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Our Vision Statement

St Peter's Church Leckhampton
exists to love and worship God,
to serve our neighbours and
to pass on the faith in Jesus Christ.

The Parish Prayer

Loving God
Open our eyes that we might see you.
Open our ears that we might hear you.
Open our hearts and minds that we
Might respond to you and bring others to know you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
Our Lord who lights our way.
Amen

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Cover pic: One of the St Peter's stoles available for the clergy to wear.



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Gary writes.....

The Common Cup

We have recently reintroduced the Common Cup at St. Peter's following its suspension during the pandemic, giving those who receive communion the option of either receiving the bread and the wine, or just the bread alone.

It is important to state that reception in one kind, i.e. the bread alone, is regarded as a full and complete communion, and no-one should feel any pressure to receive in both kinds if they have any concerns about doing so.

If you prefer not to drink from the chalice, then you are encouraged to make your way back to your seat after receiving the bread.

For those who *do* choose to receive the wine, the chalice will be cleaned and given a quarter turn between each communicant.

During the pandemic, and beyond, provision was made by the C of E for the person administering communion, most often the priest but not always, to fully hand sanitise and dip the bread into the wine, so that those receiving could receive both; this was called the 'simultaneous administration of the consecrated bread and wine' by the C of E.

This practice has now stopped at St. Peter's.

But what about intinction?

Intinction is where you receive the bread and wine, at the same time, by dipping your *own* bread into the wine. Whilst this avoids having to sip from the Common Cup, which some people feel makes it more hygienic, it is in fact *less* hygienic, due to the potential for germs (and other things) on fingertips to enter into the wine. The most hygienic way is to sip from the cup and allow the alcohol in the wine and the silver of the chalice to do their work.

The practice of intinction is no longer permitted in the C of E, so please don't try to dip your own bread into the wine.

I encourage you to prayerfully reflect on whether you wish to receive the Common Cup and, however you receive communion, may it be a tangible grace bestowed upon you. May it remind you that you have been redeemed by the precious Blood of Christ, reassure you of the forgiveness of sins and the deep love God has for you, and proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

Rev'd Gary

Live Stream Services for July

We will be live streaming the 10am service from St. Peter's most weeks.

This can be accessed via www.stpetersleck.org or
www.facebook.com/stpetersleckhampton

Readings for July

Date	Day	Readings
2 nd	PATRONAL FESTIVAL	Acts 12.1-11 1 Peter 2.19-25 Matthew 16.13-19
9 th	5 th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Genesis 24.34-38, 42-49, 58-end Romans 7.15-25a Matthew 11.16-19, 25-end
16 th	6 th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Genesis 25.19-end Romans 8.1-11 Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23
23 rd	7 th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Genesis 28.10-19a Romans 8.12-25 Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43
30 th	8 th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Genesis 29.15-28 Romans 8.26-end Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Refreshments after church – can you help?

As you are all no doubt aware refreshments are being served again after the morning service in the cottage garden, weather permitting. We are a little short of helpers. Anyone who would consider lending a hand occasionally could they please contact either Ro Baillie - 07747 002752 or Joey Kerr-Wilson - 07990 813122. Thanks.

From the Parish Registers

We congratulate those who were recently baptised:

Gary David Dando on 28th May

Casper and Emerson Curnock on 17th June

Sian Williams on 18th June

There were no weddings in June.

We offer our sincere sympathy to the families of those who have recently died, especially:

John Blizzard on 7th May aged 71

Doreen Joyce Moye on 23rd May aged 88

Enid Clark on 28th May aged 88

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Bereavement Support

Please contact one of the clergy if you would like to talk about a bereavement. Please visit the church Wellbeing webpage for more details.

Men's Group

6th July in the evening at 7:30pm in the Wheatsheaf.

John Laurence co-ordinator

Foundation Governors Needed!

Leckhampton Primary is a Church of England Voluntary Controlled school. This means that it is a local authority school run by the head teacher and her management team, overseen by the school's governing body. There are three foundation governors, appointed by The Diocese of Gloucester, in addition to the vicar of St. Peter's who is an ex-officio governor. They promote links between the school and the church as well as serving alongside governors appointed by parents, staff and the local authority.

