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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

Cover picture by Gary Grady. See details of Eric Miller's book launch on pages 13 and 32.



St Peter's

Leckhampton Parish Church

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Live Stream Services for September

We will be live streaming the 10am service from St. Peter's most weeks. This can be accessed via <u>www.stpetersleck.org</u> or <u>www.facebook.com/stpetersleckhampton</u>

Date	Day	Readings
3 rd	NEW BEGINNINGS	Exodus 3.1–15
		Romans 12.9–end
		John 10.11-17
10 th	CLIMATE SUNDAY	Exodus 12.1–14
		Romans 13.8–end
		Matthew 18.15–20
17 th	15 th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Exodus 14.19–end
		Romans 14.1–12
		Matthew 18.21–35
24 th	ST MICHAEL	Genesis 28.10–17
		Revelation 12.7–12
		John 1.47–end

Readings for September

Morning Prayer is live-streamed at 9am each morning (Mon-Thu) from www.stpetersleck.org or <u>www.facebook.com/pipandjims</u> You can also join in person: Mon – Pip & Jim's, Tue – St. Christopher's, Wed – Emmanuel, Thu – St. Peter's.

Refreshments after church. The new rota covering August to October is now on the board in the Cottages. If you can help with refreshments after the 10am service occasionally, please add your name to the list. All newcomers very welcome. Any queries please get in touch: Ro Baillie – 702617 or 07717 002752 or Joey Kerr-Wilson – 578575 or 07990 813122

Gary writes.....

Agents of Change

I wonder, how you will tell the 'story of this summer'?

Some of you will have been away on holiday; some of you may have been glued to the TV watching the women's world cup; some of you may just have been enjoying the sunshine, well, for some of the time at least!

How will you feel when the autumn comes? Will something have changed?

Change is always lurking somewhere, just around the corner, and the South Cheltenham Team is certainly going through a time of change. But with change comes opportunity; opportunity to do something new or different, perhaps to be a little radical even?

Change is a reality of life, and because the Church is people, and people change, it is inevitable. Change actually means transition, a move from one state to another; in that sense, there is always change occurring around us, or even within us!

I recently heard myself saying the words 'evolution not revolution' in an interview; I think that's important, because evolution builds on progress, whilst revolution can sometimes mean starting again, and there has been so much progress made in the team over recent years, and I am genuinely hopeful and excited for the future.

Change is also intrinsic to the Kingdom of God, because of the reality we live in today; there is no growth without change. Heaven and earth are not yet fully aligned so the Church's mission is to bring in more of that alignment. Prophetically, what we see today is *not* what we are hopeful of seeing tomorrow. Thy Kingdom has not yet come!

Jesus encourages us not to despair when faced with change, and calls us to break down barriers in order to come closer to him and bring in the Kingdom. That means we should persist in prayer and our belief in him, for he is faithful. My prayer is that you have had a blessed summer and feel able to break down whatever barriers are preventing you from being an 'Agent of Change' and bringing in the Kingdom a little more in our time, and in this place.

Revd Gary

Team Rector

The churchwardens are pleased to announce that Rev Gary Grady has been appointed as the next Team Rector of the South Cheltenham Team and will pick up the role from 7th September. We are also pleased to announce that Rev Lauren Gate will be joining the team as the Associate Priest and Missioner* for St. Christopher's. Lauren has recently worked in the Diocese of London and will be licensed in the autumn, on a half-time basis. Please keep both in your prayers as they prepare for their new roles."

Rev Gary will be licensed as the next Team Rector of the South Cheltenham Team by Bishop Rachel on Sun **24th Sep**, 10am at P+J. This will be a team service, so there won't be a 10am service at St. Peter's that day.

Rev Lauren Gate will be licensed as the new Associate Priest & Missioner for Warden Hill by Archdeacon Phil on **Thu 12th Oct**, 7.30pm at St. Christopher's.

David Webber and Sally Marlow Churchwardens

Junior Church Is Back!

Children – pre-schoolers and juniors– There are things to do in the carpeted area and on the activities table each week in church. If you have any queries or would like to be on the Junior Church team, please contact Liz Johnson via the Parish Office.

