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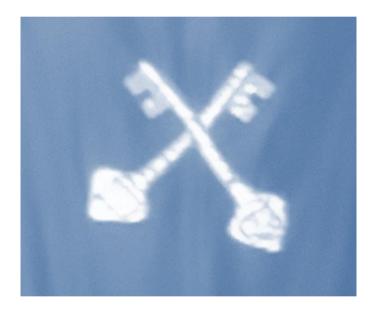


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Our Vision Statement

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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Leckhampton Parish Church

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General Election

In just a few weeks time, our united kingdom will once again go to the polls for what will be one of the most important general elections of our time.

As the Church, we have a particular responsibility at this time to speak out for the poorest in our communities and to make our voices heard. We have a responsibility to work for peace and the common good, to offer in public, and in private, a voice of truth and a voice of hope for the future; and we are called to love our neighbours as ourselves, and to pray for them.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York write:

"The coming General Election is a critical moment in the life of our nation, which will shape our future. This is a time for us to ask important questions about what kind of country we want to build. The world and our nation face deep challenges – from questions of war and peace, poverty and injustice, to the very future of the earth God has given us.

Faced with such huge questions, our calling as Christians is to first turn to God in prayer. We want to invite everyone to pray for our nation and our world and think about how we can all play our part both as voters and, more broadly, as citizens. May God's will be done in our nation and in God's world."

Whatever the result, whatever manifesto is enacted, there will be a change in our country. Change is not something that we should ever fear; it is part of the natural evolution and cycle of life.

As you prepare to vote, try to find some quiet time to pray and give thanks to God for the many blessings in your life, and then ask the Holy Spirit to go ahead of you in these coming weeks.

Revd 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
7 th		Acts 12.1–11
	PETERTIDE	1 Peter 2.19–end
		Matthew 16.13–19
14 th	TRINITY 7	2 Samuel 6.1-5, 12b-19
		Ephesians 1.3-14
		Mark 6.14-29
21 st		2 Samuel 7.1-14a
	TRINITY 8	Ephesians 2.11-end
		Mark 6.30-34, 53-end
28th	TRINITY 9	2 Samuel 11.1-15
		Ephesians 3.14-end
		John 6.1-21

New Appointment

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed a new Vicar for Pip & Jim's and St. Stephen's. Subject to the usual DBS checks, Rev Ruth Edmonds will be licensed by Bishop Robert on Sunday 8th September at 3pm at Pip & Jim's. Ruth is currently serving in the Lichfield Diocese and will be moving with her husband, James, and 14 month old daughter, Amara, over the summer. Please keep them all in your prayers as they prepare to move to South Cheltenham.

Revd Gary.

'Notes from the Director of Music'

Hot off the heels of the choir's triumph singing for an 'away' evensong at Gloucester Cathedral in June, we are excited to be taking part in a 'home match' back at St. Peter's at the start of



July for the Patronal Festival! We have some fabulous music lined up, including the beautiful 'Locus Iste' by Bruckner as an introit, Sumsion in A evensong canticles, the Smith responses, and the sublime 'How lovely are thy dwellings fair' by Brahms (one of the movements from his German Requiem) as our anthem. We hope to see lots of you there for this musical feast!

Other music for the month of July includes well known anthems such as 'Panis Angelicus' by Cesar Franck alongside other less well known pieces. For example, we are singing a beautiful motet by William Harris, 'Holy is the true light' on the second Sunday, and also a piece called 'How can I keep from singing' arranged by Alexander L'Estrange (a modern composer writing in a very accessible, engaging style). This has a short section in Latvian for the choir to sing (!), as well as a separate line at times for the children to sing over the top of the adult singers. It is a very beautiful piece new to the choir (and to you, I suspect...), and we very much hope that you enjoy listening to it.

The organ voluntaries will be a mixture of styles, as usual, ranging from Bach's Prelude & Fugue in C, through to the jolly 'Sortie in E' by the French composer Dubois and the 'Grand March' (from Aida) by Verdi! The final Sunday of the month will see the intriguingly titled 'An occasional trumpet voluntary' by the modern composer Patrick Gowers. Patrick Gowers' relatively small output includes several virtuoso works for the organ, music for the Three Choirs Festival, and a guitar concerto for John Williams. He is perhaps most widely known for his film scores, including those for a memorable series of Sherlock Holmes stories for television. This sizzling piece treats Jeremiah Clarke's Trumpet Voluntary in the manner of a French toccata with a rumba rhythm thrown in for good measure.

Finally, you may have noticed that we try to video record the service music each week - and you may have wondered why and what we do with it! This is separate to the 'live stream' set up by Gary, and the purpose is to upload our performances to YouTube to enable a wider audience to enjoy them should they wish. Someone who regularly views these asked me to share this more widely with the congregation as - quite fairly - the point was made that many of you may not realise this on-line resource is there! So, if you are someone that

have access to the internet and would like to go onto YouTube, you can search out our choir's own YouTube channel and you will find our current library of videos to enjoy. We have been uploading these since March 2024 and there are around 40 different videos for you to enjoy (mostly of the anthems we have performed at services, plus a few other bits and pieces!). Our intention is to continue to add to these as often as we can, and you can hit 'subscribe' on our YouTube page so that you are alerted when we upload new material.

