

Advent 2—Listening to God’s Word
 Advent calendars would also suggest that this is a time to count down the days through December to the big day itself, Christmas Day.
 The season of advent is a time of waiting, of preparation but also of watching for the coming *again* of Jesus. In advent hymns a couple of weeks ago we explored the book of Revelation and the vision of the end times when God makes all things new and all throughout history are judged. Sometimes we look at **#GodWithUs**, Immanuel, the son of God made flesh in isolation. It is not a stand alone story of a birth in difficult circumstances and the kindness of strangers ...it is part of a much bigger story. It ends with his coming again, it pivots on the baby growing to be a man who dies on the cross. The story stretches all the way back to the beginning of time and all points since then and to come. It was about 600 years before Jesus’ birth that Isaiah heard from God and shared the prophecy “*For to us a child is born*” (Isa 9:6) and the character and role of that child identified. Isaiah listened and shared.
Will we wait and listen to God’s voice today and share it with others?

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

CELEBRATE, DISCOVER, SHARE life with God through Jesus Christ 10th December 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**
Isaiah 9:6-9, Mark 12:35-37
- 10.30am All age Nativity**
Isaiah 9:6-9

Theme: Birth predicted

- 6.30pm Holy Communion**
1 John 5, Mark 1:1-8

Theme : New creation

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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**
Prayer day Holy Communion **11.30am**
- Thursday 14th Bus Stop Café 9.00am**
Monthly lunch at Woolpack, Banstead **12.00pm**
- Friday 15th Film Club 12.00 noon buffet**
lunch followed by film ‘Santa Who?’
- Saturday 16th 3-5pm Open House** at the Rectory: Mulled wine and mince pies. All welcome

Sunday 17th December

- 8 .00am Holy Communion**
Isaiah 40:1-8, Luke 1:67-79
- 10.30am All age with Holy Communion**
Luke 1:67-79
- 6.30pm 9 lessons and carols**

ADVENT PRAYER DAYS
13TH AND 19TH December.
 Morning prayer 9-10, informal Holy Communion **12noon (19th); 11.30am on 13th**, church open until 3pm and in evening.

NEWS

LENT GROUPS

Lent 2018 runs from 14 February to 24 March. Discipleship Groups plan to follow a 5 week **Lent Course** again this year. All are welcome to join perhaps forming new groups just for this time. Please **let Susan Knight know** if you would be interested in following a Lent course.

CFM FUNDING TO 2020

Letters and pledge forms as well as plans for Family Ministry at the back of church. If you would like to support this ministry please complete a pledge and send to Gill See.

CHURCH SOCIAL EVENING

SATURDAY 20TH JANUARY 2018

7.30-10.30PM

Live music by the Swinging Sixties Trio
Buffet supper, BYO drinks and glasses
Tickets £5.00 from Sheila Banton

CHILDRENS SOCIETY

A reminder to all Children's Society Box holders.

Could you please return them for counting by February 2018. If anyone would like a box or more details about the society please contact Anne Smith. Thank you for your continued support.

ALPHA COURSE

Who is Jesus? Why did he have to die? How does being a believer change my life?

Got Questions?

STARTS JANUARY 2018

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who made *Viva Italia* possible raising **£561** for the steeple fund.

Word at St Peters

2018 Sermon Series:

A Series on *The Law and the Prophets*. Spending a year looking through the Old Testament we will try to answer the question "what is the Law Jesus came to fulfil?"

BIBLE READING

To support the sermon series all are encouraged to read ahead in the Old Testament. For December please read **GENESIS**.

Week 1: 1-11

Week 2: 12-23

Week 3: 24-36

Week 4: 37-50

Evening services:

Life in step with the Spirit

Looking at the fruits of the Spirit, 1 Corinthians and Haggai.

ADVENT BOOKS

Daily readings:

In touch with God: Advent meditations with Biblical prayers—Michael and Rosemary Green

Advent for everyone: A journey with the Apostles—Tom Wright

Books:

One for all—Malcolm Duncan

God has a name—John Mark Comer



PRAYER

Street prayer -

This week we pray for the people of:

Stag Leys

COLLECT FOR THIS WEEK

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, 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.

ADVENT PRAYER DAYS

13TH AND 19TH December. Morning prayer 9-10 and a Holy Communion in the late morning/midday (see calendar).

WHAT'S ON AT ST PETER'S

19 December Prayer day 12pm HC

24 December morning—9.30am Holy Communion (only morning service)

4pm Crib service—All-age Carols

10.45 Carols/11.15pm Holy Communion

25 December 9.30am All-age with Holy Communion

31 December 8am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

No evening service

2 January Prayer and Praise 8.00pm

4 January Diamond Club - "This is your (Rector's) life"

12 January - No Tots Praise—Winter Break

13 January Messy Church 3-5pm at Whitethorn Methodist

21 January United service at Woodmansterne Baptist Church (no 10.30am service at St Peter's).

25 January Monthly lunch at Woolpack, Banstead 12.00pm

26 January Film Club - TBA

