

**ABLAZE FOR GOD:
LOVE WITH A LOVE THAT GLOWS**

To glow (verb) is to give out steady light without flame and a glow (noun) is a steady radiance of light or heat. A love that glows is constant it's source is not necessarily obvious. Tertullian was one of the early church fathers in North Africa and he wrote about the early church *"But it is mainly the deeds of a love so noble that lead many to put a brand upon us. 'See', they say, 'how they love one another'.* Another wrote *"As for their servants or handmaids or children, they persuade them to become Christians by the love they have for them; and when they become so, they call them without distinction, brothers.they walk in all humility and kindness, and falsehood is not found among them; and they love one another.....they do not call those who are after the flesh, but those who are in the Spirit and in God."*

Jesus told the disciples *"By this they will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another"*. (John 13:35). The love of Christ in us and demonstrated constantly will glow to those outside our family and be attractive. This means many things— **patience, encouragement, not judging others, rejoicing with others, mourning with others, humility, putting others first, ensuring others look after their own well-being, kindness, serving, correcting gently and lovingly.** How do we do these things? Moses glowed when he came down from the mountain with the second set of tablets (Exodus 34) and Jesus glowed when he was transfigured (Mark 9). And the unseen source? God himself.

Ask Come Holy Spirit and the fruit is love—a love that glows. Will you?

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

ST PETER'S NEWS



CELEBRATE, DISCOVER, SHARE life with God through Jesus Christ 6th May 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
1 Samuel 1:10-18, 2:1-10,
Luke 22:24-30

10.30am Holy Communion

1 Samuel 1:10-18, 2:1-10,
Luke 22:24-30

Theme: Hannah's prayer

6.30pm Evening Worship
1 Corinthians 4

Theme: Apostles

THIS WEEK AT ST PETER'S

Monday 7th May Queen celebration

Tuesday 8th 9.15 am MP (pray for schools)

Wednesday 9th 9.15am MP

Thursday 10th Bus Stop Café 9.00am
Ascension Day service 8.00pm

Saturday 12th Messy Church 3-5pm
Whitethorn Methodist Church

Sunday 13th May :

8.00am Holy Communion
1 Samuel 8:4-22, John 8:48-59

10.30am All Age with Baptism
1 Samuel 8:4-22

Theme: Saul made king

6.30pm Holy Communion
1 Corinthians 5, Luke 4:14-21

Theme: Expulsion

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NEWS

THY KINGDOM COME:10-20 MAY

"I cannot remember in my life anything that I have been involved in where I have sensed so clearly the work of the Spirit" (Justin Welby – Thy Kingdom Come website).

WOMAN ALIVE CONFERENCE

June 9th at Guildford Baptist Church. Details on notice board at back of church. If interested contact Susan Knight.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY - MAY QUEEN

We will be having a stall at the May Queen Fete and would welcome donations of nearly new books, puzzles, games, and CDs these can be left in church or given to Christine Pierce.

MAY QUEEN: PRAYER TENT

You may be asking "Why a prayer tent?"

Our presence on the green this year aims to communicate 3 things to our local community.

1. We pray for you—we are doing it today and we do it constantly throughout the year; this will be achieved through the intercessors praying in half hour slots throughout the afternoon

2. God transforms lives - we do this by offering prayer ministry as we pray for people; even if no one takes it up we will have made the offer; this will be achieved by the Prayer Ministry team

3. We love others in Jesus' name — demonstrated by the warm welcome that people get as they pass by; provided by the welcome team ...Can you help?

Please indicate that you can help by adding your name to the sign up sheet at the back of church.

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 May please read :

Week 1: 2 Kings 1-12

Week 2: 2 kings 13-25

Week 3: 1 Chron 13-23, 28-9

Week 4: 2 Chron 1-9, 34-36

Rest of 2 Chron if time!

READING THE OLD TESTAMENT— HELP AVAILABLE!

The law that Jesus came to fulfil is not just rules and regulations. It is mostly the story of God and his people; the characters and events, many of which are pretty unsavoury. If this leaves you confused or disturbed in any way **fear not for there is help available**. **Contact your preaching team** who are grappling with these issues too and would love to hear from you. Firstly to help alleviate any concerns that you may have but also to help us as we prepare teaching and grow ourselves.

Contact Doug, Susan or Art.

Evening services:

Life in step with the Spirit



PRAYER

Street prayer - .

This week we pray for the people of:

Chipstead Way

COLLECT

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 May Tots Praise 10.30am

17th May Mid week Communion 10.30am

10th-20th May THY KINGDOM COME

20th May PENTECOST

21st May 3 O'clock Special - a service for those with special needs 3pm

23rd May Archdeacon's Visitation 2018—Hurst Green (support your wardens, PCC and sidespeople as they are sworn in).

25th May Film Club this month 'Wonder'

31st May Lunch Club at the Woolpack Inn
PLEASE NOTE: the date in the magazine is wrong.

7th June Diamond Club

8th June Tots Praise

9th June Woman Alive Conference - Guildford Baptist church

10th June Messy Church at Whitethorn Methodist church



15th June Mid week communion 10.30am