



**AS A CHURCH OUR AIM IS:**  
 To grow closer to God, To grow closer to each other, To grow closer to the community



# St Peter & St John Church

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

**Sunday 8th September 2019**

**8am Holy Communion**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

**Counting the Cost**

Rev Sheila Bridge

**5pm Breathe**

**GENEXIS: PUBLIC LECTURES AT COVENTRY CATHEDRAL**

Genexis a series of public lectures starting on **Monday 9th September at 7pm** at Coventry Cathedral and continues on Monday evenings for the next three weeks. more details and how to book tickets go to: <https://www.genexis.org/>

**VEG BEDS WORK DAY** On **Saturday 14th September** we are holding a 'gardening work day'. Our focus is on building the community garden at the back of the church. Jobs include building raised beds and laying the path. We will be there from 10am but anticipate this will be an all day job. We would love it if you could come along and give us a hand at any point throughout the day. Any donations of plants and garden equipment would also be gratefully accepted. We want to make this a beautiful area with flowers and vegetables for the whole community to enjoy.

**CELEBRATION SERVICE & LUNCH WITH BISHOP CHRISTOPHER**

This will take place on **Sunday 6th October at 10.30am**. Come along and help us celebrate becoming a parish in our own right. The new front door will be officially opened by Christopher, Bishop of Coventry and will be followed by a 'bring & share' lunch (there will be a notice up in the hall to sign up for this). It is also Harvest Festival so please bring along a donation for the food bank.

**WEEKLY ECO-TIP: #secondhandseptember**  
 Over a billion tonnes of carbon emissions are produced by the fashion industry & millions of items of clothing are sent to landfill each week in the UK. *Second Hand September* is a campaign set up by Oxfam to encourage people to avoid buying new clothes for the 30 days of September. Instead, look for used items in charity shops, car boot sales & jumble sales. Get your sewing kit out and repair damaged items or upcycle old clothes to make them look beautiful again and if you think you will only need an item once then try and borrow it!

**Contact us**

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*Newsletter Entries to Angela at the Church office by 10am on Tuesday.*

<u><b>This Week</b></u>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.30am	Knit & Natter
<b>Wednesday</b>	10am	Pjs Toddler Group
	12 noon	Holy Communion
	12.30pm	Community Lunch
	5.30pm	Beaver Scouts
	7.15pm	Scout Troop
<b>Thursday</b>	10am	Coffee, Craft & Cake
	5.30pm	Beavers
<b>Friday</b>	10am	Pjs Toddler Group (soft play)
<b>Saturday</b>	From 10am	Gardening work day. All Welcome
 <b>Next Sunday 15th September</b>  		
<b>Service:</b>	10.30am Holy Communion	Reading: Psalm 14, Luke 15:1-10
	5pm Breathe	

## Today's reading taken from the New Living Translation.

### Psalms 139:1-5

O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.  
You know when I sit down or stand up.  
You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.  
You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do.  
You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord.  
You go before me and follow me.  
You place your hand of blessing on my head.

I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night—but even in darkness I cannot hide from you. To you the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to you. You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvellous—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!

### Luke 14:25-33 The Cost of Being a Disciple

A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, "If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple. "But don't begin until you count the cost. For who would begin construction of a building without first calculating the cost to see if there is enough money to finish it?

29 Otherwise, you might complete only the foundation before running out of money, and then everyone would laugh at you. They would say, 'There's the person who started that building and couldn't afford to finish it!' "Or what king would go to war against another king without first sitting down with his counsellors to discuss whether his army of 10,000 could defeat the 20,000 soldiers marching against him? And if he can't, he will send a delegation to discuss terms of peace while the enemy is still far away. So you cannot become my disciple without giving up everything you own.



### **This week's prayer**

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### **Those who need our prayer:**

Jonathan Price, Kirsty Holt, Edwina Goodwin, Rachael Coysh, Kim Morton, Casper, Fiona Humphrey, Claire Boulton, Claire Worster, Julie Young, Susan & Trevor Vann, Sue Newnham, Simon Whitely, Brian Copperwheat, Liz.

*If you would like to add a name to this prayer list please contact  
[jenny@peterjohnchurch.org.uk](mailto:jenny@peterjohnchurch.org.uk)*

### **Each week we have a different focus for prayer:**

#### **Church Leaders:**

Bishop Christopher and Bishop John, Archdeacon Sue and Sheila.

### **As a Church we are also praying for:**

*We are remembering/celebrating the following in September*

**Birthdays:** 5th Dee G, 22nd Rachel C, 24th Jacqueline I,

**Anniversaries:** 1st Angie & Bernard W, Sheila & David B, 12th Richard & Kay G

**Memorials:** 2nd Alf Sanders, 27th Harold Ayscough, 28th Elizabeth Wakefield, 29th Jean Stanton

### **God at Work:**

We give thanks for the Harvest Church Congregation who meet every Sunday in our church hall after our morning service and for good connections with their church leaders. We pray that both congregations will find ways to bless our community together.