Little Pebbles Will be back on Tuesday 5th September. A big thank you to Lara Skinner and the team for leading this over the past year *Tuesdays 10.00 to 11.30 in the Cottages during term time.*

'Notes from the Director of Music'

First and foremost, I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone for making me and my family so welcome at St. Peter's. Right from the start when I took an initial choir rehearsal and met Gary



and others to discuss the post, I have been made to feel very much 'at home'. Prior to starting in September, I've been busy over the summer trying to get things suitably organised so that I can hit the ground running. This has included planning all the music for services from September to the end of December, organising all the choir robes, and also creating a more efficient choir music library in the vestry. My thanks go to both Gary and Peter (treasurer) for being so supportive of my plans which have inevitably involved some financial investment (that they weren't expecting!), but we now have a number of new sets of choral music for the autumn term, and an entire set of labelled choral music boxes that are easy to see/find/use in the vestry moving forward.

As I write this (in August...), I have not - as yet - started working regularly with the choir, which I greatly look forward to doing. I am keen to recruit new members to the choir, both to enhance the general numbers in the choir (young and old!) but - more importantly - to also welcome new members to our church family. To this end, I have written to local schools (primary and secondary) to advertise choir membership to the pupils and parents, and am also in touch with the university to see if there are any students that might be interested in joining us. If any of you in the current congregation would be interested in joining the choir, or know of friends/family that might be interested, then please just drop me a line. New members will be assured of a warm welcome, and singing is one of the best things you can do to improve your physical, emotional and spiritual wellbeing! Come and give it a go!

Gary and I have discussed music for services at length, and we have agreed to introduce some new music for both the first Sunday of the month as well as our normal Sundays. You will see, via the new orders of service, that the congregational setting (for the Gloria, Sanctus/Benedictus, Agnus Dei) as well as the Gospel Alleluia is different. On the first Sunday of a month, the choir will not robe, and the music has a slightly more contemporary flavour (using folk melodies and taize, for example) for the congregational elements. For the other Sundays, the robed choir will process and recess, and the congregational setting is by Philip Ledger (previous Director of Music at Kings College, Cambridge, following David Willcocks) called the 'Classical Communion Service'. He has based the different sections of the Mass on themes from classical music. For example, the Gloria is based on Mendelssohn's 'Hymn of Praise', the Sanctus on Mendelssohn's 'Elijah', the Benedictus on Handel's 'Ombra mai fu', and the Agnus Dei on Dvorak's 'New World Symphony'. It is very effective, and I hope you will enjoy learning some new music. We may return to the Thorne 'Mass of St. Thomas' (the previous, long-standing setting) in the future, but my intention is to embed these new settings first, and perhaps to learn another new one further down the line as well. That way, we will be able to have a different congregational setting for each term. However, there is no rush (!), and we will spend time enjoying learning and getting used to these new settings first.

I'm very excited to be with you all at St. Peter's. This is a beautiful church with a wonderful community, family feel. I see huge potential in what we can all do and achieve together to bring glory to God, and I'm delighted to be starting on this journey with you all.

Kit Perona-Wright Director of Music

From the Parish Registers

We congratulate those who were recently baptised:

Iona Anastazja Urbanowski on 6th August Rory and Ada Wardell-Yerburgh on 12th August

We congratulate those who were recently married:

Magdalena Prokupkova and Dylan Harris on 22nd August Victoria Leon-Bethencourt and Jake Ling on 26th August

We offer our sincere sympathy to the families of those who have recently died, especially: Lynne Susan Whitehouse on 27th July aged 69



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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.

FRIDAY LUNCH with FRIENDS 2023

Come and enjoy a light lunch with friends old and new

Friday 29 September Friday 27 October Friday 24 November

12.30 – 2pm at the home of Sally & Peter Marlow 1 Vineries Close (off Kidnappers Lane)

Donations for The Children's Society will be welcome Please come and join us!

