

GRAPEVINE

8th March
2020

Our Vision:

Letting people know about the love of Jesus Christ

When you feel yourself to be utterly unworthy, you have hit the truth. Charles Spurgeon



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 during or after communion 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.

The Bible uses many technical words that, when we hear them, we smile and nod our heads to make it look as if we know what it means. That's because those around us are doing the same and we assume that they know what's going on. But like us, they probably don't.

Salvation is one of those words. Preachers throw it into their sermons willy-nilly, but what does it mean?

Jesus' name means salvation, so maybe it has something to do with Him?

Imagine drowning out at sea. You would want someone to throw you a lifeline to save you.

That's what salvation is. It's a lifeline that comes to you from God to get you out of every possible situation that, in the long run, could harm you.

That is a wonderfully liberating position to be in because we now know that we don't have to swim like mad against the tide. Salvation means holding on to God and there we will be safe.

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 are advised by the diocese to maintain a 'business as usual' approach until told to do otherwise by Public Health.

If you are not well stay at home. If you want to avoid physical contact at 'The Peace' sit down and cross your arms. If you think it is not safe to drink from the Chalice at communion, only take the bread.

Think about it. The person leading the service and giving the bread will come into physical contact with everyone in the congregation and will drink wine from the chalice after everyone else has touched it. If he doesn't go down with the virus you can probably assume that you are also safe in Church.

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.

United Taizé Service for Lent

Today 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

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.

Filling Station

Our next Mid-Suffolk Filling Station meeting will be this Wednesday, 11th March, when our guest speakers will be Maurice and Angie Jones, who run a Filling Station meeting in Castle Hedingham, Essex. Maurice and Angie come highly recommended! I'm sure it will be a special evening in God's presence.

All welcome. As usual we meet at 7pm for coffee/cake, at Stowupland Village Hall.

After this, our next meeting will be 13th May. We will not be meeting in April

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.

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 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

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 9th March

- Open the Book Team at Great Finborough and Trinity Primary Schools
- 2.00pm House Group at 2 Tippet Avenue
- 7:30pm Ministry and Worship Meeting in Café 52

Tuesday 10th March

- 10:00am Office Staff Meeting in the Church Office
- 6:00pm -7:00pm Boys Brigade and Girls' Association in St Peter's Hall

Wednesday 11th March

- 7:00pm House Group at Café 52
- 7:00pm for 7:30pm Filling Station at Stowupland Village Hall

Thursday 12th March

- 12 noon Holy Communion in the Memorial Chapel
- 7:30pm House Group at 91 Kipling Way

Friday 13th March

- 7.30pm Town Pastors in Café 52

Saturday 14th March

- 10:00am to 12 noon Tea and Coffee served in Church

Sunday 15th March - The Third Sunday of Lent

- 9:00am Holy Communion
- 10:45am Family Worship
- 3:15pm Cedrus House Service led by Tony Ingham

Last week's attendance: 112

Collection: £1055.71

Readings for Sunday 15th March: Romans 5:1-11 and John 4:5-15

If anyone could help with a little woodwork job for the Christmas Tree Festival, please speak to Judy. It involves sawing some small pieces of wood.

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

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