

GRAPEVINE

1st March
2020

Our Vision:

Letting people know about the love of Jesus Christ



Most people would like to be delivered from temptation but would like it to keep in touch. Robert Orben

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.



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.



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



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



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

“It’s naughty but nice” Have you heard that expression?

I remember it being used by the National Dairy Council in the 1980s to persuade us all to eat more fresh cream cakes.

Is it any surprise then that nationally there are now problems of chronic obesity, high cholesterol and dangerous levels of high blood pressure? And are you in that age group that relies on taking tablets every day, just to survive?

But fresh cream cakes really are tempting, even though too many are bad for you.

Because Jesus is God, you may think He didn’t have any problem with resisting temptation. But Jesus was also fully human which means that He would have found it just as hard to say ‘no’ as we do. But because He managed to stand firm against all the enticing cravings with which the Devil tried to distract Him, we know that we can do it too as Jesus has promised to help prevent us from being naughty too.

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.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday March 6th 10:30am at The Salvation Army

Everyone welcome.

The service is planned by the women of Zimbabwe.

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

Whole Church Prayer Meeting

Our next whole Church prayer meeting will be this Wednesday (4th March) at 7pm in Church. The meeting will be for one hour and will use the themes from the Tearfund "ALIVE" Lent Devotional booklet as a starting point to direct our thoughts and prayers for this time.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

Heather Bunting

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

At 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.

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.

United Taizé Service for Lent

Next Sunday from 3pm to 4pm, at Our Lady's Catholic Church, there will be a United Service in the spirit of Taizé, supported by The Combined Churches Choir. All are welcome.

"Could you not spend an hour with me?"

A service of prayer, readings, music and reflection in the tradition of Taizé

Lenten Giving

If you would like to include sacrificial giving as part of your Lent experience this year, the Bishops suggest the following three charities that you might care to support:

The Bishops' Environment Fund -

Small grants to parishes working to care for God's creation

A Rocha UK

The Christian environmental charity behind the Eco Church Scheme

Christian Aid

Working to mitigate the effects of climate change in vulnerable areas of the world

More details from the Church Office.

Lent Service with Talk

On Sunday 29th March, St Mary's, Combs will be holding Evening Worship at 6:30pm. The preacher will be The Rev Canon Sandi Barton, who is the Diocesan Environment Officer.

All are welcome.

Please Pray

- To resist temptations that will harm us
- Government policies that help improve the environment.
- For Unity and Understanding
- An end to the spread of Coronavirus

Foodbank

Urgent needs this week are for canned tuna, small jars of coffee, tinned hot meats, tinned rice pudding and fruit, tinned vegetables and part-baked bread.

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

Wednesday 4th March

7pm-8pm Whole Church Prayer Meeting in Church

Friday 6th March

10:30am

Women's World Day of Prayer at Salvation Army

Saturday 7th March

9am Indoor Boot Sale in St Peter's Hall

Sunday 26th April

Annual Parochial Church Meeting after the Morning Service at 9:30am

The Week Ahead

Sunday 1st March - The First Sunday of Lent

- 9:00am Holy Communion from book of Common Prayer
- 10:45am Family Service

Monday 2nd March

- Open the Book Team rehearse in Café 52
- 11:30am Funeral of Ronald Clemence in Church
- 2.00pm House Group at 2 Tippett Avenue
- 7:30pm Buildings and Finance Meeting in Café 52

Tuesday 3rd March

- 6:00pm -7:00pm Boys Brigade and Girls' Association in St Peter's Hall
- 7:30pm House Group Leaders' Meeting at 12 Constable Way
- 7:30pm Prayer Ministry Team Meeting at 10 Kersey Close

Wednesday 4th March

- 10:00am to 11:00am Little Fishes in St Peter's Hall
- 7:00pm Whole Church Prayer Meeting in Church

Thursday 5th March

- 10:30am Pastoral Visitors, Meeting in Church
- 12 noon Holy Communion in the Memorial Chapel
- 3:00pm Woodfield Court Communion
- 7:30pm House Group at 91 Kipling Way

Friday 6th March

- 10:30am World Day of Prayer Meeting at Stowmarket Salvation Army
- 7.30pm Town Pastors in Café 52

Saturday 7th March

- 9:00am to 1:00pm Indoor Boot Sale in St Peter's Hall
- 9:45am Combined Churches Choir Practice in Church
- 10:00am to 12 noon Tea and Coffee served in Church

Sunday 8th March - The Second Sunday of Lent

- 9:00am Holy Communion
- 10:45am Family Communion
- 3:00pm Taizé Service at Our Lady's supported by Combined Churches Choir

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

Last week's attendance: 94

Collection: £1203.85

Readings for Sunday 8th March: Romans 4:1-5 &13-17 and John 3:1-17

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