

How do I get involved?

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ST PETER'S CHURCH WOODMANSTERNE



DISCOVERING , CELEBRATING, AND SHARING
LIFE WITH GOD THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

Welcome

An Introduction to St Peter's Church

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St Peter's is an evangelical Anglican church, welcoming all who live in the parish (and beyond!). Our range of services and activities are open to all.

We are a village church and seek to play a part in the life of Woodmansterne; serving our neighbours with our resources and witnessing to the biblical truth of the good news of Jesus Christ. Many in St Peter's have seen their lives transformed by God and we are excited to share this with others.

All of our services and activities are underpinned by Bible teaching and learning that connects with real life. We are also increasingly open to renewal by the Holy Spirit. Across a range of services we offer both traditional and contemporary worship.

St Peter's is a church aiming to grow in Christian maturity and in number as we focus on 'Discovering, Celebrating and sharing life with God through Jesus Christ'.

In this booklet we aim to give you a flavour of what goes on in the life of St Peter's Church and how you can get involved. You will also find up-to-date information on our website : www.saintpeterschurch.org.uk
Please don't hesitate to contact us for more information.

CARE AND SUPPORT

Very often your first contact with church will be when a need arises. We can offer prayer and other practical support when things are tough. This is part of the sharing of God's love that we are called to as a church.

I just need a place to be....You are welcome to sit in the quiet of the church building which is open during the day (9-3pm-ish Monday to Friday).

Would you like us to pray for you?.....Other specific areas in which we can help are:

- Home visits and prayer
- Home Communion if you are unable to attend services
- Prayer for your situation through our Prayer Chain
- Please contact us if you require help with any of these things.

I have lost a loved oneIf you have been bereaved and think that we can help either with a funeral, prayer or just someone to talk to, please contact us. Funerals and memorial services are regularly held at St Peter's. Our churchyard is open to those for burial or interment of ashes who have a connection to the parish of Woodmansterne. An annual 'Living with Loss' service is held in November for those who have recently lost loved ones.

OUTREACH AND MISSION

St Peter's is an outward looking church and this is how we seek to share the joy of life with God and to be followers of Jesus.

How can I get involved in God's mission here in Woodmansterne and beyond?...

Prayer walks—we regularly invite local residents to tell us how we can pray for them by leaving a prayer card and collecting them door to door so that these requests can be prayed for in church on the following Sunday and in Morning Prayer for the coming week. The aim is to fulfil our purpose as a Parish Church to pray for our parish. Volunteers to go door to door in this way are always welcome.

Local Partnerships— we seek to work closely with other churches and local groups (e.g. WODS, schools, Residents Association etc.) on community activities and events. If you have a local link or would like to be involved please let us know.

Overseas links and mission support- we principally support and have links with the Bible Society, CMS, SAMS, Evangelical Alliance and CPAS. We also provide financial support to a range of other agencies. This includes supporting named missionaries around the world. We are actively linked with the parish of St.Philip's, Mkoba in the Gweru province of Zimbabwe. If you would like to become a link person for any of these causes please let us know.

Church Hall—is available to book for events and parties and is used by many local groups including uniformed groups.

Prayer—we are constantly listening and seeking God's direction for St Peter's. If you are able to join corporate prayer events where we pray for revival and God's mission please do.

DISCIPLESHIP AND NURTURE

St Peter's is a growing community, in number and maturity, and this is how we discover more about life with God. We seek to go deeper with God and as a church are practising the presence of God.

How does St Peter's develop and nurture disciples?....

Sunday preaching— St Peter's places an emphasis on challenging and encouraging preaching rooted in real life. We usually follow themed sermon series in both the morning and the evening. Evening services have offered the opportunity to explore aspects of revival and renewal.

Discipleship groups— a growing number of our members meet in homes around the parish for fellowship, bible study, learning and mutual Support and prayer. Some are for particular groups (eg 20s-30s, a ladies group etc). Please contact the Discipleship Group Coordinator for more details and to join a group. Increasingly groups are encouraged to find ways to share the gospel with friends, family and colleagues.

