



ST PETER'S CHURCH
Bayhall Road, Tunbridge Wells

Sunday 8th September 2019

A warm welcome to you all.

**If you are new to St Peter's please make yourself known to
Phil Peddar, the Assistant Minister, after the service.**

AFTER THE SERVICE

Refreshments will be served at the front of the church.

Before leaving, please stack bibles and welcome cards on a chair at the end of the row, as the church will be cleared for use during the week. Thank you.

SPA GROUPS RESTART THIS WEEK

If you're not already part of a group you would be very welcome to join one. There's a Wednesday morning group for women and evening groups on Wednesdays and Thursdays for adult church members, usually meeting fortnightly (see next page). We'll be looking at the New Testament book of 1 Peter. To find out more or to join a group, please speak to Phil.

REAL CHANGE

However long we've been Christians, we all have areas of our lives which need transforming.

Some of us tend towards anger or impatience, others towards jealousy or discontent. Some of us struggle with addictions, and in different ways, we all harbour pride in our hearts. God doesn't leave us like this! As Philippians reminds us, he is going to bring to completion the good work he has already begun in us (1:6). But how does this process of change work?

Real Change is a 6 week course for anyone who wants to experience the word and Spirit changing them from the inside out, reshaping them in the image of Christ.

Wednesdays 18 Sep; 2 & 16 Oct; 6 & 20 Nov; 4 Dec. 7.45-9.15pm (venue to be confirmed).

More information on the leaflets in the foyer and by the refreshments table. To book your place please speak to Mike Warren.

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**Our next prayer evening will be at the vicarage,
6.30pm next Sunday, 15th September**

WELCOME

If you have started coming to St Peter's recently, please complete and hand in a **Welcome card** - you will find them on some of the chair racks.

There is a **crèche** available in the foyer for **babies and toddlers** during the service. After the service and during refreshments, **parents** are responsible for their children. Please note that on family service Sundays, the crèche is for 0-5 year olds.

THIS WEEK

- Wed 11th** **WW SPA:** 10am - Coffee at the vicarage.
Wednesday Evening SPA groups: 8pm – Check with Tony or Phil regarding venues.
- Thurs 12th** **Thursday Evening SPA group:** 8pm at Bill & Sue's.
- Fri 13th** **Parables & Pizza Ladies' Evening:** 7.30pm, 30 Ravenswood Avenue, TN2 3SG.
- Sat 14th** **Door Knocking:** See facing page.
Ride & Stride: Friends of Kent Churches all-day event.
- Sun 15th** **Morning Service :** 10.30am, 1 Peter 1:10-16, Mike Warren.
Prayer Evening: 6.30pm at the vicarage.

DOOR KNOCKING

Saturday 14th September, 9.30am-12pm. Over the past two years a handful of church members have been knocking on doors in the parish to get to know our neighbours. It may sound scary or intrusive but we've found almost everyone to be very friendly! It's been great to learn about the lives of the locals, to listen to the lonely and the bereaved and to point people to Jesus. Where possible, we explain the good news about Jesus, give away gospels and invite people to church.

On 14th September, a number of us will be going out in pairs to knock on doors and it would be a huge encouragement if you were to join us. For further details, please speak to Phil (Don't worry... you can ask questions without having to sign up!)

CHINA & CONTAINERS to collect or return

Thank you to all those who brought salads and desserts last week for our barbecue. Please collect your china/containers from the table in the foyer. If you or your children have taken home any church china (white plates or bowls etc) for any reason, please would you return them as soon as possible. Thank you.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE – Operation Christmas Child

With Christmas cards already in the shops, it's time to think about how St Peter's church family will support children who are in need this year. For several years we have contributed presents via the Mayor's Toy Appeal, which have gone to local families who are struggling.

Today, we are going to hear about the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal. Since 1990, more than 168 million children in over 160 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child, and each child has had the opportunity to take a copy of The Greatest Gift, a colourful presentation of Bible stories in their own language.

Please see the display and tables at the back of church for details of how you can be involved and participate in sending shoebox gifts to needy children. Speak to Lourdes if you would like to know more.

HARVEST

Church Family Service & Harvest Celebration: Sunday 6th October, 10.30am.

Our harvest service is always an excellent opportunity to invite family, friends and neighbours along.

Gifts of food can be brought to the front of the church before or during the service and will be distributed to households in need via a foodbank. The most useful items include: coffee, sugar, and tins with at least 6 months 'best before' including tinned meat, fish, vegetables, spaghetti, macaroni cheese & ravioli, soups, rice pudding, custard, fruit, jams and sweets. We are unable to redistribute fresh fruit, salad and vegetables. If you know of any households who are in need of help with food, please speak to Mike or Michele.

Stay after the service for a hearty meal of Sausage, Mash and Onion Gravy. Dessert and soft drinks also provided. There will be no charge for your meal, but there will be opportunity to make a donation towards the cost on the day. Please sign the list by the refreshments table if you intend to come.

The **church will be decorated** for harvest on **Thursday 3rd October**, ready for the School to have their harvest service on the Friday morning. If you would like to help (no experience necessary!), please speak to Mary Sturgeon.

JOBS

World in Need is looking for someone to be their Church Partnerships Manager, 15 hours pw, primarily office based in Crowborough.

Rock UK is looking for a full time Centre Assistant at Carroty Wood in Tonbridge.

Further details about these jobs will be found on the noticeboard in the foyer.

If you would value pastoral one-to-one conversations with Mike or Michele, please do be in touch.

Vicar: Mike Warren: 01892 530384 **vicar@stpeterstw.com** (Thurs off)

Assistant Minister:

Phil Peddar: 07709 339031 **minister@stpeterstw.com** (Thurs off)

Pastoral Assistant & Parish Safeguarding Officer:

Michele Burgess: **NEW CONTACT DETAILS**

Pastoral: 07702 701833 **pastoral@stpeterstw.com** (working Mon & Wed)

Safeguarding: 07702 701833 **safe@stpeterstw.com**

Michele's new mobile number is for all calls, texts and WhatsApp messages relating to St Peter's, whether for Pastoral or Safeguarding issues.

*The email address **safe@stpeterstw.com** is only for those who have safeguarding concerns, or who are disclosing historical abuse. Safeguarding issues will take priority and be dealt with promptly.*

Churchwardens: Keith Waters and Sally Poland

Treasurer: Tony Burgess: **treasurer@stpeterstw.com**

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