# HUTTON PARISH All Saints St. Peter

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## From the Editor...

## Welcome

to the first edition of our new, bi-monthly, Church magazine!

This was not how it was meant to be launched. After Fr Andy, Neil Dyson and I met back in January to consider my ideas and put them into practice, I imagined plenty of pre-publication advertising of the magazine – posters in the two Churches; copies being waived around by Andy at the end of every service, possibly accompanied by a few rousing chords on the organ, and queues of people clamouring to get theirs while stocks lasted.

Sadly, coronavirus put paid to most of that. There are no 'live' Church services for the time being, and queues of clamouring people are only to be found in the loo-roll aisles of local supermarkets.

But never mind: the two things that did meet my wildest dreams were the response from everyone who was asked to, or cajoled, into writing an article, and the incredibly high standard of those articles. And as a result, we have produced a magazine that we are proud of.

We thought it was important to stick to our stated aim to get the magazine out by the beginning of April. Firstly, because it encompasses the most important time in the Church calendar, and secondly because we wanted everyone in the Parish to know that even in the current climate of understandable worry, concern and fear, and with more places being closed than open, the Church is still there for them and they are not alone.

Hereafter, the magazine will contain articles and information dealing with all the activities that take place in and around the two Churches as well as details of key contacts and forthcoming services for the coming month, and of course some thought-provoking articles from members of the ministry team. There will even be a couple of pages specifically aimed at the junior element of the Parish. Obviously, some of those regular items will be missing – forthcoming services and activities, for instance – until things return to normal. And you won't be greeted by my ramblings in future. The first couple of pages will be the preserve of Fr Andy, but as you will understand, he is incredibly busy at the moment trying to maintain contact with all his parishioners through all the new challenges presented

by self-isolation, social distancing and lockdown. Nevertheless, he has written an article for all our social media outlets, including this magazine, explaining how the Churches will try to maintain 'normal service' (or as near to that as we can) throughout this very difficult period. Please keep in contact with the Church by whatever way is easiest for you, and try to look out for any neighbours and friends locally who may be in trouble or need a little help or reassurance - especially, of course, the elderly or vulnerable.

The magazine will be available bi-monthly. And it will be free of charge to everybody in the Parish of All Saints with St Peter, Hutton. You can receive it by email; downloading it from our website, or you may collect a copy from the fover of St Peters, or, in time, from the counter of several local shops. And if you find it difficult to get out, and receive pastoral visitors, we can arrange for them to bring your copy to you.

All the articles and information are supplied in good faith by individuals who are best suited to supply them. Should you find anything that is incorrect, personal or otherwise, please speak to the person who supplied the article. Any views expressed are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Church or the magazine editor and no responsibility for errors or omissions is accepted by the Ministry team, the PCC or the magazine editor.

We hope you will enjoy reading the magazine and will look forward to each edition. We would be very happy to consider for publication any articles that you would like to supply, and we would love to receive your views on the magazine and its contents at any time, either by letter, email or telephone Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments (critical or congratulatory!) or feedback: my details are on the contacts page.

Happy reading!

Malcolm Webb **Fditor** 

# from the Rector

## **Dear Church Family**

We are indeed living in unprecedented times. I am sorry that so many of you find yourselves locked away in your homes. Please know that you are in my prayers and that I am working with the Leadership Team to ensure that we are all in communication with each other – using as many types of media as possible.



It appears to me that we have a chance to reflect on what things are important at the moment. When societies and cultures get these opportunities, it is often because they have been thrown into turmoil for one reason or another. We now are being forced to reflect on what matters most in our world and what we have, perhaps, overvalued. It is therefore an opportunity for all churches to think about the things they do and the presence they have in their communities.

