

Pastoral Ministry

Sometimes we face particular crises in our lives and at the moment we are all facing the same one. Our Pastoral Care Team remains on hand to support those in need.

Our new 'pastoral' email address: pastoral@stpetersoundle.co.uk is up and running. If you are in need, know of someone in need, or can offer help please email this. It will be regularly monitored and the right responses organised.

Electronic Weekly Sheet and other news

Please make sure you are signed up to receive our Weekly Emails for regular updates - leaflets are on the tables at the back of church or email your details to administrator@stpetersoundle.co.uk

LIVESTREAMED PRAYER MEETING

How do I join in with Livestream services?

If you are on Facebook go on to St Peter's Church Facebook page at the advertised time and watch it live (feel free to share / like and comment!).

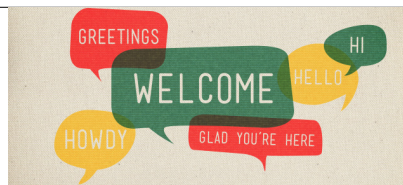
Or go our Facebook page at any later time, scroll down to the post and watch it (again feel free to share / like and comment!).

As soon as we are able we will then upload each recording on to St Peter's Website page (www.oundlestpeters.org.uk) and on to our Youtube Account (just search St Peter's, Oundle).

We hope you can join us in prayer at these times, however, if you would like someone to call and prayer with you please email pastoral@stpetersoundle.co.uk and we will connect you with a prayer buddy.

Prayer Stations

Have been set up in Church for you to come and use if you would like to. Each Station is separate from each other to help with social distancing.



New to St Peter's?

We are sorry we are not here to greet you!

If we can be of help at any time please contact us on administrator@stpetersoundle.co.uk. We would love to hear from you and be able to let you know when our services resume!

Mothering Sunday Daffodils

We were able to still get the daffodils ready for Mothering Sunday. However this year we will need to distribute them differently! We will be putting them out around church - two stems in each place for you to come in and collect. Please feel free to take them to people you know who are isolated or that might not see their family on Sunday.

Call to Prayer: on Sunday, Archbishop Justin Welby will be on Radio 4 at 8.10am to address the nation and lead us in prayer.

Bishop Donald has recorded a message which is now available on the Peterborough Diocese Website.

WHAT'S ON!

Mon 23rd - Friday 27th

Each day at 12:00 Noon we will live stream a Prayer meeting 'live' on Facebook. This will be available later on in the day on the website.

Sunday 29th March - Fifth Sunday in Lent

We will be live on Facebook at 10:30am.

Stephen and Martin Hills from Oundle Baptist church will lead a short service. The service will then be uploaded on to the website later on in the day or via our Youtube channel.

10:30 - Together@10:30

19:00 - National Call to Prayer - Light a Candle of Hope
Both will be streamed live on Facebook.

Our Vicar writes....

Well... how much can happen in a week! Last week in our services we were reflecting on Jesus' words about fasting. Fasting: giving up good things (like food) in order to pursue something better (a deeper relationship with God). We haven't given up good things - we've had them take away from us. Good things like gathering together to worship. Good things like meeting with friends. We enter a very hard time. An enforced fast from so much that helps us to flourish. Of course this is all for good reason. We must follow all advice about keeping others and ourselves safe.


In Matthew 4 Jesus went to fast for 40 days. It was time in the wilderness away from usual human contact. It was time spent deepening His relationship with His Father. We enter an enforced fast from so many good things we take for granted. It is a time when we may put down deep roots and maybe renew our prayer life. This is not for one moment to minimise the real pain and heartache that many are and will be experiencing. We will certainly want to reach out in love and compassion to all in need - and will need to discover new ways of doing that. These days will require us to think through what it means to be a follower of Jesus and what it means to be Church when we cannot gather.

We have begun, together with our brothers and sisters from OBC, to livestream services via Facebook and then to upload them to the website and to Youtube. We are looking to develop resources (including for those not online) to help us to pray and worship at home. Public worship is suspended - the Church of Jesus Christ is not. During this time of enforced 'fasting' may we experience renewed intimacy with God and discover afresh our calling as Christians.

