

The Bulletin



SEPTEMBER 2017

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OF
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AND ST JOHN'S ADLINGTON

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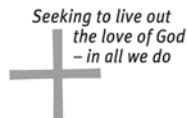
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If you would like further information on any of the events advertised in this month's bulletin, you'll find the contact details for all the local groups and organisations in The Rock. They all welcome new enquiries.

If you haven't had a copy of The Rock delivered, you may pick one up in church – it's still free!



Copydate for October

We'd like to include items of interest for all members of our congregations and village. Please send information to the Parish Office by 18 September and we'll do our best to fit it in. Pieces may be edited.

One more step along the world I go...

If any of you can look at the cover picture on this month's bulletin and not feel your heart lift I shall be very surprised... There stands Ted, with innocent confidence and clear-eyed optimism, proud of his new school uniform, eager to take the next step on his journey. Watching this child blossom has been an absolute joy – from his first pram service right up to August's family service when he had the courage to walk across a tightrope strung above the water of a paddling pool (yes, honestly). He has grown!

New life uplifts us, reminds us that God is creator – ever inventive, ever faithful, ever renewing. Yet this is not just evident in the very young. God is at work in all of us, opening up opportunities for us to grow if we are alert enough to see them, ever transforming us. Sometimes these changes are exhilarating, sometimes exhausting, sometimes just plain scary, but it is only through the challenge that we grow, as we probably all remember from some of our 'firsts' – universities, jobs, marriage.

And do you remember moments when something important slid into place? The huge satisfaction of understanding algebra (for instance), or a fresh insight into human behaviour (even if sorely learned). And do you still have that longing inside you that probably you were first aware of when you were very young, that yearning to understand – why me, why here, why now? 'Why' is one of the gifts of being human, the insatiable curiosity that nudges us to explore, to reflect, to get closer to God.

September is a month of new beginnings. As our children take their great leaps of challenge, so we can make small ones of our own. And perhaps our challenge can be to grow in the area that matters most – in our relationship with God. In prayer, in reading, in worship, in joining some activity that will nourish us – a house group, the monthly Bible study, an Alpha course. (Talk to Patrick, Michelle or me) We can too easily see our lives as plateaued or stuck, but there is almost always something that can give us new life as we continue to let God transform us – and as a friend once said, there's always time for one more adventure...

Avril Ravenscroft
Associate Minister

Holiday over?

Did you have a good holiday – whether or not you went away? Did you go to church? Holiday times are sometimes regarded as an opportunity to have time off church too. This is a shame. When away from home, we are in a different frame of mind; generally more relaxed and more open to something new. In July David and I spent two weeks seasonal chaplaincy in Switzerland once again with the Intercontinental Church Society. We were based in Interlaken where ICS offered its first summer chaplaincy to English speaking tourists in the middle of the nineteenth century – a long time ago!

At that time, and throughout the twentieth century, more British visited Switzerland than any other group. How things have changed. Now the dominant groups are from the Gulf States and East Asia. And there are hundreds of English speakers from around the world working in the tourist industry; in hotels and in outdoor sports. This was a new group for us to make contact with. It is surprising how many were interested in why we were there. On each Sunday we worshipped with congregations, not large, but comprising British, American, Japanese, Maltese, Dutch, Indian, Swiss, South African and Australian. To worship with such a diverse group is always thrilling. Times of sharing over coffee afterwards are times of rich blessing. And during the week I was amazed at the number of those who spotted the Chaplain's badge – and just wanted to talk.

ICS exists to share the Good News with English speakers living or working or visiting countries where English is not the main language. It supports permanent chaplaincies in many major cities, both in Europe and further afield. In Switzerland there are winter seasonal chaplaincies in Wengen and Zermatt. I understand that the British introduced skiing to the Swiss – and mountain climbing - but I wouldn't dare mention that in some circles!

Many people reading this are not restricted to school holidays when taking a break. City breaks are popular throughout the year. If this appeals to you, do look up ICS before going away. There is probably an Anglican church nearby, where the worship is in English. Forget about taking a Sunday off. You never know who you might meet, or what you might discover – or who may be there to lend a listening ear.