Giving—followers of Jesus are encouraged to give generously financially and in other ways. Please pick up a "Giving back to God" leaflet to find out how.

Leading services and activities— we encourage the use of gifts and skills by the whole congregation and so there are opportunities to get involved in all aspects of life at St Peters as an act of service and of discipleship.

Courses and workshops—St Peter's has a varied curriculum of courses and workshops available to equip and deepen our knowledge.

Serving—there are many ways in which you can serve in St Peter's using your skills, gifts and interests. Please let us know what you can offer!

WELCOME

We love to welcome you to any of our services or activities and to get to know you a bit better. This is part of our celebrating and sharing with you!

Please complete a "Welcome Card" so that we can keep in touch with you.

I am looking for something to do with my under3's....

Hopscotch@St Peters meets in the church hall on Wednesday mornings 9.30-11.30. It is a first come first served and even though we get very busy sometimes we usually have space for all.

I want to join the church

As a parish church residents have a right to be baptised at St Peter's if you live in the parish. It is also possible to come to us for baptism even if you live outside of the parish.

We welcome you into the church, your child and your family and friends who attend. You will have a short time of preparation in your home because we want you to be fully aware of the significance of baptism and the vows that you will make on behalf of your child. We would also love to keep in touch with you and involve you in the life of the church.

If you would like to be baptised as an adult we would also love to welcome you after a short period of preparation.

I want to find out more about the Christian faith.....

Alpha or Start! Are courses designed for anyone seeking to explore the Christian faith and what that might mean for them. They are times not only of learning and exploration but also good food, good company and fun with new friends!

I want to meet some new friends....

The Banstead Woods Walking Group -gather in Holly Lane car-park every Monday at 9.25am, for a leisurely walk followed by coffee and cake. All are welcome to join this growing group of walkers and talkers!

Diamond Club—meets on the first Thursday of the month with a range of activities for the over 60s. **Film Club**—meets on the last Friday of the month.

Bus Stop Cafe—is the community coffee shop and is open to all for a drink, a bite to eat and to meet up with friends. Offering Fair Trade tea and coffee and a tempting selection of irresistible cakes, snacks and breakfast.

Events—include Quiz Nights and a Summer Garden Party.

Worship

St Peter's is a worshipping community and it is in worship that we celebrate and discover more about our lives with God. You are welcome to join any of our varied services.

I want to attend a Sunday service.....

8.00am Holy Communion A quiet reflective service of Book of Common Prayer
Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
Holy Communion - 1st Sunday
ALL-AGE service with baptism —2nd Sunday
ALL-AGE service with Communion—3rd Sunday
Morning Worship— 4th Sunday.

What is the Music like?....

A mix of hymns and contemporary songs, 1st Sunday is hymns only
6.30pm Evening Worship

We have a range of evening services including informal worship, Holy Communion and Evensong and Wholeness and Healing on 5th Sunday. Four times a year we have our 3 O'clock Special geared towards those with learning and other difficulties and is open to all. A joyful celebration!

I want a service during the week....

Morning Prayer— Bible study and prayer takes place in church Monday to
Wednesday 9.15-10am

Praise and prayer—on the 1st Tuesday each month at 8pm
Holy Communion—at 10.30am on the 3rd Thursday each month
Look out for other occasional prayer meetings and services.



What is there for children on a Sunday?.....

What about other Sundays.....?

Monthly every 2nd Saturday 3-5pm

@ Whitethorn Methodist Church

Whitethorn Avenue, Coulsdon



Lighthouse' is our 10.30am Sunday event for children aged 3 and upwards. Everyone is together in church for the first part of our morning service, then children go out to the Lighthouse for their own activities and teaching on the 1st and 4th Sundays in term time. For younger children there is a Crèche room in church, equipped with toys and books. The sound system enables parents to hear the service whilst in the crèche.

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