro **St Andrew's Church Hall, Limpsfield Chart**. Philip Knight has agreed to walk and would welcome any sponsors . If you are able to sponsor him please speak to Joyce Leach. (01737 351123)

SPONSOR PLEASE

Nigel Pierce is running the Royal Parks Half marathon on Sunday 8th October in memory of Anna Lewis and support of Great Ormond Street Hospital. He would welcome any donations <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nigelproyalparcs> or pass to Nigel.

MISSION PARTNERS

Please see the latest newsletter from Kylie and Bhim on the noticeboard by the door. They describe a very difficult situation with many shortages in that region and uniquely have asked for additional financial support. To help with this place an envelope into the collection marked "**CMS Relief**" .(if paying by cheque please make payable to St Peter's and please add your details if a taxpayer and we can claim gift aid) **and we will pass this on to CMS.**

SUPPORT FOR IRAQ AND SYRIA

An **Open Doors** petition is at the back of church asking the UN to support universal human rights.

Word at St Peters

2017 Sermon series: A YEAR WITH JESUS

From Advent 2016 to Advent 2017 we will be working our way through the **John's Gospel** in the morning services.

Evening services will explore the **letters** : Hebrews, 1 John and Ephesians.

Throughout this year we aim to get to know Jesus more intimately as we seek to deepen our relationship with Him.

Plans for 2018:

A Series on **The Law and the Prophets**. Jesus said that the summary of the law—love God and your neighbour were "all the law and the prophets". He also said that he had come to fulfil the law not abolish it.

Spending a year looking through **the Old Testament** we will try to answer the question "what is the Law Jesus came to fulfil?"



PRAYER

Street prayer -

This week we pray for the people of:

Manor Way

COLLECT FOR THIS WEEK

Almighty God, who called your church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

PRAYERS FOR 2017

In 2017 please pray for **revival, submission and obedience**. Pray for **gifts** to be released and **confidence** built.

GROWING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES

Please read **Matthew 28:19-20** and pray about the next steps for St Peter's.

WHAT'S ON AT ST PETER'S

16th September - Bible Society September Saunter. Philip Knight will be walking. Sponsors welcome please.

28th September Monthly lunch at Woolpack 12.00pm

29th September Film Club this month 'Testament of youth'

1 October Harvest (tinned and dry produce) - followed by Bring and share lunch. Please see Sheila Banton for details

7 October—Wedding: Charlotte and Richard

Evening—*Josatina*—concert by local trio at St Peter's

15 October Deanery Healing Service 6.30pm at St Peter's

28 October 7pm - Organ Recital by Ian Le Grice - details to follow

Shoebox appeal - 5th November

It's time to start thinking of the shoebox appeal. Last year we sent boxes to children in Central Asia. If you want to support the appeal this year details at back of church

