



# THE WEEK AHEAD



ST PETER'S FILTON | DIOCESE OF BRISTOL | CHURCH OF ENGLAND

## Worship this week

4th Sunday of Easter  
8.30am & 10am Eucharist  
Facebook

Midweek services  
Wednesday 7pm (on hold while Fr Rod is away)  
Thursday 11am

Wednesdays and Thursdays:  
Morning Prayer at 9am  
Evening Prayer at 6pm

## Community Events

Coffee Shop  
Monday - Thursday  
10am - 1pm

**Open House**  
Tuesday 9.30am Church Hall  
**Games Group**  
Thursday 10am Coffee Shop  
**Knitting Group**  
Thursday 5pm

## Church Groups

Sunday 11.30am  
Confirmation Classes

Thursday 7.30pm  
Bell Ringing Practice

Friday 7pm  
Choir Rehearsal

## Serving God, by serving you, your family & the Community

Welcome to St Peter's Church, Filton. We are a friendly, inclusive church welcoming everyone who wishes to worship with us. Join us in whatever way you can.



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Meeting ID: 349 514 8166  
Password: 154508  
Tel: 0203 481 5240

## Giving to Church

We are once again passing collection plates around the pews during the offertory hymn. This practice was stopped during Covid, but the wardens felt it an appropriate time to reinstate the tradition. If you prefer not to use cash, you can use this QR code to donate to the running of the church. You can also give online by clicking on the "donate button" on the home page of our [website](#). Or you can use the QR code on the end of each pew in church.



Thank you so much for your continued support in the running and upkeep of your church.

## Time to Grieve

We meet on the **first Wednesday of the month, 10.30am**, in the Lady Chapel. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, come along to our friendly group where you will find support from Margaret, our retired grief counsellor. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, 4th June**.

## Fr Rod away

Fr Rod will be away from 12th - 26th May. In his absence please speak with Fr Allen, the church wardens, or Faith.

Of your charity please pray for:

- **Those acutely unwell:** Thelma Mountford, Sue Gane, David Haslum
- **Those with chronic or long-term conditions:** Jen Morgan, Katie Roberts-Malpass, Joan Down, Lillian Smith, Marian Bryant, Rachel Williamson, Alice Morris
- **Those in need:**
- **Our local community:** Incredible Kids
- **Our Church and the wider diocese of Bristol** especially our clergy and servers
- **The departed:** Susan Watts
- **Those whose anniversary falls this week:** Eileen Wools, Wally Froud, Bert Towells

For a monthly diocesan prayer cycle, please see [link](#)

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

## St Peter's Away Days

We are very excited to announce that we will be holding two Away Days for everyone to come along and have a say in what we would like to see at St Peter's over the coming year. Dates for these days are **Saturday 31st May** and **Saturday 21st June**, both from **10am to 4pm** at the Nutfield Grove Scout Hut. For these days to be a success, you need to come along with an open mind and plenty to say about how St Peter's will look under the leadership of Fr Rod and then under our new incumbent. If you want anything to change, or anything to stay the same, this is your opportunity to say so, so please sign up on the sheets at the back of church. Please bring a plate of food with you for a bring and share lunch.

## Share your thoughts!

Hi everyone, ahead of our away day at the end of the month, would you like to share with me a few words on

**'What St Peter's Filton means to me'** and/or **'How I would like St Peter's Filton to look in three years time'** Just so we can get a sense of what people are thinking and particularly feeling at this time. I'm happy for them to be anonymous if anyone is more comfortable with that and happy for email or pen!

It would be good to have a starting point for this momentous journey we are about to undertake!

Many Blessings, Linda Keeble

[LindaKStPetersFilton@gmail.com](mailto:LindaKStPetersFilton@gmail.com)

## Coffee Shop

Many thanks to everyone who has been baking cakes for the coffee shop - we couldn't open without you! Please keep them coming! We are still in need of volunteers - so if you are able to help, or know of anyone who may be interested in being a volunteer, please let me know. Thank you, Mandy. You can also contact me on the coffee shop number 07939 199034.

***Notices are continued overleaf..***

Interim Priest in Charge Revd Rod Cosh [rodcosh@icloud.com](mailto:rodcosh@icloud.com)

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## Confirmation Classes

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If you are interested in being confirmed, or you would like to refresh your knowledge, this year's classes will be continuing **after the service this Sunday**. We will meet at **11:30** in the Lady Chapel and sessions should last no more than 90 minutes. It will be an informal and fun way to learn more about the Christian faith and sessions are open to everyone. For more information please speak to Fr Rod or Fr Allan.

