

# St Peter's Church and Junction, Boughton Monchelsea

## NOTICE SHEET – 12 OCTOBER 2014

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A warm welcome to everyone, especially if you are a guest or here for the first time.  
Our Minister is Geoff Davis, our Assistant Minister is Yvonne Salmon, and our  
Churchwardens are Margaret Greig and Tony Avard

### **SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER - 17 After Trinity**

10.15am **MORNING WORSHIP** – Yvonne. Bible readings are Isaiah 25 v 1-9 and  
Matthew 22v 1-14. Theme 'An Invitation for You'

11.00am **JUNCTION** Village Hall

### **Monday 13**

**7.30pm THE FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S CHURCH** warmly invite you to their  
**AGM.** In the Committee Room at Village Hall.

### **Tuesday 14**

10.45am **PRAYER MEETING** at Anne Blake's home 2 Windmill Court – all  
welcome

### **Wednesday 15**

7.30pm **BELL RINGING** (call Tony on 744 931)

### **Friday 17**

3.30pm Funeral service for the late Tracy Back (51) at Vinters Park – Geoff

### **Saturday 18**

7.30pm **ANTI SLAVERY EVENING – with AUCTION OF ORIGINAL  
ARTWORKS** Musical entertainers include Barry Knott, Joe Pearson, Geoff. Get  
your tickets from Margaret Greig today. Or call **Lydia on 07740 285 324.** You can  
bid for the works even if you are unable to attend the evening – write you details on  
the list at the back of the church or email the church office with your contact details,  
amount of your bid and info as to which work it is you are bidding for.

### **SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER - 17 After Trinity**

10.15am **INFORMAL HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE** –with Baptisms of Hugh  
Wilson and Jackson Germann – Geoff

11.00am **JUNCTION** Village Hall

*Note – Sermons can be listened to on [www.stpeters-church.org.uk](http://www.stpeters-church.org.uk)*

## **NEWS AND EVENTS**

**RETIREMENT** – On Sunday 28 September I announced my retirement. It has been  
such a hard decision to make but I know the time is right. In the Parish we are in a  
good stable situation - money in the bank, no debts; we have the land ready to be  
prepared for the extension to the churchyard; two very good and experienced  
Churchwardens and a united and visionary PCC in place to oversee the transition

after I leave. In the Deanery I know the hierarchy have thoughts about the future of parishes and once I am out of the picture discussions can begin with our PCC.

Personally - I am weary and had another health scare recently. Once again the Doctor said to me 'Geoff, its time to slow down'.

So, I am in situ until Sunday November 16 and then I'll be off duty, sorting The Vicarage and admin etc etc and my leaving service will be on Sunday 18 January 2015 marking 29 years and 2 days as your Vicar.

It is a huge wrench for me and I feel I am on an emotional roller coaster. But I must also confess that it will be a relief to lay down the responsibilities which I find increasingly difficult to cope with physically and emotionally. So, a new season for me and for the parish. God Bless, *Geoff*

**ARTICLE IN KM** – a photo of Geoff and an article about his forthcoming retirement were featured in the KM on Friday 12 October. See copy at the back of the church.

**HARVEST GIFTS** Maidstone Christian Care were amazed by the quantity of produce that was delivered to them on Monday – and very thankful to receive it. The increasing need for Food Parcels means that they are handing out more and more each month so every tin and every packet – indeed every item they receive will be put to good use.

A retiring offertory at the Primary School Harvest Service generated £120.27 for Oxfam.

**PLEASE NOTE NEW ADDRESSES** – immediate effect

- **Linda Darling** – 2 Stone Cottages, Heath Road, Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone ME17 4JD Telephone the same 01622 747 024
- **Mark and Cheryl Price and family** – 71 Church Street Boughton Monchelsea, Maidstone ME17 4HN **NB NEW TELEPHONE Number is 532 832**
- **Luke McCarten** – Tree Whispers, Back Lane, Boughton Monchelsea, ME17 4JR telephone 07548 978 683

**LIFT TO CHURCH FOR PAM SMITH PLEASE** – Pam would be very grateful indeed if people could now call and collect her and bring her to church on Sunday mornings (and take her home again!). If you could help out occasionally do please give her a call on 844142. Or perhaps call on a Saturday to see if she has a lift for the next day.

**CHURCH PEWS** – there are still some of our redundant church pews available. Please contact Tony Avard (743 404) if you are interested in having one – make an offer.

**BILLY SMART'S CIRCUS** Thursday 16 Oct at Rochester – there are some vouchers at the back of the church that, on the purchase of a programme (£5) two people would be admitted. Please take a voucher if you could use it or know someone who would like to. Info at the back, with the vouchers

**AUTHORISED LISTENERS SCHEME** – The Diocese of Canterbury has appointed qualified counsellors and practitioners as 'Authorised Listeners' who are available to met with anyone who needs an attentive and attuned listening ear to help them to talk about current or past abuse of any nature. Male and female listeners will be available for up to four sessions, free of charge. If you would like to meet with an Authorised Listener please contact Elaine Rose ([elainerose@f2s.com](mailto:elainerose@f2s.com)) or Simon Tapp ([simontapp26@gmail.com](mailto:simontapp26@gmail.com)) who are The Diocesan Safeguarding Advisers. You can call them on 01233 720930

**GREEN HOUSE 6' x 6'6"** - £100. Buyer needs to dismantle and remove. See Judie or call 743321

**TEAM LEADER CAST** (Churches And Schools Together). Salaried Position. They are seeking a replacement for the current job holder in furthering 9 years of developing partnerships between churches and secondary schools in the Maidstone area. This role provides an opportunity for an experienced youth worker to join an exciting Christian charity. You will be responsible for 'co-ordinating a delivery programme for Christian schools work in 10 Maidstone secondary schools. Recruiting and maintaining a large volunteer and intern network. Work cross-denominationally to increase Church support for schools. Work with key individuals in schools to develop new ways of serving. For application pack contact Steve Knowles, Director of The Family Trust either by phone 07813 363 587 or email: [steve@familytrust.org.uk](mailto:steve@familytrust.org.uk). There is a Genuine Occupational Requirement for the holder of this post to be a Christian.

