

DISCIPLESHIP: THE WORD OF GOD

More important than all our other needs and wants, more important even than physical life itself, is God's word to man" ...so David Watson introduces this aspect of discipleship. "Christianity is essentially a revealed religion. It is not man searching in the dark for God. It is God revealing himself to man in a way so personal that it demands a response". John wrote that we worship in Spirit and Truth (4:24) and that is the essence of God's revelation of himself to us. We read the Bible, inspired by the Holy Spirit, to reveal eternal truths and specific instruction just for us and our situation. A disciple is an apprentice, seeking to be like the teacher, and He has written a manual for us to follow! God's word comes to us through the words of the bible, through historic teaching and tradition such as the creeds and through fresh revelation in prophetic words and words of knowledge through the Holy Spirit. Many things can hinder us hearing God's word for us; refusing to listen to challenges from God; being too busy and not making time and space to listen; reading with worldly glasses on; just reading the bible as a story rather than a revelation of God; being too literal and cherry picking texts; or being too analytical.

At a recent conference the speaker was talking about looking at ourselves, church and community from God's perspective. My eyes were drawn to the metaphor of the spotlight above shining light on the stage. ...just like our parish magazine which carries the scripture Psalm 119:8 *"Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path"*

Will we seek the light of his Word revealed to us at St Peter's; for us, our church and community?

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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 11th March 2018

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's Holy Spirit. An evangelical church seeking to share the good news of the Kingdom with those who do not yet know Jesus.

THIS SUNDAY

8 .00am Holy Communion
Deuteronomy 6:1-19, Luke 2:33-35

10.30am All age MOTHERING SUNDAY
Deuteronomy 6:1-12

Theme: **Teach the law**

6.30pm Evening Worship with
Holy Communion
Titus 2, John 3:14-21

Theme: **Self control**

THIS WEEK AT ST PETER'S

Monday 12th 9.15am Morning Prayer (MP)

Tuesday 13th 9.15 am MP (pray for schools)

Thursday 15th Bus Stop Café 9.00am
PRAYER DAY Mid week HC 10.30am

Come and have a coffee in the Hall before breaking bread together in Church.
All welcome.

Sunday 18th March

8 .00am Holy Communion
Deuteronomy 26:1-11,
Matthew 6:1-3,19-24

10.30am All age with Holy Communion
Deuteronomy 26:1-11,
Matthew 6:19-21

Theme : **First fruits**

6.30pm Evening Worship
1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Theme: **Corinth**

NEWS

QUIET SPACES -

Wednesday 4th April 1.30-4.30pm
'Easter Fools'

An opportunity to reflect on characters in the Easter Story. Further details from Susan Knight (359873)

SITUATIONS VACANT

At Praise and Prayer this week we prayed about the **work of the PCC, major projects** such as the spire and the church hall refurbishment and for a **new Warden** from May and for people to lead our **modern sung worship** as musicians or singers. If you feel called to any of these roles please speak to the Rector.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY : BOX OPENING

Grand Total for 2017-18 £653.00
Many thanks to all box holders. If you would like a box please speak to Ann Smith

USED STAMPS

There is a box at the back of the church for your used stamps. These can be used to raise money for the Diamond Centre for Disabled riders.

CARE

The Care Committee's aim for our new care system is that we intentionally look out for one another and help where we can. Each member will be assigned a **Pastoral Link** who will look out for you in a friendly but non-intrusive way. Jane Bulling is our **Pastoral Co-ordinator** who, with the Rector, will overview needs and how we may address them as a church. The **Pastoral Team** are volunteers available to **visit, help and pray** where needed.

Please pray for this aspect of ministry.

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

For March please read :

Week 1: JOSHUA Ch 1-11

Week 2: JOSHUA Ch 20,22-24, RUTH

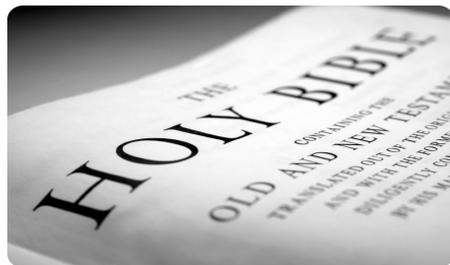
Week 3: JUDGES Ch 1-11

Week 4: JUDGES ch 12-21

Evening services:

Life in step with the Spirit

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



PRAYER

Street prayer -

This week we pray for the people of:

Woodmansterne Road

COLLECT

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 2018

In 2018 please pray for **revival, submission and obedience**. Pray for **gifts** to be released and **confidence** built.

Pray for the flourishing of our **families ministry** and new links in the **Clockhouse** area. Pray for the establishment of the **care team**.

WHAT'S ON AT ST PETER'S

18th March Missional Disciples after the 10.30 service 12-12.45

20th March FUNERAL—Hugh Riley 2.45pm at Randall's Park Crematorium Leatherhead

22nd March Monthly lunch at Woolpack

23rd March Prayer Day : HC 12pm Film Club 1.30pm this month 'An American in Paris'

29th March Maundy Thursday (end of Lent course service followed by vigil until midnight—ALL are invited to stay for up to an hour after the service (Matt 26:40) and will continue through to midnight—sign up sheet at back of church for last two hours).

30th March Good Friday (Joint service at WBC, hour at the cross, Hymns and Readings).

1st April Easter Sunday (9am and 10.30am)

22nd April Annual Parochial Church Meeting

LENT 2018: weekly prayer days and midweek communions—opportunities to come to church to pray and join together for communion.

