



THE WEEK AHEAD



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

Worship this week

2nd Sunday of Easter
8.30am Eucharist
10am Eucharist Facebook

Midweek services
Wednesday 7pm
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

Easter biscuits, Easter Glory!
Tuesday 11am

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.

Coffee Shop

We are desperately in need of more cakes! Our lovely homemade cakes are ever popular and have almost run out. So if you are able to bake for us, we would be very grateful. We need to have a list of ingredients with the cakes as well. Thank you so much to everyone who donates cakes to us - people really enjoy being able to have homemade cakes and we appreciate you all very much.

Many thanks Mandy (Coffee Shop)

Easter Fundraising Event

Easter biscuits, Easter Glory. Pick a hymn and tell your story! **This Tuesday, 29th April, 11am - 12.30pm** in aid of the organ fund. For more information, speak with Viv. All are welcome!

Of your charity please pray for:

- **Those acutely unwell:** Thelma Mountford, Jen Morgan, Sue Gane, David Haslum, Susan Watts
- **Those with chronic or long-term conditions:** Katie Roberts-Malpass, Joan Down, Lilian Smith, Marian Bryant, Rachel Williamson, Alice Morris
- **Those in need:** Our brothers and sisters in the Catholic Church as they mourn the loss of their Pope and look to the next Conclave
- **Our local community:** Voices
- **Our Church and the wider diocese of Bristol** especially our bell ringers
- **The departed:** Pope Francis
- **Those whose anniversary falls this week:** Michael Walker, Olive Mansfield, Peggy Grey, Doreen Hill, Ron Hand

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

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Summer Fair

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!

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, 7th May**.

Morning and Evening Prayer

Fr Rod will be in the parish on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and on these days, will be taking **Morning Prayer at 9am**, and **Evening Prayer at 6pm**, in the church. All are welcome to join him for some quiet prayer at the beginning and end of the day.

Notices are continued overleaf..

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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**. We are awaiting confirmation on the venue but it will be in the Filton area. 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.

Vacancy

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.

Confirmation Classes

If you are interested in being confirmed, or you would like to refresh your knowledge, this year's classes will be starting **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 Claire, Fr Rod or Fr Allan.

Coffee Shop

The coffee shop is very much in need of some more volunteers to join our team. It's a lovely, friendly place and a very worthwhile role. You can volunteer on a regular or occasional basis, or for just part of the morning - every little bit helps. So if you think you might be interested let me or one of our other volunteers know, and I can tell you more about it.

You can also contact me on the coffee shop number 07939 199034. Thanks, Mandy.

Heating in church - update

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.

Useful contacts during the vacancy

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

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

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

Claire Eade for any concerns regarding pastoral care: claire.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.

Vacancy Collect

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