St. Peter's FILTON

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

Worship this week

1st Sunday of Advent
10am Eucharist
6pm Taizé

Midweek services

Thursday: 11am Eucharist

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

Bell Ringing Practice
Thursday 7.30pm

Choir Rehearsal
Friday 7pm

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.



www.facebook.com/stpetersfilton

Live-streaming

Please be aware that the 10am service every Sunday is live-streamed to our Facebook page. Coming to the altar to receive communion implies consent to be seen on camera. If you are unhappy to do so, do have a chat with one of the clergy or wardens and we can make arrangements to bring it to you in your pew.

Giving to Church

We pass collection plates around the pews during the offertory hymn. 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.

Early Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Eucharists

Due to a lack of priest cover, there will be no early services on Sunday 29th November or Sunday 6th December. Wednesday evenings have also stopped for December.

Tabletop Sale

A huge thank you to everyone involved with the running of the very successful tabletop sale. We raised £370.50 for church funds, and increased our outreach into the community by bringing new people into the church.

Of your charity please pray for:

- **Those acutely unwell**: Lilian Pulsford, Alan Rawlings, Revd Rod Cosh, Jaci Seager, John Cook, Reg King
- **Those with chronic or long-term conditions:** Bruce Stedman, Katie Roberts-Malpass, Alice Morris, Mark Olive, Ruth and Eddy Welch, Pauline Rowley
- **Those in need**:
- **Our local community:** Bristol outreach services for the homeless
- **Our Church and the wider diocese of Bristol:** Our Church Wardens
- **The departed:**
- **Those whose anniversary falls this week:** David Arnold, Catherine Kadodia, Iris Bateman

For a monthly diocesan prayer cycle, please see link

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Advent Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80.2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved

Exciting news - the appointment of a new priest

For those of you not in church last week, the following announcement was made:

The Acting Bishop of Bristol, the Right Reverend Neil Warwick, is delighted to announce the appointment of the Revd Becky James as the next Priest in Charge of St Peter's Filton. Becky will be licensed in the New Year, with a date to be confirmed. Bishop Neil gives grateful thanks for all those involved in the discernment process. Please join us in praying for Becky as she prepares for this new season of ministry, and for the communities of St Paul's Clifton and Cotham Parish Church as they prepare for her departure.

Sunday Evening Services

After much consultation and planning, I'm delighted to say that we can now offer a Sunday evening service. The general feel of these services will be an hour for peace and stillness before the busyness of the week begins. Following on from the All Souls Requiem Mass, will be offering simple services of Evensong; Taizé; Lectio Divina (Sacred reading and contemplation); Meditation; and a second Rosary group. This regular offering will begin **today at 6pm** with a candlelit Advent Taizé service to bring our thoughts to the weeks leading up to the birth of Jesus**. All services will be at 6pm**. For more information have a chat with Janet, Claire, Mark or Faith.

Dates for your diary:
Sunday 29th November 6pm Taizé
Sunday 6th December 6pm Evensong
Sunday 13th December 6pm Nine Lessons and Carols
Sunday 20th December 6pm Contemplation and Meditation

Northavon Singers visit to Filton Library

Carols at Filton library, with a very special visit from the Northavon Singers, will be on **Monday 21st December from 11am-12** (refreshments available). For more information please speak to Margaret Taplin in the choir.

Church Wardens: Janet Moller & Linda Keeble wardens.stpeterschurchfilton@gmail.com
Administrator: Faith Tutton faith.stpeterschurchfilton@gmail.com



Get ready for Christmas

Advent **Walk With Me** booklets and calendars are available from this Sunday. Priced £1.50 for booklets and 50p for calendars.

Advent from A to Z

Over the next 4 weeks there will be daily Facebook posts which will provide a suggested bible reading, a response and a prayer to help you prepare for the birth of Christ.

We will use the Church of England's *"Advent from A to Z"* material. You can also listen to daily reflections on the EveryDayFaith app to complement the readings and prayers.

If you don't have access to Facebook, please do let Claire know and she will arrange for hard copies to be made available.

Sunday, 29th December 2026

Reading – Jeremiah 33.14-16

In C.S Lewis's *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, the magical land of Narnia is under a curse, meaning that it is 'always winter but never Christmas'. It sometimes feels like a different phenomenon is at work in our own culture in December: it is always Christmas but never Advent.

Throughout Scripture, God repeatedly invites his people to take stock of where they are and get ready for what he is going to do. In Advent, we make our hearts and lives ready to receive the gift that God gives of himself in Jesus Christ – his birth in Bethlehem and his return that is still to come.

Without making time and space to prepare, we miss the significance of this gift and the radical, transformational implications of it for our lives. This process of refocusing on Jesus and realigning our lives to his call is an important part of being disciples.

This is an opportunity to ask ourselves: what does preparing to receive Jesus mean for us and our lives? And how might we go about it?

Christmas Tree Festival St Peter's - Monday Nov 30th to Saturday Dec 5th 2026.

We're running our Christmas tree festival again this year and would like to encourage all church groups and local businesses to take part! All you have to do is provide and decorate a small Christmas tree (4 to 5 feet high) with a theme relating to the group the tree represents - e.g Coffee and cakes for the coffee shop or music & singing for the choir. Last year we had all sorts of lovely decorations representing everyone from the PCC to Open House to Men in Sheds. If you're interested in providing a decorated tree, please speak to Jenny Connor, Sue Horseman or the church wardens Linda or Janet. The festival will be open during coffee shop hours and also some evenings. On the final Saturday we have also invited some of the stallholders from the table top sale to come along so that will be another opportunity to come and buy some Christmas items and gifts. We hope that as many people will be able to support this event which was a great success last year. Thanks, Jenny Connor

Christmas Singalong!

Our ever-popular Christmas Singalong is back for another year! Please come and join in the festive fun on **Tuesday 8th December at 12noon.** The singing begins at 12.30 and will finish around 2pm. There will be refreshments too. Proceeds in aid of Sisters of the Church.

Sisters of the Church Christmas Appeal

After another very busy year, we are beginning our preparations for Christmas. As in previous years, we hope to provide each of our callers with a gift bag alongside a special Christmas food parcel. This will help us share the joy of the season and support families with some of the additional costs of Christmas. This year, as the need in our community continues to grow, we are preparing gift bags and Christmas food parcels for up to 500 people. We would be extremely grateful for donations of the following items:

- Hats, gloves, scarves and socks for men and women
- Toiletry sets for men and women
- £15 Argos or One4all gift cards for children. We would be delighted to receive either gift cards or donations towards their purchase.

If you would prefer to make a direct financial donation, our bank details are:

Account name: Sisters of the Church
Account number: 65075960
Sort code: 08-92-99

If you do make a direct donation, please let us know so that we can acknowledge receipt and thank you personally. **The deadline for donations is this Friday, 4th December.**

Useful contacts

Faith, your administrator, for general church enquiries, and enquiries relating to baptisms, weddings, and Banns: faith.stpeterschurchfilton@gmail.com

Linda and Janet, your Church Wardens, for any concerns regarding the church building, churchyard, or church services, and for funerals: wardens.stpeterschurchfilton@gmail.com

Anne-Louise Pam for safeguarding concerns about any member of the congregation: Safe.stpeterschurchfilton@gmail.com

John Cahill for any financial enquiries: treasurer.stpeterschurchfilton@gmail.com

Mandy Leslie for Coffee Shop enquiries: coffee.stpeterschurchfilton@gmail.com

Nick Moller for Church Hall bookings: bookhall.stpeterschurchfilton@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.