Rev Sue Hawkins

St Peter's, the CORE & St John's

Sunday 3 September

12th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 12: 19-end

Matthew 16:21-end

8.30am Holy Communion

Norman Chapel

Celebrant Avril Ravenscroft

Preacher Avril Ravenscroft

9.45am Café Church

St Peter's Rooms

Officiant Patrick Angier

10.00am Holy Communion

Church of the Resurrection

Celebrant Sue Hawkins

Preacher Sue Hawkins

11.00am Holy Communion

St Peter's

Celebrant Avril Ravenscroft

Preacher Avril Ravenscroft

11.00am Hospital Service

St Luke's Chapel, Macclesfield Hospital

Officiant Keith Ravenscroft

Preacher Keith Ravenscroft

11.00am Matins

St John's, Adlington

Officiant Margaret Tate

Preacher Margaret Tate

4.00pm CoRe@4 Family Service

Church of the Resurrection

Leader Andrea Fitton

6.00pm Evensong

St Peter's

Officiant Avril Ravenscroft

Preacher Keith Ravenscroft

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

Matthew 16: 24, 25

Sunday 10 September

13th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 13: 8-end

Matthew 18: 15-20

8.30am Holy Communion

Norman Chapel

Celebrant Patrick Angier

Preacher Patrick Angier

9.45am Family Service

St Peter's

Officiant Patrick Angier

Preacher Patrick Angier

10.00am Holy Communion

Church of the Resurrection

Celebrant Pamela Hardman

Preacher Pamela Hardman

11.00am Holy Communion

St Peter's

Celebrant Michelle Goodrich

Preacher Michelle Goodrich

St Peter's, the CORE & St John's

11.00am Family Service

St John's, Adlington

Officiant Margaret Tate

4.00pm Drop In

The CoRe Community Hub, Upton Priory

Leader Andrea Fitton

6.00pm Side by Side with Creation

St Peter's

Officiant Michelle Goodrich

Preacher Michelle Goodrich

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. 'O Lord! That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love...'
Jonah 4: 1,2

Sunday 17 September

14th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 14: 1-12

Matthew 19: 21-35

8.30am Holy Communion

Norman Chapel

Celebrant Patrick Angier

Preacher Patrick Angier

9.45am Contemporary Communion

St Peter's

Celebrant Patrick Angier

Preacher Patrick Angier

10.00am Holy Communion

Church of the Resurrection

Celebrant Michelle Goodrich

Preacher Michelle Goodrich

11.00am Holy Communion

Norman Chapel

Celebrant Avril Ravenscroft

Preacher Keith Ravenscroft

11.00am Holy Communion

St John's, Adlington

Celebrant Sue Hawkins

Preacher Sue Hawkins

4.00pm Footie and Faith

The CoRe Community Hub, Upton Priory

Leaders Andrea Fitton & 360 Sportz

6.00pm Choral Evensong

St Peter's

Officiant Patrick Angier

Preacher Patrick Angier

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

Matthew 18: 21,22

Sunday 24 September

15th Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 1: 21-end

Matthew 20: 1-16

8.30am Holy Communion

Norman Chapel

Celebrant Patrick Angier

Preacher Patrick Angier

9.45am Baptism

St Peter's

Officiant Michelle Goodrich

Preacher Michelle Goodrich

St Peter's, the CORE & St John's

10.00am Holy Communion

Church of the Resurrection

Celebrant Avril Ravenscroft

Preacher Avril Ravenscroft

11.00am Holy Communion

St Peter's

Celebrant Patrick Angier

Preacher Patrick Angier

11.00am Morning Prayer

St John's, Adlington

Officiant Margaret Tate

Preacher Margaret Tate

4.00pm Glitter and God

The CoRe Community Hub, Upton Priory

Leader Andrea Fitton

6.00pm Holy Communion

St Peter's

Celebrant Avril Ravenscroft

Preacher Avril Ravenscroft

'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ... Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

Matthew 20: 13-16



Sunday 1 October

16th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am Holy Communion

Norman Chapel

9.45am Contemporary Communion

St Peter's

10.00am Holy Communion

Church of the Resurrection

11.00am Morning Worship

Norman Chapel

11.00am Hospital Service

St Luke's Chapel, Macclesfield Hospital

Officiant Keith Ravenscroft

Preacher Keith Ravenscroft

11.00am Matins

St John's, Adlington

Officiant Margaret Tate

Preacher Margaret Tate

4.00pm CoRe@4 Family Service

Church of the Resurrection

Leader Andrea Fitton

6.00pm Evensong

St Peter's

For up-to-date service information for Sunday 1 October please see the website.

