

Sunday 15th November
2nd Sunday before Advent

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

10.30am Online

Revd Becky will Preside and Andrew Ball Preach

Peter Thorn will read and Eric Swindells will lead our prayers

I Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Psalm 90: 1-8

Matthew 25: 14-30

Themes for Prayer

The Church of Ceylon

The success of our virtual Christmas Market - pray for all who have
helped to make it possible

All those who are working to develop a vaccine for Covid 19

The Care Team

Chavasse Road

This week at St Peter's

Tuesday 10am Online Morning Prayer

Thursday 10am Online Morning Prayer

Thursday 10.30am-12.30pm Church open for private prayer

Sunday 10.30am Online Holy Communion

Notices

All Souls

Becky will be removing the All Souls cross this week. All items will be placed along the hedge until Sunday. Thank you to everyone who placed something in memory of a loved one, it really did look lovely.

Remembrance

Thank you so much to everyone who played a part in making Remembrance special this year. There will be some photos of the crosses and poppies in the next newsletter.

Crafts

Naomi Johnson and her mum have been creating again! Please have a look at their craft items here <https://handmadewithalovingheart.blogspot.com/2020/11/christmas-gifting.html>. There is also an order form which is attached to this email.

Pre recorded prayer

For the next few weeks of lockdown, we will be pre-recording worship. If you are reading or leading the prayers, please get in touch if you will struggle to record them as we can arrange to record them in church on a Thursday after private prayer.

Phone line

Our services phone number is now up and running. Each Sunday I will change the recording so you will be able to hear the service if you are not

able to watch it. The number is 0121 728 2222. Please do pass this information on to those who may find this useful.

A call to Prayer

A call to prayer. Please see a letter and suggestions for prayer each day at 6pm from our

Archbishops <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/call-prayer-nation>

Christmas Fayre

Since we are now back in lockdown, the distribution of Christmas Market goods will be delayed. The team will be sorting items on Thursday 3rd December and we hope to invite you to collect them soon after that. Alternatively, we will deliver. We will keep you updated!

Exciting news! It was announced in church on the 1st November that St Peter's is to welcome Emily Robottom-Scott as our curate in July 2021. Please join me in praying for Emily as she completes her studies.

Private Prayer

Dear All

I am glad we are still able to be open for individual prayer during this second lockdown. The government have however updated their instructions regarding places of worship opening for Private Prayer. I have summarised those rules here:

- Maintaining social distancing with other households at all times.
- Not gathering in groups, except with members of their own household, inside or outside the building.
- If you are opening for individual prayer, you should consider how to ensure visitors are spaced out (for example a simple booking system).
- Not touching property belonging to others.
- Removing books, reusable and communal resources e.g. prayer mats, service sheets or devotional material. Single use alternatives can be provided as long as they are subsequently removed by the worshipper. Items owned by the individual to aid worship e.g. a prayer mat or religious text, may be brought in but should be removed again.
- Avoiding singing and the playing of musical instruments.
- Where possible, discouraging cash giving and continuing to use online giving and resources minimising contact around transactions. Regular cleaning and hygiene should be maintained, and gloves worn to handle cash offerings where giving continues.
- Wearing face coverings, unless exempt.

I'm afraid this does mean that we will be taking bookings to come into the church building on a Thursday. However, everyone will be accommodated.

Please email Fay and she will arrange slots for you to come in. Once you are in the building, you can stay for as long as you like. The idea is to avoid people arriving at the same time. However, as the guidelines state, please avoid making conversation with others as you arrive and leave.

Slots will be available every 10 minutes starting at 10.30am.

Please be assured of my continuing prayers at this time,
Becky

Psalm 90.

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

 - 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the earth and the world were formed,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

 - 3 You turn us back to dust and say:
'Turn back, O children of earth.'

 - 4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday,
which passes like a watch in the night.

 - 5 You sweep them away like a dream;
they fade away suddenly like the grass.

 - 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

 - 7 For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.

 - 8 You have set our misdeeds before you
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
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