



THE WEEK AHEAD



ST PETER'S FILTON | DIOCESE OF BRISTOL | CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Worship this week

Third Sunday of Lent
8.30am and 10am Eucharist
Facebook

Midweek services
Wednesday 7pm
Licensing and Installation of Fr Rod

Thursday 11am
Said Eucharist

Community Events

Coffee Shop
Monday - Thursday
10am - 1pm

Open House
Tuesday 9.30am Church Hall

Games Group
Thursday 10am Coffee Shop

Knitting Group
Thursday 5pm

Church Groups

Thursday 7.30pm
Bell Ringing Practice

Friday 7pm
Choir Rehearsal

Serving God, by serving you, your family & the Community

Welcome to St Peter's Church, Filton. We are a friendly, inclusive church welcoming everyone who wishes to worship with us. Join us in whatever way you can.



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Meeting ID: 349 514 8166
Password: 154508
Tel: 0203 481 5240

Giving to Church

Starting with Fr Rod's Licensing and Installation this Wednesday 26th March, we will once again be passing collection plates around the pews during the offertory hymn. This practice was stopped during Covid, but the wardens felt it an appropriate time to reinstate the tradition. If you prefer not to use cash, you can use this QR code to donate to the running of the church. You can also give online by clicking on the "donate button" on the home page of our [website](#). Or you can use the QR code on the end of each pew in church.



Thank you so much for your continued support in the running and upkeep of your church.

Coffee Shop

The coffee shop is very much in need of some more volunteers to join our team. It's a lovely, friendly place and a very worthwhile role. You can volunteer on a regular or occasional basis, or for just part of the morning - every little bit helps. So if you think you might be interested let me or one of our other volunteers know, and I can tell you more about it.

You can also contact me on the coffee shop number 07939 199034. Thanks, Mandy.

Of your charity please pray for:

- **Those acutely unwell:** Thelma Mountford, Jen Morgan, Revd Rod Cosh, Sue Gane
- **Those with chronic or long-term conditions:** Katie Roberts-Malpass, Joan Down, Lilian Smith, Marian Bryant, Rachel Williamson, Alice Morris
- **Those in need:**
- **Our local community:** WAGS Retired Police Dogs
- **Our Church and the wider diocese of Bristol** especially all our uniformed organisations
- **The departed:**
- **Those whose anniversary falls this week:** Maureen O'Hara, George Priest, Len Self, Marc Bryant, Harry Moore, George Menta

For a monthly diocesan prayer cycle, please see [link](#)

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

We will be holding the APCM meeting **after the 10am service on Sunday 6th April (likely around 11am)**. Everyone is encouraged to attend as this is a great opportunity to see what has been going on in the church over the past 12 months, and what our future will look like. The APCM report will be online from next week, and you have until 30th March to submit any questions you may have to our PCC Secretary, Chris Gooding.

Interim Minister

Fr Rod Cosh will be licensed by Bishop Viv as our Interim Priest in Charge here at St Peter's on **this Wednesday 26th March at 7pm**. You are all warmly invited. We will be celebrating the feast of the Annunciation and it will be lovely to show Bishop Viv just how much support Fr Rod has in continuing our mission in this community until such time as we can appoint a new permanent priest.

Lenten Introit

We are using the Lenten Prose as an introit during Lent. You are very welcome to join us in singing the chorus of this before the service.

Hearus, O Lord, have mercy upon us:

for we have sinned against thee.

Lenten Psalms

Each Sunday during Lent, the choir will sing a responsorial Psalm, and you are invited to join in the response. The psalm appointed for this week is Psalm 103, and the response is:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Time to Grieve

We meet on the **first Wednesday of the month, 10.30am**, in the Lady Chapel. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, come along to our friendly group where you will find support from Margaret, our retired grief counsellor. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, 2nd April**.

Notices are continued overleaf..

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Hats for heating

I have been crocheting some lovely hats, and I have a few left for sale to help with our heating fundraiser. These handmade hats are just £10 each, and 50% of the proceeds will go directly to our heating fund. The hats will be available for purchase on Sunday. Your support means a lot, and together we can make a significant difference. Thank you in advance for your generosity and enthusiasm, Claire.

Vacancy

St Peter's is currently without a permanent priest. However, Fr Rod Cosh will be licensed as an Interim Priest in Charge this Wednesday. He will provide us with the continuity we need until the PCC can appoint a new incumbent. Fr Allan will continue to support Fr Rod with services and you may still see some visiting priests. We hope that the disruption to regular services will be minimal, however we will always do our best to notify you on social media, by email, or in the news sheet, if this is the case. Sunday services will of course remain unaffected. During the vacancy, depending on what assistance you need, please see below for a list of useful contacts. We will do our best to help you but we are all still finding our feet, so please bear with us in this period of transition.

Heating in church - update

The PCC is still awaiting the decision on the faculty request which was submitted to the Diocese some weeks ago.

The faculty request is to install 8 Herschel radiant 'Halo' heaters into the church. Herschel is based in Avonmouth and are the leading experts in Net Zero church heating. In the long-term, once the new heating is installed, we would look at removing the current overhead heaters which are now breaking down one by one. If the faculty is granted, the total cost of the work is expected to be £74,604. This quote also includes updating the heating in the Lady Chapel and Coffee shop with more modern systems. These will use Herschel 'Colorado' systems, mounted in the same place as the current infrared heaters. After the PCC meeting in January 2025, it is expected we will still have sufficient funds in reserve for bills, salaries and our Parish Share to the Diocese going forward into the year onwards into 2026. If you have any questions, please speak to members of the PCC (see our website for a full list of members) or speak/email Thomas Moller directly. As the faculty and plans progress, the PCC will keep everyone up to date. You can see a photo of how our church will look after the installation of the heaters on our Facebook page.

Useful contacts during the vacancy

Faith, your administrator, for general church enquiries, and enquiries relating to baptisms, weddings, Banns, and funerals: faith.stpeterschurchilton@gmail.com

Thomas and Janet, your Church Wardens, for any concerns regarding the church building, or church services: wardens.stpeterschurchilton@gmail.com

Anne-Louise Pam for safeguarding concerns about any member of the congregation: almenta@hotmail.co.uk

Claire Eade for any concerns regarding pastoral care: claire.stpeterschurchilton@gmail.com

John Cahill for any financial enquiries: treasurer.stpeterschurchilton@gmail.com

Mandy Leslie for Coffee Shop enquiries: coffee.stpeterschurchilton@gmail.com

Nick Moller for Church Hall bookings: bookhall.stpeterschurchilton@gmail.com

The church mobile (07452 992 122) will be held by the Church Wardens. Whilst they will check it regularly, please try to contact people in the ways detailed above.

Vacancy Collect

This prayer has been created by the PCC as we begin the process of recruiting a new parish priest. You may wish to add it to your prayers as the PCC navigates this process on behalf of the church and the wider parish.

Holy, generous, gracious God, in whose presence we know love and support

We come further into your presence in our intercessions to you, seeking your guidance, seeking calm and peace.

In you may we find understanding, as we long to make sense of your world

In you may we find strength, in the times that we are weary, or needing relief from stress

In you may we find our lives fulfilled, as we respond to your call on our lives.

We ask this in reverence and humility, with hopeful and thankful hearts, in communion with all of the saints

Amen