St Peter's, the CORE & St John's

Midweek worship

Monday

9.00am Morning Prayer
St Peter's Rooms

Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer
St Peter's Rooms

Wednesday

9.15am Morning Prayer
Church of the Resurrection

10.15am Holy Communion
Norman Chapel

Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer
St Peter's Rooms

Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer
St Peter's Rooms

Saturday

9.00am Morning Prayer
5.00pm Evening Prayer
St Peter's Rooms

Methodist Church

Sunday 3 September

10.30am Rev H Byrne
6.45pm Rev H Byrne (HC)

Sunday 10 September

10.30am Circuit service (Macclesfield)
6.45pm Mr D Jones

Sunday 17 September

10.30am Mr S Oliver
6.45pm Rev Dr A Lunn

Sunday 24 September

10.30am Rev P Went (HC)
6.45pm Mrs B Ogle

Sunday 1 October

10.30am Own arrangement
6.45pm Rev H Byrne



What's on

Weekend Away at Whitmoor Lakes

FRIDAY – SUNDAY 3- 5 NOVEMBER

Exciting for children, perfect for families, welcoming for everybody – our weekends away have been a fabulous way to cement friendships, build new ones and have a weekend that's a real break as well as loads of fun.

This year we're going to a new venue close to Lichfield, similar to the Pioneer Centre where we went before, but a bit more modern. We have loads of plans to make it fabulous for all ages (including fireworks) so it will be a great way to lighten the darkness of November. The website has pictures from previous weekends away and there are also leaflets available with pictures and more information. Talk to Bill Humphreys to find out costs and to book:

wahumphreys@btinternet.com

ALPHA



If you're curious to know more about Jesus, about faith, about all the big life questions then Alpha may be for you. A new Alpha course starts soon – with videos, discussion and a meal. Talk to Patrick for more information (829288).

SUNDAY TEAS

SUNDAYS: 3.00PM – 5.30PM

St Peter's Rooms



Sunday Teas will take place until the end of September. The Teas are run by various charities and organisations to raise money for their funds. There is room outside to enjoy any sun we may have.

The Tea on **3 September** will be hosted by St Peter's and on **10 September** there will be another St Peter's Tea this time to raise money towards the Church Weekend Away in November.

Come along to support St Peter's Girls' Choir on **17 September** and then Prestbury Scout Group return to host the final Sunday Tea of 2017 on **24 September**.

Many thanks to all those who have hosted and supported the Teas during the year.

SUMMER MUSIC

SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER: 3.00PM

St Peter's

'Sublime Time' is the final concert in the Summer Music series. It features another talented member of our choir, Tim Harvey, with not just music (for organ, piano and voice) but also still and moving images. 45 minutes of musical variety including a 'cinema organ experience' and first performance of 'The Cold Earth Slept Below' words by Percy Bysshe Shelley and music by Tim Harvey.

CARE FOR THOSE WITH MEMORY LOSS

**FORTNIGHTLY ON WEDNESDAYS:
2.00 – 4.00PM**

St Peter's Rooms

P&J Social is a relaxed, happy and friendly social for carers and their loved ones whose illness has been diagnosed as dementia, short term memory loss, Alzheimer's or Parkinson's Disease. There are a few spaces available. Please contact Anne by email:

caring@stpetersprestbury.org.uk or 07999 862 035 to find out more, or Pam and James Wallwork email: wallworkpam@gmail.com.

AFTERNOON TEA MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER: 2.30PM

St Peter's Rooms



Card Maker, Artist and Pastoral Worker Jo Whittall will show us how she makes her beautiful and distinctive greetings cards, and show us how to make our own.

Tea, cakes and a raffle as usual. Everyone is very welcome. The next Tea will be on 16 October.

FLOWER ROTA

3 September: Wedding
10 September: Julia Turner
17 September: Karen Vipond
24 September: Angela Nuttall
1 October: Elaine Goulsbra

PRAM SERVICE

THURSDAYS 14 AND 28 SEPTEMBER:

10.15AM

St Peter's

A perfect introduction to worship for babies and pre-school children, and a way for mums to get to know each other. We meet in church at 10.15am on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month during term time for songs, a story, a prayer.

Each session ends with cake and time to play – do come and join us! For more information speak to Bev or contact the Parish Office.



TIME TO EXPLORE?