## Summer Fair

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The St Peter's Summer Fair will coincide with the feast of Petertide, and will be on **Saturday 28th June, 10am - 3pm**. This will be one of our biggest fundraising events of the year so please come along to support us. We need plenty of helpers for this event to be a success. Any help you can give, big or small, would be much appreciated - St Peter's is our church and it is up to all of us to keep it running. We are still looking for volunteers to help man a number of stalls:

Pre-loved quality items

Bottle stall

Book stall

Drinks (this can be on a rota)

General helpers

There will be a sign up sheet at the back of church so please do sign up.

We are also collecting: bottles for the bottle stall; good quality items, non electronic, for the pre-loved stall; toiletries (unused); long dated luxury food items; small toys/gifts for the lucky dip box.

Don't forget to advertise our fair far and wide!

## Heating in church - update

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The PCC is still awaiting the decision on the faculty request which was submitted to the Diocese some weeks ago.

The faculty request is to install 8 Herschel radiant 'Halo' heaters into the church. Herschel is based in Avonmouth and are the leading experts in Net Zero church heating. In the long-term, once the new heating is installed, we would look at removing the current overhead heaters which are now breaking down one by one. If the faculty is granted, the total cost of the work is expected to be £74,604. This quote also includes updating the heating in the Lady Chapel and Coffee shop with more modern systems. These will use Herschel 'Colorado' systems, mounted in the same place as the current infrared heaters. After the PCC meeting in January 2025, it is expected we will still have sufficient funds in reserve for bills, salaries and our Parish Share to the Diocese going forward into the year onwards into 2026. If you have any questions, please speak to members of the PCC (see our website for a full list of members) or speak/email Thomas Moller directly. As the faculty and plans progress, the PCC will keep everyone up to date. You can see a photo of how our church will look after the installation of the heaters on our Facebook page.

## Vacancy

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St Peter's is currently without a permanent priest. However, Fr Rod Cosh has now been officially licensed and installed as our Interim Priest in Charge. He will provide us with the continuity we need until the PCC can appoint a new incumbent. Fr Allan will continue to support Fr Rod with services and you may still see some visiting priests. We hope that the disruption to regular services will be minimal, however we will always do our best to notify you on social media, by email, or in the news sheet, if this is the case. Sunday services will of course remain unaffected. During the vacancy, depending on what assistance you need, please see below for a list of useful contacts. We will do our best to help you but we are all still finding our feet, so please bear with us in this period of transition.

## Useful contacts during the vacancy

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Faith, your administrator, for general church enquiries, and enquiries relating to baptisms, weddings, Banns, and funerals: [faith.stpeterschurchilton@gmail.com](mailto:faith.stpeterschurchilton@gmail.com)

Thomas and Janet, your Church Wardens, for any concerns regarding the church building, or church services: [wardens.stpeterschurchilton@gmail.com](mailto:wardens.stpeterschurchilton@gmail.com)

Anne-Louise Pam for safeguarding concerns about any member of the congregation: [almenta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:almenta@hotmail.co.uk)

Claire Eade for any concerns regarding pastoral care: [claire.stpeterschurchilton@gmail.com](mailto:claire.stpeterschurchilton@gmail.com)

John Cahill for any financial enquiries: [treasurer.stpeterschurchilton@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.stpeterschurchilton@gmail.com)

Mandy Leslie for Coffee Shop enquiries: [coffee.stpeterschurchilton@gmail.com](mailto:coffee.stpeterschurchilton@gmail.com)

Nick Moller for Church Hall bookings: [bookhall.stpeterschurchilton@gmail.com](mailto:bookhall.stpeterschurchilton@gmail.com)

The church mobile (07452 992 122) will be held by the Church Wardens. Whilst they will check it regularly, please try to contact people in the ways detailed above.

## Vacancy Collect

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This prayer has been created by the PCC as we begin the process of recruiting a new parish priest. You may wish to add it to your prayers as the PCC navigates this process on behalf of the church and the wider parish.

Holy, generous, gracious God, in whose presence we know love and support

We come further into your presence in our intercessions to you, seeking your guidance, seeking calm and peace.

In you may we find understanding, as we long to make sense of your world

In you may we find strength, in the times that we are weary, or needing relief from stress

In you may we find our lives fulfilled, as we respond to your call on our lives.

We ask this in reverence and humility, with hopeful and thankful hearts, in communion with all of the saints

Amen