



St Peter's Pew Sheet

5th Jan 2020, The Epiphany

Prayer Corner

This week take time to look back and look ahead prayerfully.

Look again at Psalm 37: 3-5

It can help to write down some thoughts.

Trust – what has helped you trust God over the last year? When has trust been difficult? What might you need to trust him for this year?

Dwell – when have you felt in the right place (home, job, relationships, church)? When has it been difficult? What might help you this year to be where God has placed you?

Delight – how have you found prayer or bible study? What might you do differently or continue this year? What helps you worship God?

Commit – what will you commit to this year in your spiritual journey?

I give myself to God this day and this year.

I give my hopes and my plans,

I give my joys and my desires.

I give my work and my learning,

I give my tasks and my playing.

I give my trust and my faith,

I give my gifts and my abilities.

I give myself to God this day and this year.

(Nick Harding)

Prayers from our PCC

We invite everyone to reflect on the last year and join in with these prayers:

* We give thanks for all the children's and youth work, especially the growth of YOOF

* For the ministry at Pop-up cafe, T@4, Chatflix and new families

* We asked for God's guidance and wisdom in managing our finances, which are being challenged.

Amen

Services this Week

Sunday	5th January
8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Holy Communion (no Sunday School)
	Together@4
4pm	
Wed	8th January
9.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday	12th January
8.00am	Holy Communion
10.00am	Family Communion
7pm	Refresh



Its great to see you at St Peter's today whether you're new or a regular. Do join us for refreshments after the service. Pick up our welcome leaflet to find out more about us.

Today's Services

Readings

Is 60: 1-6 (p. 748)

Matt 2: 1-12 (p. 966)

Elizabeth Shields

Lisa Horton

Preacher

Revd Rachel Hirst

Worship Leader

Jane Wingrove

Intercessor

Ron Wilson

Today's Warden

Paul Buckle

We have gluten free wafers. Please go to the chapel-side rail if you would like this. If you prefer not to drink from the common cup, please take the bread only.

Collect

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been
drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your
Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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A note from Rachel

Happy New Year!

The Roman god Janus, after whom January was named, is traditionally pictured with two faces, one facing back and one forward. Often that is how we approach this time of year. It can be good to look back and review the year just passed. The highs and lows, our achievements, things we're proud of or perhaps some regrets. But what about a spiritual review – where was God over the last year? Were you aware of him at work? How has your spiritual life grown over 2019? It might be good to spend a bit of time thinking about that.

But then we turn to face a new year, a new decade in fact. What are your hopes and dreams for this coming year? Do you have plans or are you expecting it to be pretty much the same as last year? Will there be changes? Often we cannot predict what is ahead, but again, we can spend time thinking and preparing spiritually. How do we want our walk with God to be this year? What words come to mind? What might you need to do to achieve that? What might you like to pray for?

Whatever our plans and hopes we can trust that God will be with us in all the ups and downs, the planned and the unexpected. Psalm 37 says 'Trust in the Lord and do good, dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture, delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, trust him and he will do this. V3-5 Trust, dwell, delight, commit – all good words to ponder about our walk with God as we step into 2020. May God bless each of you this year. *Rachel*

Dates for the Diary

12th Jan: Refresh

17th Jan: Pop-up Café and painting

19th Jan: Service for Prayer for Week of Christian Unity

22nd Jan: Worship review

Care Homes Services

Spring Cottage: Wed 8th Jan, 2.00pm

Rivermead: Wed 15th Jan, 11.00am

Deansfield Court: Thurs 16 Jan, 6.30pm

Bechwood: Wed 29th Jan, 2.30pm

If you were the
4th Wise Man.....



Together
@
4

....what
would you
bring?

Today at 4pm! Come along!

Notices

Together@4 is on today. Its not too late to come along!

Thank you

To everyone who helped with our Christmas services in any way. We had a good attendance at each services with many visitors who commented favourably. Please keep praying that the message people heard will take root in their hearts and more will come to know Jesus.

Frank West

Some of you will remember Frank West when he came to St Peter's with his wife Joyce. Sadly Frank died on Christmas Day. His funeral is at St Peter's on Weds at 11.30am. all are welcome.

Week of Prayer for Christian

Unity: the annual CTSR service is on Sunday 19th January at St Peter's, 4pm and will be an informal café style gathering. I hope you will be able to come along as it is a good opportunity to worship, pray and talk with people from other local churches. It would also be good to have some volunteers to help on the day with arranging the church and with refreshments.

If you'd like to be involved, there is a planning meeting at the Vicarage, Mon 6th Jan, 7.30pm. Please see Rachel or Jane.

Morning prayer this Tues 7th Jan, 9am, come and join us!

Items for next pew sheet by Wed ,
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Reviewing Worship

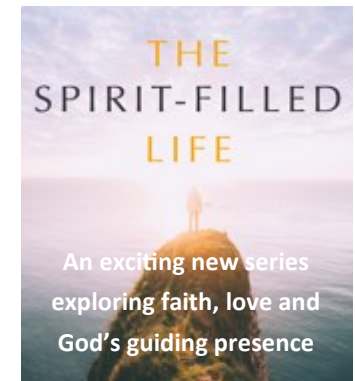
On Weds 22nd Jan we will be reviewing Together @ 4 and Refresh, but also looking at our worship in general. All are welcome to come along and have their say. 7.30pm in church.

Bible Course

We will be running the final three sessions over January. Tues 14th, 21st and 28th 1.30-3pm or Thurs 16th, 23rd and 30th 7.30-9pm. Come and find out how the story ends!!

Planned Giving

The new boxes of envelopes for 2020 are ready for collection at the back of church. Anyone who would like to know more about the envelope scheme, or other regular giving options, please speak to Gill Perks or phone 693305. Thank you.



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Sun 12 Jan, 7pm

Speaker Rev Rachel Hirst