

MORNING PRAYER: Lord's Prayer

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us

It was Bernie Taupin who coined the phrase—*"Sorry seems to be the hardest word"*. The 1976 hit for Elton John highlights a stumbling block to many a relationship. To accept responsibility for our part and to offer apology can seem the hardest thing to do. But sometimes the hard part is accepting an offered apology. "Do you think that just saying sorry makes it better?" And while it is a start, it may not be enough. Hearts hardened by pain and loss of trust can build a wall that stands between us and reconciliation. In Taupin's words *"What I got to do to make you love me? What I got to do to make you care?"* We can seem at an impasse with no idea how to break down the walls we build. BUT that is not what God looks like. We do nothing to make him love us. There is nothing we can do to make him care. He just does. It is in his nature. And if we turn to him he will forgive. That is what the cross is about—*Repent for the Kingdom of God is near (Matt 3:2)*. As the King forgives, so in his Kingdom we forgive. And by tearing down the wall we free ourselves from the cancer of hatred, resentment and bitterness on which the enemy thrives. Forgiveness is costly but it is not about letting the other person off. It is about releasing ourselves from the pain of the hurt done to us. We love because we were loved first (1 John 4:19). We forgive because we were forgiven first.

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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 22nd October 2017

THIS WEEK AT ST PETER'S

Monday 23rd 9.15am Morning Prayer (MP)

Tuesday 24th 9.15 am MP (pray for schools)
Quiet Spaces 9.45-12.30pm

Wednesday 25th 9.15am MP

Thursday 26th Bus Stop Café 9.00am
Monthly Lunch 12.00pm at Woolpack

Friday 27th Film Club - 1.30pm
This month: 'Genevieve'

Sunday 29th October

8.00am Holy Communion
Colossians 3:12-17, John 19:17-37

10.30am Morning Worship
Colossians 3:12-17, John 19:17-37

Theme : crucifixion

6.30pm Holy Communion
Wholeness and Healing

Theme : wholeness

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
Isaiah 45:1-7, John 19:1-16

10.30am Morning Worship
Isaiah 45:1-7, John 19:1-16

Theme : Sentenced

6.30pm Evensong
1 John 3:11-24, Proverbs 4:1-18
* please note that there will be no sermon for this Evening Prayer

Theme: Truth

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NEWS

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Please bring your shoeboxes to church by **5th November**. Last year we sent boxes to children in Central Asia. If you want to support the appeal this year details at back of church

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

A coach trip to see the **Christmas London Lights**, will take place on **Saturday 25th November**. The coach will leave the Church hall at 4pm returning at 8pm, when we can enjoy fish and chips together and a nice cup of tea! Tickets are £17 from Brenda Barron 07739 189221

HOPSCOTCH HELP NEEDED

Would you like to help in the kitchen for hopscotch on **1st Wednesdays** of the month? Please speak to Pat Collins if you can help. Thank you

ANNA LEWIS AND GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL

On 8th October I ran the Royal Parks Half marathon in memory of Anna Lewis and in support of Great Ormond St Hospital. I managed to beat my time from last year and finished in 2hrs 25mins. So far I have raised just under £600. Thank you to all those who kindly sponsored me. Nigel Pierce

NUT ALLERGY

Due to some members of our congregation suffering from nut allergies, we would like to make St Peter's church a 'nut free zone'. Therefore please do not bring food that contains nuts to any church function. Thank you for your co-operation.

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:

Readens

COLLECT FOR THIS WEEK

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive 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

28 October 7pm - Organ Recital by Ian Le Grice

29 October Congregation meeting and *Missional Disciples* meet for prayer

5 November - Living with loss 3.00pm . A service for those who have lost loved ones in recent years.

7 November Prayer and Praise 8.00pm

9 November prayer chain update 2.30pm

10 November Tots praise 10.30am

11 November Messy Church 3-5pm at Whitethorn Baptist

12 November Remembrance service 10.45am (Lychgate service at 12pm).

14 November PCC meeting 8.00pm

ADVANCE NOTICE CHURCH SOCIAL EVENING



SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY
2018

7.30pm - 10.30pm
Live music by the Swinging Sixties Trio
Buffet supper - BYO drinks and glasses
Tickets: £5.00