Eco-church: Going for Gold

Where would you look for <u>creeping Jenny</u>? Do you know where to find <u>Aaron's beard</u>? Would you like some <u>garlic mustard</u>? Thanks to Ben Gilchrist, these can all be found in St Peter's churchyard. We are very grateful to Ben, who has now completed and documented his second survey of all the plants surrounding the church. Helped by our new land management policy of less mowing, he has found an increase of over 20 new species since last time. The results can be found on the St Peter's website.

Ben's survey is part of our overall plan of being good stewards of God's creation, preserving biodiversity and preventing environmental destruction. As part of our effort to do this, we are taking part in A Rocha's Eco-church awards, and thanks to everyone's efforts, we have achieved a silver award. The main remit of A Rocha (which means The Rock in Portuguese) is to restore the natural world; the Eco-church programme began in 2016 and is just one of their projects. It is open to churches of all denominations. To achieve an award, we need to complete a survey, which can be found at ecochurch.arocha.org.uk.

We would now like to go further and aim for a gold award.

However, this is considerably more difficult than achieving a silver. Less than 1% of churches with awards have a gold. On average, it takes two and a half years to go from silver to gold. The nearest church to us with gold is Bethesda Methodist church. To reach gold, we need to provide supporting evidence for our answers to the survey, including our impact on the local community, as well as our plans for the future. Once we have submitted our survey and dossier of supporting evidence, we will receive a visit by an A Rocha team of four to review and confirm our submission before being considered for a gold award.

So we will need the support of all the congregation.

The Eco-church group at St Peter's consists of Rev Gary, Richard Kerr-Wilson (chair), Jennie Hawdon, Jacqui Dunlop, Penny Piggott, Sheila Pedley, Ursula Hart and Joey Kerr-Wilson. Please look at the survey and let us know of any ideas or suggestions you may have - and don't forget to do your carbon footprint (eg footprint.wwf.org.uk)!

Meantime, to inspire you, come and listen to Petra Crofton from A Rocha talk about 'Climate Change for All' in St Peter's at 7:30pm on Thursday 5th October!

Richard Kerr-Wilson



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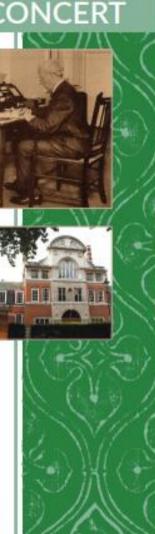
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Joey Kerr-Wilson,

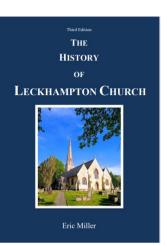
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Book Launch

The History of Leckhampton Church

A new edition of the history of St Peter's and its parish has just been printed. Distinguished by its Oxford blue cover, it has on the front a sunny photo of the church taken by the Reverend Gary, and on the back a full-colour image of Sir John Giffard. Inside are over 50 photos showing details and aspects of the church as it has evolved over the years. The text includes a lot of new information gleaned since the previous edition came out, nearly 20 years ago.

The book, priced at £5, will be launched in the Glebe Cottages after the 10 o'clock service on **Sunday 1st October**, when Eric will be signing copies. No regular worshipper should be without a copy!



Eric Miller

Cheltenham Heritage Open Days 8-17th September 2023

Booklets in church or other outlets in town or on the Heritage Open Days website. 21 open venues and buildings 4 plays and monologues 18 walks 21 talks Concerts and Exhibitions

Craft-T-Time began in September 2017 as part of the LIFE Project.

This year we have knitted christening blankets, made bookmarks and Easter baskets, continued our personal art projects and welcomed new members

We are beginning to make Christmas decorations from September .

Do join our friendly and supportive group on Wednesday mornings from 10-12 in the Cottages. All are welcome to join, even if just for a 'cuppa' and a chat.