Governors serve a four year term of office. We currently have a vacancy and, with another governor finishing their term soon, we are looking for two volunteers, who would be interested in taking on the role. Training will be provided.

All governors attend Main Governing Body meetings at the school. They also are on one or more committee, are involved in visiting the school and reporting back to the governing body. The time commitment is variable, averaging about eight hours a month (term time only).

Would you be interested in becoming a Foundation Governor?

If you would like to know more, please come and have a chat with one of us or with Rev Gary.

Jane Allison (01242 239975 07964 326274)

Sue Marlow (01242 581661)

Leckhampton Local History Society is holding an archive afternoon at St Peter's Church Leckhampton on Sunday July 16th from 2 to 4 pm. Come and browse historical information about our locality.

Teas will be served in the cottages in aid of Family Space, a local charity.

All Welcome.

Sue Marlow

Youth News

You can now find South Cheltenham Youth on Social Media!

Instagram: @southcheltyouth

Facebook: [facebook.com/southcheltyouth](https://www.facebook.com/southcheltyouth)

We hope this will help to let a few more people in the community know about the youth work we are doing.

Could you join our youth team?

We are looking for some more team to help us run youth work across South Cheltenham. We need some more team for our Tuesday evening youth work with ages 11-16. We would love to have at least one member from each Church in the South Cheltenham Team. Most of our team for this join us bi-weekly, but there is some flexibility on this. We are also hoping to start a new group for ages 16-19, as well as exploring opportunity for schools work. We also run Sunday morning youth sessions in some Churches. So there are plenty of different styles of youth work that you could explore. Whatever your age or talents, if you are interested in exploring joining our youth team, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Abbie, our Youth Worker, who would love to meet with you and discuss the best fit for you. All of our potential youth team are informally interviewed, safer recruited, and have relevant DBS checks, before joining.

Abbie Marsh

Youth Worker (JNC professional status)

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FRIDAY LUNCH with FRIENDS 2023

No lunches in July or August.

Resuming in September.

Little Pebbles *Tuesdays 10.00 to 11.30 in the Cottages during term time under the leadership of Lara Skinner.*

Parish Giving Scheme

A great way to support St. Peter's is through the parish giving scheme, which enables you to give, and for St. Peter's to receive, a monthly donation towards the mission and ministry of the church and parish. This is administered through the Diocese of Gloucester, so every penny comes back to St. Peter's and is gift-aided also. This provides the church with a regular income and a means with which to plan ahead. It is especially important in 'times like these' when services, bookings and income are reduced. For further information, email Peter Marlow: peter.marlow@softcopy.co.uk or check the Stewardship page of the church website: www.stpetersleck.org.

You can now enrol in the Parish Giving Scheme by phoning 0333 002 1271 to set up a regular donation. All you need is your bank account details and our parish code LKPT.

You can also support St. Peter's by making an online donation at:
<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/7930>

There is still the opportunity to make a donation towards the new furniture which is part of the reordering!

The Messenger, July 2023

Recognising the difference a volunteer can make

Jane Brown served 10 years as Parish Safeguarding Officer at St Lawrence, Barnwood, Gloucester. Having stepped down, we reflect on the lasting impression she made to her worshipping community and the wider diocesan team.

In her time acting as PSO, Jane raised the profile of safeguarding among the worshipping community at St Lawrence. Out of 65 roles, including clergy, church officers and volunteers, a fantastic 91% have completed the appropriate safeguarding training in the past year, to help keep them and those around them safe in the church. She's also been responsible for keeping DBS checks up to date.

The Revd Rob Crofton said, "Jane has done a fantastic job in overseeing this important area. She's supported me as vicar in dealing with any safeguarding issues that have arisen and ensured our PCC is regularly kept informed about safeguarding matters. She's dealt with the reviewing and publishing of our policies and ensured that we are compliant with our procedures.

