

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

The funeral for Charles Cashmore will be here on Tuesday Feb 20th at 2pm, after a committal at Whinfield Cemetery. There will be tea and cake served in the church hall. Irene would like to thank you for your support and say that you are all welcome to come.

Sermon series on Resilience. We will be learning together about what it means to have "staying power", how to bounce back after setbacks or disappointments and how to thrive under pressure. Each week we will focus on a different building block of resilience. The remaining Sundays include:

- February 18: It's Okay to Be Me
- February 25: Managing Our Emotions
- March 4: In It for the Long Haul (WFA)
- March 11: Managing Our Thoughts
- March 18: We Are All in This Together

Ash Wednesday There will be a communion service at 12pm on Ash Wednesday (February 14th) followed by a lunch of soup and a roll. Donations can be made to Christian Aid at the lunch.

Lent group You are warmly invited to join a lent group held at 19 Sheriff Road at 10am starting on Friday 16th February. We will be using the 40 stories of Hope book. Please let Linda know if you are able to join this group on 568373.

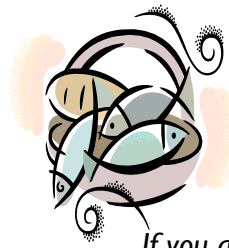
Friday 23rd of February: quiz night with fish and chip supper. Please sign up in church hall

Volunteer/s needed in the kitchen for **Friday morning soft play** sessions to help make refreshments 10 AM to 11:30 AM every Friday please see Yvonne if you are able to help.

Rugby Youth for Christ will be hosting a Curry, Comedy & Christianity evening on Friday 16th March from 7pm. Tickets are £12.50 (includes food) and can be purchased from ruth@rugbyyfc.com.

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Newsletter Entries to Jenny at the Vicarage by 10am on Thursday.



St Peter & St John Church

EVERYONE WELCOME

If you are new, or visiting, please take a welcome pack home - these can be found on the table at the back.

Sunday next before Lent

Sunday 11th February 2018

Being part of something bigger

8.00am Holy Communion

Revd Tim Davis

10.30am Holy Communion

Revd Sheila Bridge

<u>This Week</u>		
Tuesday	10.30am	Knit & Natter
Wednesday	10.00am	Mother & Toddler Group - Yvonne 311728
	12.00pm	Holy Communion with lunch
	5.30pm	Cubs
	7.15pm	Scouts
Thursday	5.30pm	Beavers
	7.15pm	Explorer Scouts
Friday	10.00am	Soft Play - Yvonne 311728
Next Sunday 18th February - 1st Sunday of Lent		
Its ok to be me		
Readings:	Nehemiah 5: 1-12, 1 Peter 4: 7-11	
Service:	10.30am	Holy Communion

Todays readings

Exodus 18: 5-8 & 13-23 taken from New Living Translation.

Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, now came to visit Moses in the wilderness. He brought Moses' wife and two sons with him, and they arrived while Moses and the people were camped near the mountain of God. Jethro had sent a message to Moses, saying, "I, Jethro, your father-in-law, am coming to see you with your wife and your two sons." So Moses went out to meet his father-in-law. He bowed low and kissed him. They asked about each other's welfare and then went into Moses' tent. Moses told his father-in-law everything the Lord had done to Pharaoh and Egypt on behalf of Israel. He also told about all the hardships they had experienced along the way and how the Lord had rescued his people from all their troubles. The next day, Moses took his seat to hear the people's disputes against each other. They waited before him from morning till evening. When Moses' father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he asked, "What are you really accomplishing here? Why are you trying to do all this alone while everyone stands around you from morning till evening?" Moses replied, "Because the people come to me to get a ruling from God. When a dispute arises, they come to me, and I am the one who settles the case between the quarreling parties. I inform the people of God's decrees and give them his instructions." "This is not good!" Moses' father-in-law exclaimed. "You're going to wear yourself out—and the people, too. This job is too heavy a burden for you to handle all by yourself. Now listen to me, and let me give you a word of advice, and may God be with you. You should continue to be the people's representative before God, bringing their disputes to him. Teach them God's decrees, and give them his instructions. Show them how to conduct their lives. But select from all the people some capable, honest men who fear God and hate bribes. Appoint them as leaders over groups of one thousand, one hundred, fifty, and ten. They should always be available to solve the people's common disputes, but have them bring the major cases to you. Let the leaders decide the smaller matters themselves. They will help you carry the load, making the task easier for you. If you follow this advice, and if God commands you to do so, then you will be able to endure the pressures, and all these people will go home in peace."

Romans 12: 3-8 taken from New Living Translation.

Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.



This week's prayer

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Those who need our prayer:

Casper, Kim Morton, Fiona Humphrey, Peter, Marion Booth, Brian Griffiths, Claire Boulton, Irene Cashmore, Claire Worster, Julie Young, Trevor Vann, Sue Newnham.

We pray for the friends and family of Charles Cashmore who recently passed away
Funeral details in news section

*If you would like to add a name to this prayer list please contact
office@peterjohnchurch.org.uk*

Each week we have a different focus for prayer:

This week we are praying for our Church Leaders:

Bishop Christopher and Bishop John, Archdeacon Missioner Morris, Archdeacon John, Sheila and Tim.

As a Church we are also praying for:

We are remembering/celebrating the following in

February:

Birthdays: 16th Margaret Mortimore, 19th Gail Richmond, 20th Cara McQuillan.

Memorial: 17th Malcolm Booth, 20th Isaac Wilson, 22nd Dorothy Aitkin.

God at Work

We are delighted to have been able to train four volunteers this week to teach English through Drama in St Andrew's Benn school to parents from that school. We have been enabled to serve our community in this way through a grant received from the Cinnamon Trust and we are working with an organisation called Creative English. 12 mums have already signed up for this this weekly class which has been funded for a year. The school is most appreciative that we have made this possible.