At the end of July, the choir will have a well-earned rest during August before we start up again at the beginning of the new academic year in September. I'm sure many of the choir will come and join you in the congregation, and I am grateful in advance to the various organists who will be covering the August Sunday services for me whilst I have some time off with the family. I'd like to take this opportunity - as we come to the end of my first year here - to say a big 'thank you' to the entire St. Peter's church family for making us (the Perona-Wright family) feel so welcome. It is a very special place, and we feel very 'at home' here. The choir has been wonderful to work with this year, and the future is very exciting! Thank you all. Dr Kit Perona-Wright

Dr. Kit Perona-Wright Director of Music

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

From the Parish Registers

We congratulate those who were recently baptised:
Saphaïa Gillian Hartley on 9th June

We congratulate those who were recently married:

Thomas Alexander Hutt and Else Miriam Clare Horne on 1st June

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

Michael Richard Stoate on 5th May aged 78

Yvonne McArthur on 13th May aged 83

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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.

Little Pebbles

Tuesdays 10.00 to 11.30 in the Cottages during term time. Please contact Lara Skinner via the Parish Office for details.

Eco update:

The rowan tree we planted in the south east corner of the churchyard is growing well, in spite of its exposed position.

The Eco group met on 21st March and again on 20th May, with our next meeting planned for 8th July. We have now discussed the first three sections of the A Rocha Eco church survey under 'Worship & Teaching', 'Buildings' and 'Land' before moving on to 'Community & Global engagement' and

finally 'Lifestyle'. These will be more challenging, especially as A Rocha is also about to update their survey. We think we can achieve the Gold standard under 'Worship' and 'Land' already, and probably also under 'Buildings' once we have completed the church's carbon footprint. Thanks to everyone who has completed our travel survey for this.

Articles relating to climate change are posted regularly on the Eco board next to the screen in the cottages.

We are anxious to make sure that all the congregation is on board.

An advance date for your diaries. Film night at St Peter's - Tuesday 9th July @ 7:00pm

Come and see 'The Letter - a message for our earth' in St Peter's.

No, not the 1940s film with Bette Davis, but the 2022 story of a journey to Rome of people from very different faiths and backgrounds to discuss the climate crisis.

In 2015, Pope Francis wrote a papal letter called 'Laudato si' which encourages everyone to care for the earth - our common home - and care for the poor. He outlines what is happening to the earth with pollution, loss of biodiversity and global inequality, before discussing the gospel of creation and the human roots of the ecological crisis. He advocates an ecological approach that appreciates everything on the earth is connected. We must realise this and not act in silos as if our activities are all independent.

In this powerful documentary film, Pope Francis invites representatives of indigenous people (the Amazon), the poor (Senegal), the young (India) and wildlife (Hawi'i) to come to Rome and then on to Assisi. They share their experiences of climate change and discuss the implications for all people. It brings to life the struggle by many people in the world who are submerged - literally by the effects of climate change.

Come and see the film, then read 'Laudato si' and its sequel 'Laudate deum'!

Richard Kerr-Wilson

Local Community News

Community Cafe

10am-12pm, The Dug Out Cafe, Burrows Field, Moorend Grove, Cheltenham GL53 OHA Mon 29th July Tue 27th August Sat 21st September

PCSO drop-ins

2-3pm, The Dug Out Cafe, Burrows Field, Moorend Grove, Cheltenham GL53 OHA
Wed 3rd July
Wed 14th August
Thur 12th September

Leckhampton Local History Society

website leckhamptonlhs.weebly.com

Meetings held at St Peter's Church Church Road Leckhampton

Dates for your diary

21st July (2-4pm) – LLHS Archives Display in St Peter's Church (teas available in the Cottages)

27th July (all day) – GLHA History Day, Hartpury University (details to follow)

14th September (afternoon) – Heritage open day event, hosted by LLHS (details to follow)

24th September (7.30pm) – first LLHS meeting of the 2024/25 season

All Welcome

More information from Sue Marlow 01242 581661

Youth News The Youth program can be found here. https://southcheltenham.wordpress.com/youth/

Young people in Year 6 are also invited to come along on Tuesdays during term-time 7-8.30pm at Emmanuel church. Click to see the programme for the summer: https://southcheltenham.wordpress.com/youth/ Abbie Marsh, the team Youth Worker, can be contacted on 07708 540732 or via email at: abbie@cnc.church. The socials are: @southcheltyouth facebook.com/southcheltyouth

Abbie Marsh

Craft-T-Time

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 coordinator

The Messenger, July 2024

(There will be no Messenger in August)

From Primark to priesthood: Daniel's path

We're looking forward to this year's ordinations, to be held in Gloucester Cathedral on 29 and 30 June. Over the coming weeks, we will be catching up with some of the people preparing to be ordained as a deacon.