**MENTORS REQUIRED CAST** runs a mentoring scheme in partnership with several Maidstone Secondary Schools. Currently 22 volunteer mentors see approximately 58 young people every week. However, every school always has a waiting list of more young people who really need someone to talk to for 30 minutes a week (term time only).

Those 30 minutes are for listening to that young person, giving them time to be themselves and be listened to. Sadly there are a growing number of young people who do not have anyone willing to listen to them. If you think this is something you might like to do please contact Katie Reynolds by email [katie@castmaidstone.org.uk](mailto:katie@castmaidstone.org.uk) Or phone 761 519. Their next 6 week training course begins on 6 January 2015, 10am – 12 noon at the CAST office in Maidstone.

**CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES** – have raised almost £400 in the current year. Many thanks to all the box holders. Please collect your empty boxes from the back of the church and start filling again! Thanks, *Margaret Goodwin*

**IAN & FRAUKE PARRISH** - Their address is now 'All Saints Vicarage, Priory Road, Maidstone ME15 6NL Tel 756 002. Ian's new email is [rev.ianparrish@gmail.com](mailto:rev.ianparrish@gmail.com) Ian will be licensed as Priest In Charge of All Saints, Maidstone at 7pm on Tuesday 21 October.

**OLIVER ! OLIVER !** Performances will be

- Friday 7 November 7pm
- Saturday 8 November 2.30pm and 7pm
- Sunday 9 November 2.30pm

Tickets £7.50 adults and £3.50 children. Cheques to 'Boughton Monchelsea PCC' please. Available from Linda in church, Diana Gordon at Junction or Maddie Brace in the playground at the Primary School Office. Don't miss out – 4 sell out performances last year.

**PLEASE SPONSORSHIP THE OLIVER PRODUCTION** –There are considerable costs in putting on such a show (hiring of microphones, costumes, some props, hiring the hall for rehearsals and performances, and this time we have also had to pay for a licence to use the script and the music scenery production etc.) It all adds up to around £2,000. Please help by sponsoring the production. Any donations, however big or small will help. Please give your donation to the Wardens or to Linda Darling (cheques payable to 'Boughton Monchelsea PCC' please.) Please mark your gift clearly 'Oliver production' and if you are a business that you would like mentioned in

the programme, please include details of name of company and contact details.

Thank you so much.

We will also need front of house help on performance days. There will be a list for you to sign up to next week.

**WEBSITE** Please let Danny Watson [dwatson@thekmgroupp.co.uk](mailto:dwatson@thekmgroupp.co.uk) and Diana Gordon [dianagordonuk@googlemail.com](mailto:dianagordonuk@googlemail.com) have info to be included on our St Peter's Church website

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Friday 17 October - 'Light A Thousand Candles'** – All Saints Church, Maidstone will be open from 10am – 8pm to pray for our world as it faces the crisis of ISIS and Ebola. Everyone invited to call in and light a candle and pray for healing and peace.

**Thursday 23 October – St Peter's Pilgrims (Walking Group).** Meet in lay-by on Shipbourne Common near Tonbrige, opposite **The Chaser Inn** (TN11 9PE; GR TQ592523). 10.15am for 10.30am start. Walking boots recommended about 4-5 miles off road in a circular route. Back to pub for lunch. £1/head/walk for church funds

**Friday 31 October 3pm (doors open 2pm) 'An Afternoon With 'Alexander McCall Smith' at Sutton Valence Preparatory School, Chart Sutton ME17 3RF**

Best selling author of 'The No 1 Ladies' Detective Agency' that was serialised on TV recently. Come and hear Alexander talk about his writing, his characters and his latest projects. An opportunity to meet the author, buy his books and have them signed. Tickets £12 which include Afternoon Tea and free parking. Available from Colin Rollison 842 133 or email [colinann55@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:colinann55@tiscali.co.uk) or Sue Wight 844 946 email [swight1919@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:swight1919@hotmail.co.uk)

**Saturday 15 November** – 11am Canterbury Cathedral Crypt. A service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for 25 years of 'Weeks of Accompanied Prayer'. The preacher will be Bishop Trevor. Everyone is welcome, not just those who have participated in a Week of Accompanied Prayer.

**Saturday 29 November** – Maidstone United Reformed Church are hosting 'Charities Christmas Fair 2014'. The fair will open at 10.00am. Churches are invited to book table space (max of 2 per church). £8 per long table or £4 per small one. Stalls can be set up from 8.30am on the day. Tea, coffee and cakes will be on sale throughout the event and soup and rolls at lunch time. Contact [johnepmartin@gmail.com](mailto:johnepmartin@gmail.com) or call 07971 243 839

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**All those we know in need of God's healing power in their lives:**

Gladys Stanhope; John Phillips; Helen Fowler;

**God's comfort for all who mourn and the families and friends of the late**

David Matthews; Evelyn Link; Ray Town; Michael Mills ; Tracy Back

**If you have any news you would like included in the next news sheet, please contact the Church Office 01622 743321 or**

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