House groups are warm, relaxed groups who gather because they're curious about faith,

what we know about God, what we don't know about God. If you have questions or musings, or are just interested, we're planning to form new groups this month. Please talk to Avril Ravenscroft if you'd like to know more: 820041

avril@stpetersprestbury.org.uk

HOUSE GROUPS

Legh Road: Tuesday 26 September

Thorne Close: Tuesday 26 September

Northmead: Fridays 8 & 22 September

NEWS FOR THE BULLETIN

A reminder! We're very happy to publish news of village events in the monthly bulletin. Please send any items to the Parish Office and we'll do our best to put them in. Copydates are on the inside front cover each month.

THE BULLETIN BY E-MAIL

The Bulletin is available to receive each month by email. If you would like to use this facility please send an email to

news@stpetersprestbury.org.uk

You can opt out at any time and we won't share your details with anyone!

ST PETER'S HARVEST SUPPER

SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER: 6.00PM

St Peter's Rooms



Last year we discovered how brilliantly St Peter's Rooms worked for the barn dance - with space to let off

steam and quiet space to chat in comfy sofas. Be sure to save the date for this year's celebration – tickets will go on sale soon.

ROCK DISTRIBUTORS

We are always grateful for additional help with the distribution of our church parish magazine "The Rock". An average round is 25 magazines and should take no more than 20 minutes. If you can help please contact the parish office (827625) or David Bithell (829175). Thank you.

OPEN THE BOOK NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Open the Book is a national project to offer Bible stories as part of school life. It is a programme of short themed and dramatized Bible stories which fit into assembly/collective worship times in primary schools. In Macclesfield, three teams of around six or seven volunteers from local churches use a variety of visual aids to present the stories in a lively, engaging and compelling way, which is welcomed by children and their teachers alike. If you are interested in becoming a storyteller, or would like more information, contact Cynthia Crewe on 828875 or 07711 570161 or email cynthia.crewe@ntlworld.com

FURNITURE RECYCLING BY CHESHIRE STREETWISE

Based at Gilcrest Avenue on the Weston Estate, Cheshire Streetwise, managed by members of Elim Christian Life Church, recycles quality furniture and household items, taking over the service that used to be provided by Furnaround which has now closed.

To arrange free collections please call 07469 176811.



MOTHERS' UNION

MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER: 2.00PM

St Peter's Rooms

In our first meeting after the summer break Jeanette Jenkins brings her expertise as a signer for the deaf to show us how this wonderful skill works. New members to this thriving group are very welcome.

PRESTBURY VILLAGE SHOW SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER: 2.00PM

Prestbury Village Hall

There are over 50 classes to choose from including flowers, fruit and vegetables, baking, preserves and craft items. The show is an informal affair welcoming contributions from participants aged 3 and upwards, who are encouraged as much for enthusiasm and interest as for formal plant skills.



The show is also a social occasion with tea and homemade cakes available. Schedules (with an entry form) of all classes for both adults and children are available in village shops.

RECYCLE USED STAMPS AND INK-JET CARTRIDGES

Don't forget we are still collecting used stamps and ink-jet cartridges to raise money for the church. Look out for the collection boxes in church or you can bring them into the Parish Office. **Please note we cannot recycle Epson, Kodak or any non-original brand cartridges nor can we accept the large laser cartridges.**

CRE8ING MUSIC WITH THE LAURENCE SINGERS

SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER: 7.00PM
St Michael's Church, Macclesfield

The Laurence Singers are performing a lively, mixed programme in support of Cre8. As a special treat, young people from Cre8's own music project will be performing alongside this passionate and engaging choir. Tickets cost £7.00 (£5.00 concession) including refreshments and are available from Cre8 503740 or hello@cre8macclesfield.org

All proceeds will go to Cre8.

WELCOME CARDS

If you're new to St Peter's do please fill in one of these cards, give it to a warden or minister, or pop it into the red post-box at the back of church. We'll be in touch!

MEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER: 8.30AM
St Peter's Rooms

Come and eat a hearty breakfast and listen to a talk from the Church archivist Mike Akerman about the more unusual records in St Peter's archive and the preparation of an exhibition to be held at Remembrance on the soldiers from Prestbury who died in the Great War. The cost is £7.00 (pay on the day) and any profit over the food cost will be allocated to a charity of Mike's choice. Please sign up on the list at the back of church or email Bill at wahumphreys@btinternet.com

