



# THE WEEK AHEAD



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

## Worship this week

4th Sunday before Lent  
8.30am and 10am Eucharist  
Facebook

Midweek services  
Wednesday 7pm  
Said Eucharist

Thursday 11am  
Said 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

Thursday 11am  
Rosary Group

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.



[www.facebook.com/stpetersfilton](https://www.facebook.com/stpetersfilton)



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

## Giving to Church

We are now fundraising for repairs to the church organ. Please continue to give generously and fundraise where possible for the church organ and for general church funds. You can continue to give online by clicking on the "donate button" on the home page of our [website](#), or simply scan this QR code:



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

## Electoral Roll

As is the custom every 6 years, the Church Electoral Roll will be completely rewritten before the end of February. It is a legal requirement to have an Electoral Roll in the parish. Being on the Roll enables anyone over the age of 16 to vote on certain church matters at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting each year. However, it is also a very useful record for me to keep a database of where all our church family lives and how we can contact you should we need to. **All regular members of St Peter's should be on the roll.** You are strongly encouraged to pick up a form from the back of church, fill it in and return it to either Linda Rawlings, Claire Eade, or one of the church wardens. You have until the **end of February latest** to get your signed forms back to me if you would like to be on the new Electoral Roll. If you would like more information about being on the church roll, have a look [here](#). Thank you, Faith.

Of your charity please pray for:

- **Those acutely unwell:** Thelma Mountford, Jen Morgan, Revd Rod Cosh, Sue Gane
- **Those with chronic or long-term conditions:** Katie Roberts-Malpass, Joan Down, Lilian Smith, Marian Bryant, Rachel Williamson
- **Those in need:**
- **Our local community:** Bristol Samaritans
- **Our Church and the wider diocese of Bristol** especially Brabazon Belles
- **The departed:** Roger Wools
- **Those whose anniversary falls this week:** Rehina Morgan, John Beckell, Barbara Hannam, Geoffrey Jenkins, Patrick O'Hara, Maria Dyer, Angela Thompson, Ros Robertson, Hilda Harbord

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

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

## Heating in church - update

The PCC is delighted to announce that after the PCC meeting on 22nd January, they have unanimously agreed to submit a faculty request to the Bristol Diocesan Advisory committee to replace the old gas boiler with a new system and properly reheat the church once more.

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.

## Rosary Group

We will meet at Mary's house on **Thursday 13th February, 11am**. All are welcome!

## Sisters of the Church

Thank you to everyone who donated to our mission over Christmas. We were able to support 450 clients with three bags of food and a bag of gifts each, thanks to your incredible generosity.

Now we need your support again. We are asking for donations of Easter Eggs for our clients. Are you able to help us? We would love to get enough to give to everyone who comes to us for help, plus the children of the families we support. Please leave any donations of Easter Eggs at the back of church by 23rd March. Thank you!

*Notices are continued overleaf..*

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## APCM Trustees' Report

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As part of our responsibility to the Diocese of Bristol and the Charities' Commission, we hold an Annual Parochial Church Meeting every year, in the Spring. Two weeks before this meeting, I will upload a report of all the church groups' activities throughout 2024. If you run a group attached to St Peter's Church, please get a brief summary of when you meet, your average number of attendees, and what you have been doing through the past year, to [faith.stpeterschurchfilton@gmail.com](mailto:faith.stpeterschurchfilton@gmail.com) by the **end of February at the latest**. I will then compile your reports and put them onto our website for scrutiny. Thanks, Faith.

## Time to Grieve

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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, particularly if Christmas has been difficult, come along to our friendly group where you will find support from Margaret, our retired grief counsellor. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, 5th March**.

## Coffee Shop

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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

## St Peter's Church Organ

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St Peter's church organ is in need of repair to the blower box, which houses the motor. Without this, we have no bellows, so no wind to go through the pipes. The removal and replacement work is estimated to be around **£10,000**. Please help us fundraise as much as we can. If you would like to get involved, please speak to our organist Viv.

You can give to this fundraiser via our website. On our homepage head to the Donate button at top, and select "Organ Fund".

## Vacancy

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St Peter's is currently without a permanent priest, and services will be covered by Revd Rod, Revd Allan, and a number of visiting priests until the PCC can appoint a permanent Rector. You may find that there is some disruption to midweek services but 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 the next page 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.stpeterschurchfilton@gmail.com](mailto:faith.stpeterschurchfilton@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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

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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