

January 20th - 29th Diocesan Pilgrimage to Israel: Please pray for our vicar Sheila as she leads a pilgrimage to Israel with Bishop John. There are 45 pilgrims, please pray for safe journeys and good relationships all round. Pray that we will be a blessing to the charities, hospitals and orphanages which we visit, as we will be carrying money from churches in our Diocese to bless the Christians in the Holy Land. St Peter and St John have made a contribution of £250.

Harris School - has a new chaplain Revd. Eric Boateng, an ordained Methodist minister. Do please pray for him as he settles in to the new role.

In January **Mother and Toddlers** would appreciate some extra support on Wednesday and Fridays as Yvonne is away for some time. If you can offer to support for even just one session, that would be greatly appreciated.

Marjorie Sims The funeral will take place on Monday 3rd February 10.00am at Rainsbrook Crematorium followed by Service at St Peter & St John Church at 10.30am

WEEKLY ECO-TIP: Ideas for an Eco-Friendly Valentine's
Most cocoa farmers are impoverished. Sadly, child labour (even slavery) and deforestation are commonly associated with cocoa production. Giving fair-trade chocolate this Valentine's Day is a great way to help support responsibly cultivated cocoa. Fair-trade certified cocoa is often shade-grown, providing wildlife habitat and protecting rain forests. It also helps ensure the farmers are paid a fair wage for their products and have safe working conditions.

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WELCOME TO

St Peter & St John Church

As a Church our Aim is to grow closer to God, to grow closer to each other, to grow closer to the community

Sunday 12th January

10.30am Holy Communion

Revd Sheila Bridge

This Week

Tuesday	10.30am	Knit & Natter
Wednesday	10.00am	Pjs Toddler Group
	12.00pm	Holy Communion
	12.30pm	Community Lunch
	5.30pm	Cubs
	7.15pm	Scouts & Explorers
Thursday	5.30pm	Beavers
Friday	10.00am	Pjs Toddler Group (soft play)

Next Sunday 19th January

Service:	10.30am	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Breathe
Reading:	Psalm 40: 1-12, John 1: 29-42	

Isaiah 2: 1-12

This is a vision that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In the last days, the mountain of the Lord's house will be the highest of all—the most important place on earth. It will be raised above the other hills, and people from all over the world will stream there to worship. People from many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of Jacob's God. There he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths." For the Lord's teaching will go out from Zion; his word will go out from Jerusalem. The Lord will mediate between nations and will settle international disputes. They will hammer their swords into plow shares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will no longer fight against nation, nor train for war anymore. Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord! For the Lord has rejected his people, the descendants of Jacob, because they have filled their land with practices from the East and with sorcerers, as the Philistines do. They have made alliances with pagans. Israel is full of silver and gold; there is no end to its treasures. Their land is full of warhorses; there is no end to its chariots. Their land is full of idols; the people worship things they have made with their own hands. So now they will be humbled, and all will be brought low—do not forgive them. Crawl into caves in the rocks. Hide in the dust from the terror of the Lord and the glory of his majesty. Human pride will be brought down, and human arrogance will be humbled. Only the Lord will be exalted on that day of judgment. For the Lord of Heaven's Armies has a day of reckoning. He will punish the proud and mighty and bring down everything that is exalted.

Matthew 3: 13-17

Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. But John tried to talk him out of it. "I am the one who needs to be baptized by you," he said, "so why are you coming to me?" But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires." So John agreed to baptize him. After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy."



This week's prayer

Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Those who need our prayer:

Kenneth Timson, Brian Copperwheat, Edwina Goodwin, Rachael Coysh, Claire Boulton, Claire Worster.

Those wanting to add to names to this prayer list must please contact stpeterjohnsrugby@gmail.com, names will be on for 3 months unless we hear any more from you.

Each week we have a different focus for prayer:

Our Mission, outreach and involvement in our Church Leaders:

Bishop Christopher and Bishop John, Archdeacon Sue Archdeacon Barry and Sheila.

As a Church we are also praying for:

We are remembering/celebrating the following in January

Birthdays: 8th Steve C, 19th David K, 22nd Helen J.

Memorials: 14th Peter Stanton, 15th Mary Hodgson, 27th Charles Cashmore, 31st Ida Hitchcock

God at Work:

We give thanks for all those whose regular giving makes the life of the church possible. We pray for a widened blessing: both on those who already give and that more may feel called to give or to remember us in their wills.