Helen Shill

By Eric Miller

Leckhampton Local History Society Programme 2023/2024

Tuesday 26th September 2023

'Detecting & finds from Gloucestershire'- Nicola Potter

Tuesday 31st October 2023

'Bankers, Brewers and Barons' The story behind the memorials of St. Mary's Minster and St. Peter's Leckhampton. -Neela Mann

Tuesday 28th November 2023

'King Arthur in the Cotswolds and the Surrounding Region' Anthony Nanson

Tuesday 30th January 2024

'A Gloucestershire Odyssey, the history of the formation of the county'-Tony Conder

Tuesday 27th February 2024

'The Cotswold Way: 100 miles of history' Steven Blake

Tuesday 19th March 2024

St. Christopher Church 2.00pm Tom Denny Windows- Adrian Barlow

Tuesday 30th April 2024 Members Evening

Tuesday 28th May 2024

'Leckhampton and further afield in Old Prints'-AGM Eric Miller

Meet at St. Peter's Church, Leckhampton. Last Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm

The Messenger, September 2023

Celebrating God's story through stained glass windows

St Cyr's Church in Stinchcombe has used the Church of England's #StainedGlassSummer initiative to engage with families and children in their worshipping community.

The Revd Fiona Crocker, Vicar of Cam and Stinchcombe, says, "The windows in St Cyr's are 19th century and we have quite a lot – almost every window is a stained glass window. We have the apostles, the ascension, the transfiguration, Mary and Jesus – the whole of God's story in one church. It is a truly joyful celebration of stained glass windows."

The windows have been well loved and cared for by the worshipping community. In 2015, the PCC with the Friends of St Cyr, and with village support, raised money for refurbishment of the windows.

"We also use the windows in school lessons, which is a wonderful opportunity to share them with children. Recently we had a class from Cam Everlands Primary School come into the church. We do an 'I spy' activity which the children love, looking for all the things they can spot in the stained glass windows, we also challenge them to see how many angels they can find and incredibly one of the children found what looked like an angel saying #watchandpray.

"The windows are a great celebration of God's story and we use them to inspire the youngsters to design their own stained glass window. As part of that we have talked about the apostles and why they have been celebrated in the windows and what they did in their life – and we ask the young people, 'Just as God thinks the apostles were special God thinks you're special too. What do you think you are going to do in your life, what do you want to be remembered for, and what would your stained glass story be?'

"People are welcome to come in and enjoy the church as a sacred place, whether you have faith or no faith. St Cyr's Church is open every day, we have a disability entrance and electric lift, so it's freely accessible to all. So, we invite you to come and see the stained glass windows for yourselves."

Read more: gloucester.anglican.org/celebrating-gods-story-throughstained-glass-windows

Thornbury Foodbank reflects on 10 years' supporting people in need The Foodbank is run by volunteers from churches in the area. Mair Vaughn, part of the Thornbury Foodbank Management Team, says, "Ten years is a significant milestone in the life of the Foodbank here at Thornbury, although it's not something we wanted to celebrate. We will do that when the need for Foodbanks has gone!"

The Foodbank is in more demand than ever with the cost of living crisis affecting everyone in the chain.

Mair says, "One of our faithful volunteers has a plot at Daggs Allotment and approached the other growers to see if they would consider sharing some of their excess produce with us. Our clients have very much appreciated this addition to their parcels."

Find out more or donate: gloucester.anglican.org/thornbury-foodbank-reflects-on-10-years-supporting-people-in-need

Workshop helps churches welcome adults with learning disabilities

St Barnabas Church, Cheltenham, held a workshop run by the charity Count Everyone In, to discover ways to be more accessible to adults with learning disabilities.

Count Everyone In is a UK charity focusing on this specific area of Christian ministry. The founders, Pete and Christine Winmill, felt strongly that it was unreasonable to expect adults with learning disabilities in churches to know who Jesus is unless someone helps them to understand, to trust Him and to grow in faith.

They developed Know & Grow workshops to equip churches to communicate the love of Jesus to people with learning disabilities, covering topics like 'What does it mean to be human?', 'Learning disability and the Church', and aspects of faith such as the Bible, music and worship, and signing and symbols.

The Revd Janice Hamilton, Pioneer Minister for West Cheltenham Parish, says, "Seventeen people booked onto our workshop in July including church leaders, ordinands and readers in training, mostly from Anglican churches in Cheltenham but also coming from as far afield as Berkeley, and members of Baptist and Congregational churches too. The group included those who work with adults with disabilities in their day job, those who have experience of caring for grown-up children with learning disabilities and many of us with no prior experience. The feedback was very positive and encouraging."