Stephen Welby

God's Love: Know it Live it Give it

Electoral Roll. If you would like to be on the Church Electoral Roll, please speak to Emily Taylor (07494373286) or Steve Cunningham (07810 404748). You need to live in Oundle, or if not resident in Oundle, you need to have attended St Peter's for 6 months.

 **Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) 2020** has now been suspended. It will be postponed until a later date.
Celebrating Church Life



All Services, events and gatherings at St Peter's have now been suspended until further notice. We are doing our utmost to get information out to everyone via social media, email etc. Please help us by sharing information with your friends and family or to those who are not on the internet. If we can do anything to help, please let us know by email: administrator@stpetersoundle.co.uk

Getting in touch with each other: the most up to date database is now on Churchsuite. If you are not already log on but did receive your initial email please use this to log on now. If you never received an email please contact administrator@stpetersoundle.co.uk and we will get you on as soon as we can. You can also email each other through the programme and keep in contact.

We pray for those in need: Diana Awdry, Pepita Aris, Ryan Bain, Alison and John Beaumont, Sally Bowyer, Peter Burchell, Christine Burden, Sylvia Burdett, Eunice Carter, Charlie Chesser, Gwen & Tony Hayward, John Jeffries, Sheila Johnson, Ruth Keens, Joan Macey, Philip Sewter, Christine Tarry, Sheila and David Wills, Claire Wood.

We pray for all those who mourn the death of a loved one.

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A Praying People

It seems likely that a number of us may find ourselves with more unstructured time than we are often used to. Let's be people who pray. We intend to develop, and point people towards, all kinds of resources for prayer and worship suitable for individuals and for families. There are many different ways of praying. You may well have your own approaches. I offer one for now for those who might find it helpful:

How do I pray?

Find a space to be quiet. Open a bible at Psalm 23. Still yourself. In the quietness remember that you are in the presence of your heavenly Father. He loves you and is present. If thoughts distract – don't worry – just bring yourself back to being in God's presence. Perhaps repeat to yourself the words, "The Lord is my shepherd," reminding yourself of His love and care. You may want to read through all of Psalm 23. Reflect on the words 'He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters. He refreshes my soul.' Thank God for the good things in your life. Even in difficult days – are there things to say thank you for? Thank Him.

Reflect on the words, **"Even though I walk through the darkest valley I will fear no evil, for You are with me: Your rod and Your staff they comfort me still."**

Pray for those you know experiencing difficulty.

Pray for wisdom for the government and its advisors.

Pray for all who work in the NHS and medical services.

Pray for all who are deeply worried about their livelihoods.

Pray for those who are ill or fearful.

Prayer doesn't need words. It can be in our imagination placing people before God. Reflect on your own needs, worries, concerns. Your loved ones. Give those worries to Him asking for His peace. Maybe repeat the words 'even though I walk...' a couple of times. Ask God for His help to trust. Perhaps finish by saying The Lord's Prayer. Make time each day to sit prayerfully in the presence of your heavenly Father. Put down deep roots into Him.

Praying for our Mission Organisations.

St Peter's supports many Mission and charitable organisations, involved in work locally, nationally and overseas. Please spend some time praying for an organisation that you feel particularly interested. Maybe using the words "The Kingdom Come".

St Peter's Mission partners are:

Locally :



Oundle Christian Youth Association (OCYA)
Chattabox, (<https://www.chattaboxoundle.co.uk/>)
Hope into Action, (<https://www.hopeintoaction.org.uk/>)
221 - Divorce Support, (<http://www.221.org.uk/>)

Nationally :



Children's Society, (www.childrenssociety.org.uk)
Langley House Trust, (www.langleyhousetrust.org)

Internationally:



USPG, (www.uspg.org.uk)
FEISA, (<https://uep.edu.py/campus/san-andres/>)
Place of Grace (Robinson family in Bangkok), (<https://www.placeofgracebangkok.org/>)
Christian Aid, (<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>)
CMS, (<https://churchmissionsociety.org/>)
Mother's Union, (<https://www.mothersunion.org/>)
SAT-7, (www.sat7UK)
Tearfund, (<https://www.tearfund.org/>)