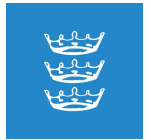




THE WEEK AHEAD



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Worship this week

5th Sunday of Easter
10am Eucharist

Midweek services

Wednesday: 7pm Said Eucharist TBC

Thursday: 11am Said Eucharist / Morning Prayer

Community Events

Coffee Shop

Monday - Thursday
10am - 1pm

Open House

Tuesday 9.30am Church Hall

Time to Grieve

10.30am Coffee Shop

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.



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

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 are once again passing 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.

Time to Grieve

We meet on the **first Wednesday of the month, 10.30am**, in the Coffee Shop. 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 **this Wednesday, 6th May**.

Of your charity please pray for:

- **Those acutely unwell:** June Watkins, Martin Ray, Jenny Wells, Alan Hudd, Fr Allan Sheath, Bruce Stedman, Mary Haslum
- **Those with chronic or long-term conditions:** Katie Roberts-Malpass, Alice Morris, Mark Olive, Ruth and Eddy Welch, Michael Keeble
- **Those in need:**
- **Our local community:** Brainstrust
- **Our Church and the wider diocese of Bristol:** Our online community
- **The departed:**
- **Those whose anniversary falls this week:** Ron Hand, Edna Clark, Hilda Saunders, Bryan Clark, Rodney Bowering, Joan Harewell, Hugh Thomas, Jack van Wely Hodges

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

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Introits

I was really impressed by the response to our Lenten Prose (Hear us O Lord) from everyone. It was awesome to hear the whole church singing in our Lent penitential prayer.

The introits we use change with the liturgical seasons and reflect the nature of worship for which we prepare ourselves in the 5 minutes before the service. ***This is a time of reflective prayer.*** Please continue to join in with the introits, the responses are in the WA. As we are currently in Easter season, the Introit is *Surrexit Christus*.

We mainly use Taize chants, which are a form of spiritual reflection. This does not work so well if people cannot be still and calm their minds. ***Please be mindful of this when you enter the church and keep the peaceful 5 minutes, if not for yourself then in respect of others who are doing so.***

I have had great feedback about moving the choir amongst the congregation, so we will keep doing this in various ways when we can. Singing sends prayers twofold (Attributed to St Augustine), elevating the words into a deeper, more emotional form of worship.

Let's keep up the prayer and praise! Viv

Hymn Requests

Sometimes people come and ask me for particular favourites that really mean something to them. I always try and accommodate these when appropriate in the lectionary. I do plan up to 3 months in advance at times so it might not happen straight away. Please do come and ask me. My aim is to touch at least one member of the congregation each week with our music. I will also be planning another hymn sing-a-long event soon, so watch this space! Viv

News Sheet

I will be away from **Saturday 9th to Sunday 17th May** so there will be no news sheet on Friday 15th May. Should you have any notices you wish to include in advance, I can put these in next week's news sheet which I will send out on Friday 8th May. Thanks, Faith

Church Wardens: Janet Moller & Linda Keeble wardens.stpeterschurchilton@gmail.com

Administrator: Faith Tutton faith.stpeterschurchilton@gmail.com

An important announcement from the PCC

Meeting with St Peter's PCC and Archdeacon 16/04/26

The PCC held an extraordinary meeting with Archdeacon Becky Waring (and Revd Rosy Ashley) on 16th April 2026 – and we want to share some of the conversation.

The parish profile, the document we need to complete to ensure that we are in the best position for the Bishop to agree to our request to start advertising for a new minister, is underway. Becky felt the parish profile had a lot in it and we have made real progress in the last few months with regard to our increased community events, fundraising, stewardship, and generally pulling together as a church family to increase the presence of St Peter's in the community, and this is seen as a positive step.

The Diocesan property department has made positive progress with the sale of St Peter's rectory and are now actively engaged in seeking a replacement vicarage within the parish; we will receive more details about this once any purchase has been secured.

We still have work to do on the parish profile and the PCC will continue revising this in the next weeks in liaison with diocesan personnel to ensure we are attracting the right person for St Peter's. Once the parish profile is agreed the diocese can advertise the position and we can actively seek a new minister for the parish. This process will take some time to complete and the PCC and the diocesan team will be engaging with the wider congregation on various parts of the process. Please remember us all in your prayers and engage with the process as it unfolds. The PCC and the diocese really value what everyone has done within St Peter's to increase our giving, increase our parish share contribution and reach out to the community with our programme of social meeting groups, events, prayer and bible studies, quizzes, coffee shop and of course our services. This is a testament to our community and prayer life and will all go to form part of the parish profile. We would appreciate your ongoing prayers and active support in this next stage.

We need to continue to show our commitment to bring about this next stage on our pathway to a new minister and to show the key role we all play in demonstrating God's love both within and around the St Peter's church community.

Thank you, St Peter's Filton PCC

A plea from the Coffee Shop manager

Our ever popular coffee shop is run entirely by volunteers and everyone works hard to keep this important community resource open. However, we are desperately short of people to make cakes for us - and the homemade cakes are the biggest draw! If you feel you can help out, even just once in a while, please speak to Mandy or pop into the coffee shop. As long as you provide a list of ingredients, we are grateful for any cake!

Mothers' Union Deanery Service

All are welcome to join us, join in! It's the MU Deanery Service of Holy Communion on **Thursday 14th May at 2pm**, here in church. Looking forward to seeing you then. For more information please have a chat with Linda Rawlings.

Parish Quiet Day

We are hosting a parish quiet day on **Saturday, 16th May**. This will continue our theme of prayer, and I am excited to announce that the Revd Dr Ian Bailey will be our speaker. We have booked Stanton House Hotel in Swindon: <https://www.stantonhousehotel.co.uk/>. We are asking for a contribution of £30 per person, which includes access to the hotel grounds, and all refreshments, including a two course lunch. If you are interested in attending, please grab a booking form from Claire.

High Altar Flowers

If you would like to book a High Altar flower arrangement in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a special occasion, along with a mention of your donation in the monthly Details for Worship document, please speak with Lyn in the choir, or email Faith in the first instance. Arrangements cost £30-40 depending on flowers, and are a lovely way to mark an important date.

Vacancy

St Peter's is now in vacancy while the PCC work with the Diocese of Bristol to find a new priest. In the meantime we have the support of Fr Allan and various different visiting priests. **We hope to keep disruption to services to a minimum through this time, though you may see that weekday services are disrupted.** Your understanding is appreciated while we do our best to keep interruptions to a minimum. Keep an eye on Facebook for the latest updates.

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

Claire Eade LLM 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.