

# ST PETER & ST JOHNS CHURCH

Our Aim is to grow closer to God,  
to grow closer to each other,  
and to grow closer to the community

## THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

10:30AM MORNING PRAYER

Reading: Ezekiel 43:27-44:4  
Luke 2: 22-40

### WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH

10:00AM PJ'S TODDLER GROUP

12:00PM HOLY COMMUNION

followed by community lunch (~12:45pm)

### COLLECT

*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**

### \*\* NEW SERVICE OF WORSHIP PATTERN \*\*

1st Sunday - Holy communion

2nd Sunday - All age service

3rd Sunday - Holy communion

4th Sunday - Morning Prayer

5th Sunday - Morning Prayer

*Your word is a lamp to my feet,  
and a light to my path.*

*Psalm 119: 105*

### **THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS**

Trevor Colledge, Joyce Higgs, Stella Jones,  
Darren Bavington, Louise Bradshaw,  
Kenneth Timson, Claire Boulton, Claire Worster.

### **MARCH - BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & MEMORIALS**

**Birthdays:** 9th Angela B, 11th Gabriel J, 13th Silas J,  
18th Geoffrey T, 19th Les M, 23rd Joyce H, 30th Yvonne R

**Memorials:** 28th Marion Booth.

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## Ukraine

### statement from the Archbishops



"The horrific and unprovoked attack on Ukraine is an act of great evil.

"Placing our trust in Jesus Christ, the author of peace, we pray for an urgent ceasefire and a withdrawal of Russian forces.

"We call for a public decision to choose the way of peace and an international conference to secure long term agreements for stability and lasting peace.

"We invite Christians to make this Sunday a day for prayer for Ukraine, Russia and for peace.

"We also give our support to the call from Pope Francis for a global day of prayer and fasting for peace on Ash Wednesday, March 2."

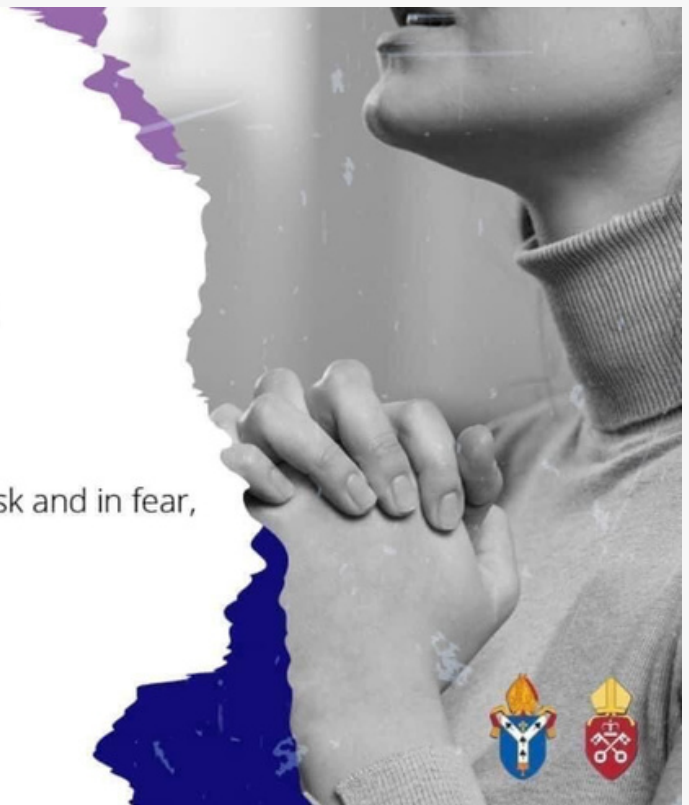
**Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop Stephen Cottrell**



## A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen.

**Archbishop Justin Welby**  
**Archbishop Stephen Cottrell**



*"We are most effective as  
believers when we join together  
in love and prayer"*

## NEWS AND NOTICES

### ASH WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday 2nd March we will have a service at 12pm for Ash Wednesday. The lunch following will consist of soup, rolls and fruit. All welcome to stay for the light lunch afterwards. Donations from the lunch will be given to a charity.

In addition to this St Georges will be holding a Communion service on Ash Wednesday at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### JOINT PRAYER MEETINGS: JOINING TOGETHER AS A UNITED BENEFICE AND FINDING A NEW INCUMBENT

Upcoming prayer meetings will be held on the following dates:

#### **St Georges Church**

Tuesday 8th March at 8pm

#### **St Peter & St Johns Church**

Monday 21st March at 8pm

These are joint prayer meetings so please do consider attending both where possible.

### LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH RUGBY DEANERY DAY AT ST MARK'S, BILTON SATURDAY 5TH MARCH

Living in Love and Faith is the Church of England's new initiative to help us come to a better understanding of the range of Christian teaching about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. Bishop Christopher is encouraging all churches in the diocese to participate and in the Rugby Deanery we will be holding a special day on Saturday 5th March from 9.30am to 5pm at St Mark's Bilton to explore the LLF course. All are welcome and you can sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/252088321957>. Participants will also be asked to attend an introductory session on Zoom on Monday 28th February from 7 to 9pm.

### NOTICE OF DRAFT PASTORAL SCHEME

This draft Scheme provides for:

- the union of the benefice of Rugby Saint George and the benefice of Rugby Saint Peter and St John (their constituent parishes to remain distinct);
- for the appointment of the first incumbent of the new benefice and for the parsonage house to be that of the benefice of Rugby Saint Peter and St John;
- for the transfer to the Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance Limited of the parsonage house of the benefice of Saint George for diocesan purposes; and
- for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice; all in the diocese of Coventry.

A copy of the draft pastoral scheme can be found on the main front door or by visiting;

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/parish-reorganisation-and-church-property/consultation-parish-reorganisation-and-26>

Anyone may make representations for or against all or any part or parts of the draft Scheme to the Commissioners (please include the reasons for your views) preferably by email or by post to reach them no later than midnight on Tuesday 8 March 2022.

Please send your representation to

(e-mail: [matthew.crowe@churchofengland.org](mailto:matthew.crowe@churchofengland.org)) or letter marked for the attention of [Case Officer], Pastoral Division, Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, LONDON SW1P 3AZ.

### APPOINTING A NEW INCUMBENT

As many of you will already know, there were no applications for the post of incumbent for St Peter and St John and St Georges.

Church wardens and parish reps for the 2 churches have spoken with Archdeacon Barry and we will advertise again soon.

We will give further details when we have them.