One delegate, who has a son with learning disabilities, said, "I thought it was brilliant and very well run. Can't wait for the second one."

Find out more: gloucester.anglican.org/workshop-helps-churcheswelcome-adults-with-learning-disabilities

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

Building safe and caring communities

5 September, 10am to 4pm

St Mary de Crypt, Gloucester

This workshop explores the practical actions we can do to build safe, inclusive, and caring communities. The ethos of the workshop is about building on what a community has and is proud of.

gloucester.anglican.org/building-safe-and-caring-communities

Highlights from the Cathedral's Medieval Library

8 September Gloucester Cathedral, GL1 2LX

As part of Heritage Open Day, come along to the Chapter House to see a display of the original items chosen by volunteers from the Cathedral's historic Library and Archives.

heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/gloucester-cathedral-highlightsfrom-the-medieval-library

Gloucester's Christian Heritage

10 September. 1.45pm St Michael's Tower, The Cross, Gloucester GL1 1PA A walk round the City looking at places where people and events shaped Gloucester's Christian heritage. The tour lasts around one and a half hours. www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/gloucesters-christianheritage

Safeguarding Basic Awareness and Foundation

27 September, 9.30am to 1pm

Online and at Laud Room, Church House, College Green

This course aims to provide learners with a basic awareness of safeguarding and enable them to integrate this into their Christian faith and the Church's ministry. It is open for anyone to complete, regardless of their role, including members of congregations.

gloucester.anglican.org/safeguarding-basic-awareness-and-foundationsep23

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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: <u>peter.marlow@softcopy.co.uk</u> or check the Stewardship page of the church website: <u>www.stpetersleck.org</u>.

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!

Coach to Nick's Installation

There is a coach travelling to Nick's installation service at Tewkesbury Abbey on Thu 7th Sep. If you would like to book a place (£9), please email Sean Marsh, Church Administrator at P&J: info@pipandjims.org.uk or call 01242 522658.





Socials.

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Domino's Pizza and Board Games - £5 @ CNC with Emmanuel Tue 12th Sept

> Murder Mystery evening - £2 @ CNC with Emmanuel Tue 24th Oct

> > Movie evening - £2 @ CNC with Emmanuel Tue 28th Nov

Christmas Meal and Silent Disco - £10 @ Pip and Jims Tue 12th Dec

Time: 7 - 8.30pm

11-16s.

Games & Topics.

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19th Sept: Safeguarding Conversations 26th Sept: Creationtide Reflections 3rd Oct: Intro to Wellbeing 10th Oct: Anti-racism Conversations 17th Oct: Wellbeing: Mindset 7th Nov: Wellbeing: Physical 14th Nov: Wellbeing: Emotional 21st Nov: Global Church Conversations 5th Dec: Advent Reflections 19th Dec - Christmas Reflections

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Murder Mystery evening - £2 @ CNC with Emmanuel Tue 24th Oct

> Movie evening - £2 @ CNC with Emmanuel Tue 28th Nov

Christmas Meal and Silent Disco - £10 @ Pip and Jims Tue 12th Dec

Time: 7 - 8.30pm



Bible Course plus.

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Introducing the Bible Wed 13th Sept: pt. 1 Wed 27th Sept: pt. 2

Plus: Petra Crofton on Climate Change Thur 5th Oct (7.30pm)

Plus: Anti-racism Conversations Wed 25th Oct

> Creation and Covenant Wed 8th Nov: pt. 1 Wed 22nd Nov: pt. 2

Exodus and the Promised Land Wed 6th Dec: pt. 1 Wed 20th Dec: pt. 2

@ St Peter's Cottages: 7-8.30pm



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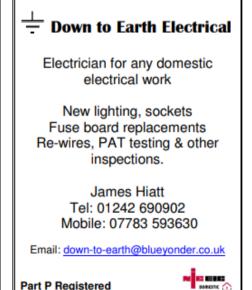
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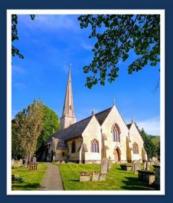


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