

**ST PETER'S CHURCH AND JUNCTION  
BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA**

**NOTICE SHEET - Sunday 24 September 2017**

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A warm welcome to everyone, especially if you are a guest or here for the first time. Our Vicar is the Rev Phil Goodey, our Assistant Minister is Rev Yvonne Salmon and Curate is Rev Dr Steven Sivyer. Our readers are David Parry and Emma Sivyer and our Churchwarden is David Bissell.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**All those in need of God's healing power in their lives including:** Diana Fletcher and Carole Hodges

**and for God's comfort for all who are mourning the loss of loved ones** including the family and friends of Bill Cox and Ron Davis

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24 September – Trinity 15</b>
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.15am	All Age Worship Reading: 2 Kings 22-23:25 followed by Baptism Preparation in the Vestry
11.00am	Junction in the Village Hall
4.00pm	Evensong
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>26 September</b>
11.00am	Prayer meeting at the home of Anni Blake, 2 Windmill Ct
7.00pm	Regency Dancing in the Church
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>27 September</b>
2.30pm	Church open for visitors
7.30pm	Bell ringing practice – contact Tony 744931
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>28 September</b>
7.30pm	Music Group practice for musicians only at Lizzy's
7.30pm	Deepening Discipleship course in the Church
<b>Friday</b>	<b>29 September</b>
6.30pm	Harvest Supper and Barn Dance in the Village Hall

<b>Saturday</b> 2.30pm	<b>30 September</b> Church open for visitors
<b>Sunday</b> 10.15am	<b>1 October - HARVEST</b> Morning worship with Holy Communion Readings: Philippians 2:1-13 and Matthew 21:23-32
11.00am	Junction in the Village Hall
2.30pm	Church open for visitors
<b>Monday</b> 2.00pm	<b>2 October</b> School Harvest in the Church
2.00pm	Tea, Cakes and Friendship at Dawn's home, 2 Pembroke Rd

**For any church business, notices, Baptisms, Weddings etc contact the Church Office on the number above.**

**Yvonne** is taking a well-earned break for the rest of September and plans to be back at work on Monday 2 October.

**Boughton Monchelsea Baby and Toddler Group** We are pleased to announce that this group will restart at St Peter's Church from 2nd October. It will run every Monday morning during term time from 10am to 11.30am. Each session will only cost £2 per family and this will include snacks (cake and tea/coffee for adults and fruit/biscuits and water/squash for children). There is no need to pre-book: simply turn up. Find us on Facebook: @boughtonmonchelseatoddlergroup

**Also:** Do you have an unused rug? The new Baby and Toddler Group are looking for some more rugs for the children to sit or play on. Do you have, or know anyone who has, any unused rugs that you/they do not mind donating? If so, could you please let Steven know on 831189 or [steven@sivyer.org.uk](mailto:steven@sivyer.org.uk). Thank you.

**Thank You** Diana Fletcher would like to thank everyone who has visited, called, sent messages and prayed for her during the time she has been unwell in hospital and at home, it has been much appreciated.

**New Church Directory** The new Directory is finally available from Lizzy or Margaret Greig, price £3.00. Due to data protection regulations it is only available for you to purchase if your details are included in it!

**Harvest Supper** The Harvest Supper will be this Friday 29 September in the Village Hall and will include a ploughman's supper and barn dance with live band! Tickets are £10 and are available now from Lizzy or the church office (743321) or Margaret Greig (744415). **Help is needed** in the kitchen for serving the meal and beforehand for setting up, please again contact Margaret if you can help do this, thank you.

**Harvest** Our Harvest Festival will be next Sunday, 1 October. As usual we will be collecting donations of non-perishable foodstuffs for the use of Maidstone Homeless Care. Please make sure your donations have long use-by dates and do not contain anything alcoholic and bring them with you to church next Sunday. Thank you.

**Deepening Discipleship Course** *Deepening Discipleship* is an eight week course designed to help discover discipleship and who God is calling you to be starting this Thursday 28 September at 7.30pm in the church. Please speak to Emma, Steven or Phil first if you would like to take part. You can find out more or register at [www.canterburydiocese.org/deepeningdiscipleship](http://www.canterburydiocese.org/deepeningdiscipleship) or see the further information at the back of church.