"We are all really grateful to her for all she has done. She has now handed the baton to our new PSO, Heather Walker, and we wish Jane every blessing in her next steps of serving God."

Jane has encouraged all the volunteers to do safeguarding training. If people were not comfortable with learning online, Jane arranged in-person sessions for them and has also helped with arranging Farsi language training for Iranian volunteers.

She's worked closely with the Diocesan Safeguarding team and has been a valued part of the PSO network meetings.

Becca Faal, the diocesan Strategic Lead for Safeguarding Training and Learning said, "Jane has been a delight to have in our wider team of parish safeguarding officers. She has been very dedicated to the role and has also been very encouraging and supportive to the Diocesan Safeguarding team."

Jane says, "What a privilege it has been to be one of the first PSOs in Gloucester Diocese ten years ago. I have particularly enjoyed encouraging church officers and volunteers to come to understand safeguarding and promoting the culture and training courses. A last special piece of work was to help to facilitate face-to-face training for our Iranian church volunteers.

"It has been emotional to finally step down from this role but with honour and pride to have been called by God to do this vital and rewarding work."

Being an Eco Church is easier than you think

With more churches signing up to A Rocha's Eco Church Award scheme, we love to follow their journeys to achieving Bronze, Silver or Gold Awards. We all can make a difference, and it's often taking the small steps that add up to create the big change. From simple things like using hymns that celebrate God's creation to creating a wildlife area in the churchyard, you never know, you might qualify for an Eco Church Award already.

Find out more: gloucester.anglican.org/living-faith/environment/eco-church-in-an-hour

Children's book offers fresh approach to combining faith and science

Liz Cole, a member of the worshipping community in Woodchester, has published a book which aims to break the taboos around science and faith in a fun and engaging way.

The book, God's Cosmic Cookbook, has been published by Hodder Faith, in collaboration with the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion, in Cambridge.

Liz says, "I noticed there was a real divide between what children learn and understand about God and what they are taught about science, and there was a huge gap in resources that combined the two in a way that was engaging to a younger audience. Studying them both gives us a much fuller understanding of

just how awesome our God is. It is my hope that this book will be used by churches, schools and families to help them explore this miraculous world in which we live for themselves.”

Read more: gloucester.anglican.org/childrens-book-offers-fresh-approach-to-combining-faith-and-science

Gardening group brightens up Gloucester Cathedral

Every week, volunteers from across the Diocese meet at the Cathedral to care for the gardens and develop their life and social skills. The Gardening for Wellbeing group was formed to enable adults of all abilities to learn more about gardening, build community and achieve qualifications in basic skills. Open to anyone, the group has been particularly appreciated by those who are looking for a way to boost their health and wellbeing.

Read more: gloucester.anglican.org/gardening-for-wellbeing-group-brightens-up-gloucester-cathedral

Events and training

More details for all these events at gloucester.anglican.org/events

An evening with Jonathan Veira – The Unlockdown Tour

8 July, 7pm to 10pm

St John’s Church, St John’s Avenue, Gloucester, GL3 2DB

International singer Jonathan Veira is coming to Churchdown as part of his Unlockdown Sessions Live Tour. Jonathan is known from his appearances on Songs of Praise and at Spring Harvest and many other events.

gloucester.anglican.org/an-evening-with-jonathan-veira-the-unlockdown-tour

Motherhood and ministry seminar

17 July, 10.30am to 5pm

Online

This seminar aims to encourage young women to ordained ministry; explore the issues and concerns that might be raised realistically and with honesty; and to share ways of dealing with challenging aspects of the combination of

motherhood and ministry.

gloucester.anglican.org/motherhood-and-ministry-seminar-online

Three Choirs Festival

22 to 29 July

Gloucester Cathedral, College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2LX

This historic festival showcases rich and varied musical traditions from across the centuries and the world. From an evening offering in the Cathedral featuring the festival's own choirs alongside three internationally renowned orchestras, to a lively and varied family programme, there is something for every music-lover. The Festival Village will host free performances on the community bandstand and there will be free rehearsals in the Cathedral.

3choirs.org

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