Since he was 16, Daniel Newman had been working for Primark and had risen through the ranks to become a manager in the Gloucester, Cheltenham, and Swindon branch of Primark. A self-proclaimed agnostic, he became curious about faith but felt the Church was too dogmatic to hold the answers he sought.

All that changed in Daniel's mid-20s, when he took the plunge and went to a service in his local church in Barton and Tredworth, where a long meaningful conversation with the vicar altered his path forever.

"I knew there was something beyond my immediate reality," he recalls. "At the time, I felt like Christianity was lacking as a spiritual answer. I made a wrongful presumption that the Church was too rigid in its beliefs."

A turning point came one Sunday morning when he walked into his parish church. After the service, the Revd Dr Tom Wilson approached him, giving him the chance to start to explore and question faith. Daniel kept returning, and he joined a small bible study group which provided him the space to discuss spirituality openly.

"People can have encounters with God outside of church. When you're on your own, it can be quite short-lived. In a community, it becomes much bigger and ongoing. You can talk it through, develop, and be encouraged," he said.

His involvement grew as he took on roles in the PCC and joined Relentless, a young adult café-style group that discussed topics like science and religion, evolution, and atonement. His new vicar, the Revd Juliet Jensen, recommended that he went to a vocation day, and suddenly Daniel knew where God was leading him.

He applied to be considered for ordination, and while that long process was taking place, he completed an Introduction to Christian Ministry course at Cuddesdon, Gloucester and Hereford ministry training college, studying theology in the evenings after the shop closed.

He reflected: "It gave me a taster of what it would be like to work in ministry, and I absolutely loved it."

With the support and love of his wife Tammy and their children Jocelyn and Ezra, Daniel began full-time ministry training at Westcott House in Cambridge.

Daniel explains how his view of the Church has utterly changed.

"When I was in church, my eye was always drawn to a cross above the altar back. The design looks like four trees, shaped in a cross.

"To me, it represents the Church being something ancient, but very much alive. It has deep roots that dig into the soil of the earth, but also has fresh shoots and saplings and leaves, and goes through cycles of life."

No monthly Messenger for August

There will be no messenger published next month. We wish everyone a lovely summer. To keep updated with diocesan news, check out our social media pages and our website.

A guide to touring churches in the diocese this summer

Enjoy the outdoors, keep active, and explore historical and architectural heritage by touring local churches in Gloucester and the surrounding area over the summer months.

Ride + Stride - Saturday 14 September

Ride + Stride is an event where participants travel between churches in their diocese via cycling, walking, running, or other methods, to raise money for Historic Churches Trust and a church of your choosing. This nationwide fundraiser offers a safe way to explore and support local churches and chapels. Visit https://ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/take-part to get involved.

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust – cycling and walking routesGHCT has created some cycling and walking routes to help explore some of our Gloucestershire and Bristol churches. Visit https://ghct.org.uk/walking-cycling-routes to see them.

Churches Conservation Trust – walking routes

Find downloadable walking routes from the Churches Conservation Trust including routes around Sapperton, Cirencester and the Cotswolds. Visit https://www.visitchurches.org.uk/visit/tours-and-trails/walks.html.

Guided Cathedral tours

Gloucester Cathedral has a range of expert-led tours throughout the summer. Climb 269 steps to the tower, explore the crypt, and uncover its rich heritage. For all the details visit https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/visit/things-to-see-and-do/guided-tours.

Events and training

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

The King's Men of Cambridge Live in Concert, 1 July, 7pm Chapter House, 12 College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2LX A musical evening presented by the Choral Scholars of King's College, Cambridge, featuring sacred polyphony and madrigals to blues, jazz, and pop. https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/the-king-s-men-of-cambridge-live-in-concert

Cotswold Friends Summer concert, 13 July, 7.30pm

St John Baptist Church, 5 Market Place Cirencester GL7 2NXAn evening of live performances by local artists and big band music, raising money for Cotswold Friends charity. https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cotswold-friends-summer-concert-tickets-881034506927

Chill on the Green

Cathedral Green, Gloucester Cathedral, 19 July to 30 August each Friday, 12pm to 4pm

Relax on Cathedral Green with summer afternoon sessions featuring live acoustic music, street food, and a laid-back atmosphere.

https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/chill-on-the-green-1

Archaeology and Archives: Where do you belong? 26 July, 1.30pm Gloucester Cathedral

A workshop with Cathedral Archivist Becky Phillips on the history of mapping, where visitors can create their own map, or drawing of their life or community, using inspiration from historical, archaeological, orientation, fantasy, star maps and songs.

https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/archaeology-and-archives-where-do-you-belong

Friday Lunch with Friends - there will be no lunches in July/August. We look forward to the next lunch at the end of September.
Sally & Peter

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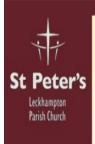
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