

GRAPEVINE

15th March
2020

Our Vision:

Letting people know about the love of Jesus Christ

To be able to look back upon one's past life with satisfaction is to live twice. John Dalberg-Acton



Welcome to St Peter & St Mary's Church



For parents with babies or very young children there is a carpet area, with toys, at the back of the Church where you are welcome to accompany your child during the service. There are also activities for older children in this area, but parents will need to supervise their children.



We do not pass round a collection plate during the service, but there is a plate at the back of Church where you can leave your offering.



If you need time to sit and pray with someone after the service you may do so in the Memorial Chapel, on the right hand side of the Church, where there will be members of the Prayer Ministry Team. Any matters discussed will be strictly confidential.



Tea, coffee and squash are served after both the 9.00am and 10.45am services. Please do stay.



We have a library of Christian books and other materials for you to borrow, free of charge in the Tyrell Chapel.

Some of you won't have known Dick Miller. He was a Lay Reader and was still the best preacher we had in this Church even after I arrived. He was a primary school teacher and I remember him sharing his frustration that no matter how good teachers are at doing their job OFSTED is never satisfied. After assessing your ability they always want you to set further targets for improvement.

Before he died we came to realize that God's attitude towards us isn't based on how good we are. It can't be. How good would be good enough for God? God is perfect. Could we ever possibly live up to so high a standard?

If God wanted us always to be perfect then He would be constantly disappointed. Instead, the promise we have is that if we stay close to God, God will make us perfect and all creation with us too.

That hasn't happened yet, which is why it's so important that we stay as close as we can to God as we go through this life. And together we will do great things.

Michael

Church Rotas

Are you a friendly person? There is a place for you on the door on Sunday mornings to welcome our congregation into Church.

When you come to Church could you be confident enough to read one of the Bible readings?

Do you care for the world and the Church enough to, occasionally, lead prayers in one of our services.

In your daily prayers ask God if this is something He is calling you to do.

If so, please speak to Michael who is planning to get together all who are presently involved with these important ministries in our Church.

Thank you

Yvonne Williams would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kind thoughts and good wishes during and since her recent hospital stay. She is very grateful.

Plant Sale

It's time to think about buying your bulbs, filling your seed trays and coming up with some cuttings to plant and raise for the Plant Sale on May 9th.

It will raise money to upgrade our Refreshment Facilities & Children's Area at the West End of the Church

Coronavirus Advice

We have received updated guidance from the diocese with regard to coronavirus, now that it has been designated as a pandemic:

- We all need to be even more attentive to hand washing and general hand hygiene.
- Communion will be 'in only one kind' i.e. only bread will be received.
- The Peace should be shared without any physical contact.

And also

- No-one should ever dip bread into the communion wine at any time.

The full guidance can be viewed in the coffee area.

Bishop Martin is aware that many of these changes will be difficult for people, but encourages us all to consider our social responsibility to one another and to others.

The changes (with the exception of the dipping of bread) will be removed once the Government has given the all clear.

Mothering Sunday

Next Sunday (22nd March) is Mothering Sunday and, in addition to our usual Mothering Sunday services with gifts for the ladies, we will be treated to bacon butties between the services, from 10:15am. We have invited Messy Church and Little Fishes families to join us, so come and join in the fun.

Afternoon Welcomers

When the Clocks go back in 2 week's time we plan to keep the Church open until 3pm. If you are able to help in the afternoons please sign up on the list at the back of Church or speak to Michael.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - 26th April 2020

On the day of the APCM we will be looking to appoint 2 Church Wardens and 2 Assistant Wardens for a year. The role for all wardens and assistants is to help with the smooth running of the parish in terms of administration, care of the people and maintenance of the buildings.

If you feel these are positions you can take on, please speak to Michael or Marion.

Thank you

To all who came and supported the Taize-style service held at our Lady's last Sunday afternoon.

It was a lovely, quiet, thoughtful service and much appreciated by those who attended. £190 was collected for CAFOD.

Ride and Stride

Are you willing to take on a small job for the Church here? We are still in need of a church organizer for the annual Ride and Stride in aid of Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. The Trust has been a generous supporter of work done here in the past and we like to support their efforts.

This is not a very arduous job, but it is good to have one person to whom mail and enquiries can be directed.

If you're willing to consider this role, please speak to Michael.

Please Pray

- To resist temptations that will harm us
- That the Government will fulfil promises made in last week's budget.
- For Unity and Understanding
- An end to the spread of Coronavirus

Foodbank

Urgent needs this week are for tinned hot meats, tinned fish and packets of Instant Mash.

Climate Petition

Christian Aid are raising a petition to demand a new deal for climate justice. Those who have done the least to change the climate are now living with the consequences. To find out more or sign the petition go to the Christian Aid website.

Marie Curie Fundraiser

Roy Pettitt is hoping to raise money for Marie Curie Nurses by walking 10,000 steps a day throughout March.

It costs £180 to pay for a nine hour shift to care for terminally ill people. Last year, through kind sponsorship by family and friends Roy raised enough to pay for several nights of care.

Please speak to Roy if you are able to sponsor him this year.

Diary Dates

Sunday 26th April
Annual Parochial Church Meeting after the Morning Service at 9:30am

The Week Ahead

Sunday 15th March - The Third Sunday of Lent

- 9:00am Holy Communion Preacher - Matt Levett
- 10:45am Morning Worship Preacher - Matt Levett

The Church is open 10am-1pm Monday to Friday. There will be someone here to welcome you, help to make you feel at home and give an answer to any questions you may have.

Monday 16th March

- 9:30am Open the Book Team rehearse in Café 52
- 2.00pm House Group at 2 Tippet Avenue
- 7:30pm P.C.C. Meet in St Mary's Hall

Tuesday 17th March

- 6:00pm -7:15pm Boys Brigade and Girls' Association in St Peter's Hall

Wednesday 18th March

- 10:00am Little Fishes in St Peter's Hall
- 7:00pm House Group at Café 52
- 7:30pm House Group at 20 Thurlow Court
- 7:45pm House Group at 24 Lockington Crescent
- 7:45pm House Group at Orion, Blacksmiths Lane, Middlewood Green

Thursday 19th March

- 12 noon Holy Communion in the Memorial Chapel
- 3:00pm Julian Prayers in Church
- 7:30pm House Group at 91 Kipling Way

Friday 20th March

- 7.30pm Town Pastors in Café 52

Saturday 21st March

- 9:45am Combined Churches Choir rehearse in Church
- 10:00am to 12 noon Tea and Coffee served in Church

Sunday 22nd March - Mothering Sunday

- 9:00am Holy Communion
- 10:30am Messy Church in Church with Communion

Last week's attendance: 85

Collection: £971.95

**All items for
Grapevine need to
be in the Office by
1:00pm on
Wednesday.**

Readings for Sunday 22nd March: Exodus 2: 1-10 and John 19: 25-27

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