## Advanced Notices

**Tour of the Bible** Junction is holding an eight session course touring the Bible over the next year at the Village Hall. The evening starts at 7.30pm with a pudding and tea/coffee and then the teaching will cover the big picture of a section of the Bible followed by digging deeper into aspects of that section finishing at 9pm. Sessions start 2<sup>nd</sup> October, the course is open to all – bring a friend! Please contact Steven [steven@sivyer.org.uk](mailto:steven@sivyer.org.uk) or 831189 if you are going.

**The Children's Society** - Pat and David Tomlin will be holding their annual Bring and Buy Coffee Morning in aid of The Childrens' Society at 34 Church Street on Wednesday 4th October from 10 am to 12 noon. We hope as many of you as possible can come and support this Christian charity, which helps vulnerable and abused children. NB Will all box holders please bring their boxes with them on the day.

## Can you help?

**Urgent Appeal!** The ladies at the Curious Eatery, who personally know people badly affected by the recent hurricane in the British Virgin Islands, are collecting clothes, toys, blankets/sleeping bags, toiletries, gardening gloves, tools – in fact virtually anything in good condition that will be sent on Thursday in a container directly to them. If you have anything they could use please take it to the Eatery **by Wednesday**. A full list is at the back of church on the noticeboard or speak to Nicole or Lesley at the Curious Eatery 299359

**Lifts to Deepening Discipleship and Tour of the Bible** Two people who would like to attend these courses are in need of a lift to enable them to get there. If you are able to provide lifts for either of them, or both, to either course, please speak to Steven as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Litterpicking

The Parish Council needs more volunteers to help with litterpicking. They are asking for volunteers for stretches of lanes or places in the village – it needn't be

the entire lane, even a short length would be useful – Church Hill between the church and the church car park, for example.

Would anyone - or any group of people - who can spare a few minutes now and again to pick a length of road regularly, give their details to Sara Evans, (01622 749246), please. She will be able to let you have litter picking sticks, bags etc and details of the safety rules to be observed.

**Friends' Open Day** The Friends of St Peter's are holding an Open Day on Saturday 7 October at the Church from 1pm until approximately 5pm (Free entrance). Various church and community groups will be involved and Steven will be giving an organ recital. There will be demonstrations by the flower arrangers and cathedral stonemasons. Some of the ladies will be serving teas all afternoon and **if anyone can help with providing cakes** it would be much appreciated. Please contact Pat Tomlin on M/s 743077 and see the Magazine for more information

**Waypoint Events** Waypoint are organising various events over the coming months and would like our support. Their most imminent event is a Harvest Trail around Maidstone next Saturday 30 September. **URGENTLY NEEDED – people to act as stewards** in the town to point families in the right direction for shop windows with pictures of baskets of food previously constructed by local schools: when children find these they are given a piece of a model scarecrow – when they have enough pieces their Trail ends at a craft table where their little scarecrow can be put together. Volunteers are needed to help so the day runs smoothly, please consider if you can help in any way in this outreach –

- Volunteering for an hour or two on the day (being a friendly face, giving out maps and helping participants find the baskets)
- Praying from home for an hour on the day
- Participating and bringing along friends
- Contributing towards the cost – we estimate it will cost a little over £5 for each child participating in the trail to receive a booklet, bag and other goodies along the trail.
- Any non-perishable food collected at the trail will be distributed to the local food banks and charities working with the homeless. See the poster for more details

or contact Heather May at [heather@waypointmaidstone.org.uk](mailto:heather@waypointmaidstone.org.uk)

**Help for Christians in Syria** I would like with your help to organise a fundraising evening of music dance, auctions ... for rebuilding one house in Syria for a family of Christian believer. Syria has been through 6 years of terrible war that has displaced 12 million people. Most are still in refugee camps in neighbouring countries. Syrian people are waiting to get back to rebuild their life in their own country. But they have lost everything except their faith. I would like with your help to make a difference to one family. As we need 3 to £4000 to build a house. Can I invite you for a meeting to decide on the plan of action and support. Contact Anne Dawes 07790 857990 if you would like to help with this.