

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

**Christian Aid Week:** During this week we will be collecting for Christian Aid. Please put any donations in the envelopes provided.

**'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer initiative:** Please pick up a Christian Aid 'Stronger than Storms' daily prayer booklet if you would like to join us in praying through the period of prayer between Ascension Day and Pentecost (11 days). There will be two additional times to pray together: Monday 14th at 7pm and Thursday 17th at 7pm - both in the choir vestry for half an hour.

**PCC** - the next PCC meeting is on Tuesday 22nd May 7.30pm in the Choir Vestry. Please be praying for the new members of our PCC as we come together for the first time.

**Hope4 Key Worker position:** Hope4 are currently have a vacancy for a Key Worker who can support those who are homeless or badly housed. This position is for 25hrs/week. For more information please visit the Hope4 centre where they can show you around and discuss further.

**News Sheet** - would you like to receive the weekly news sheet by email? If this would be helpful to you please email me sheila@peterjohnchurch.org.uk and we will arrange for you to receive it weekly.

**Contact us**

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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 after Ascension*

**Sunday 13th May 2018**

*The Kingdom is ..... us!*

**8.00am Holy Communion**  
 Revd Tim Davis

**10.30am Holy Communion**  
 Revd Sheila Bridge

**6.00pm Breathe Service**

<u><b>This Week</b></u>		
<b>Monday</b>	7.00pm	Thy Kingdom Come Prayers
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.30am	Knit & Natter
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00am	Mother & Toddler Group - Yvonne 311728
	12.00pm	Holy Communion with lunch
	5.30pm	Cubs
	7.15pm	Scouts
<b>Thursday</b>	7.00pm	Thy Kingdom Come Prayers
<b>Friday</b>	10.00am	Soft Play - Yvonne 311728
<b>Next Sunday 20th May - Pentecost</b> <i>Kingdom: Power to transform</i>		
Readings:	Ezekiel 37: 1-11, Acts 2: 1-21	
Service:	10.30am	Holy Communion
	5.00pm	Breathe tea & chat followed by short service at 6.00pm

## Today's readings

### **Ezekiel 36: 24-28 taken from New Living Translation.**

For I will gather you up from all the nations and bring you home again to your land. "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. Your filth will be washed away, and you will no longer worship idols. And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations. "And you will live in Israel, the land I gave your ancestors long ago. You will be my people, and I will be your God.

### **Acts 1: 15-17 & 21-26 taken from New Living Translation.**

During this time, when about 120 believers were together in one place, Peter stood up and addressed them. "Brothers," he said, "the Scriptures had to be fulfilled concerning Judas, who guided those who arrested Jesus. This was predicted long ago by the Holy Spirit, speaking through King David. Judas was one of us and shared in the ministry with us." "So now we must choose a replacement for Judas from among the men who were with us the entire time we were traveling with the Lord Jesus— from the time he was baptized by John until the day he was taken from us. Whoever is chosen will join us as a witness of Jesus' resurrection." So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. Then they all prayed, "O Lord, you know every heart. Show us which of these men you have chosen as an apostle to replace Judas in this ministry, for he has deserted us and gone where he belongs." Then they cast lots, and Matthias was selected to become an apostle with the other eleven.



## This week's prayer

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

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

Bert Jegar, Lesley Green, Casper, Kim Morton, Fiona Humphrey, Brian Griffiths, Claire Boulton, Irene Cashmore, Claire Worster, Julie Young, Trevor Vann, Sue Newnham.

*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 and Sheila.

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

*We are remembering/celebrating the following in  
May:*

**Birthdays:** 26th Diana King & Albert Jegar

**Anniversaries:** 17th Jasmin & Simon Bingham,  
21st Kenneth & June Timson

**Memorial:** 19th Chris Hayward

### **God at Work**

This week we received another gift of £5,000 towards the next stage of Project Welcome. There are some major applications in process at the moment. Pray for wisdom for those involved in writing these bids and for those making decisions about them.