I have been drawn to the Gospels, as I have done my own reflecting, and the sermon on the mount has provided particular food for thought. Look at these words from Matthew 5:

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2** Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

- **3** 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- **5** 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- 6 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- 7 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- 8 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- **9** 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- 10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

We often talk about the "upside down nature" of the Kingdom of God – where the first shall be last and the last shall be first. This is what Jesus is getting at in this passage – the things we assume to be normal and correct, are often at odds with God's Kingdom. It's interesting that when in crisis, we have rediscovered that those who provide us with basic needs like food, education and healthcare are actually doing the work that really matters to us all. The billionaires are not coming to help us here – but those risking their own health seem to be to me, much more in line with what Jesus is outlining in Matthew 5.

This is also a rallying cry for the church across the world - we must be willing to love and serve our neighbours in these difficult days. If we don't, then I fear for the church after this trouble has passed. Immediately after the verses above, Jesus teaches about being "salt and light" in the world. I believe God is giving us the opportunity to regain our saltiness and to shine the light of Christ brightly in these dark days. Our parish, like all churches, will not be the same after this pandemic - I pray we will be much saltier and brighter afterwards!

I am delighted to be able to report that the parish is working alongside our friends from Hutton Community Centre and Lighthouse Furniture to ensure that all residents in our community who need food and supplies over the coming months will have their needs met. It is going to be a large operation and I am grateful to the Leadership Team for taking on so much of the parish pastoral work at this time, as it has enabled me to put the church at the centre of care provision for our community.



I believe that at times such as these we have to show our neighbours just why we are Christians and that we have a purpose beyond what we do on a Sunday. We must bear witness to the faith we have in Jesus Christ. I encourage you to find ways to bless those around you - be it a phone call, a letter or dropping off some shopping for a neighbour.

I have also been delighted that our live streaming of Morning Prayer and the Sunday Eucharist have been well received. Each video I have posted has been viewed over 200 times each and last Sunday's Eucharist was seen by over 500 people. Truly remarkable.

I have also started a YouTube channel so that I can continue to provide the children of the parish with regular worship and teaching. I would encourage you to find it through the links on the Facebook page and to subscribe to the channel.

If you are reading this article online, you can access the channel here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UC-GvE3Jj3lgeb3j21AEXtfA



We will also continue to produce the weekly Pew Sheets. As I said last week: Just because we cannot gather, does not mean that church is cancelled! Remember that we are the church wherever we are. We can worship and pray at any time we choose to and should continue to look out for those in need in our community.

Please sign up to the parish blog for weekly email updates. Go to <u>www.</u> <u>huttonparish.com/blog</u> to sign up. Do share this with as many people as possible so we can communicate effectively.

The parish Facebook page - <a href="www.facebook.com/huttonparish">www.facebook.com/huttonparish</a> - is proving to be an effective way of communicating with many people. Here you can access live videos of daily services as well as receiving news updates. Do consider signing up for Facebook if you haven't already - and do ask if you need any help doing this!

The Daily Bread Café is continuing to distribute food to those in need throughout this time of national crisis. Food parcels can be collected at least 3 times a week from the hall in St Peter's:

Sundays - 10.30am till 11.30am Tuesdays - 9am till 12 midday. Thursdays - 10pm till 12 midday

Please do come down at these times to collect food for you or maybe for a neighbour in need. Contact Lisa Whymark on 07795 966453 or lisa@ huttonparish.com if you need a food delivery or further information.

Please also remember to donate non-perishables to help stock our food ministry cupboards. An extra few items in your weekly shop will make all the difference to a needy family or individual.

We will do our best to keep you up to date with what's going on. I would encourage you to commit to regular prayer and worship over the coming weeks and months - it is a vital part of what being the church is all about. Please also keep an eye on those who might need a little extra support - a few groceries, a phone call or even a note through the door can make all the difference.

If you are fit and well and willing to deliver parish communications and/ or food etc, then please do get in touch with Dawn Shaxon in the office.

With every blessing



## The Right Reverend Stephen Cottrell Bishop of Chelmsford

**EASTER MESSAGE:** Departures and Arrivals

Easter, and perhaps especially Eastertide through to the feast of Pentecost, is always a season of departures and arrivals. The desolation of Good Friday seems to be about Jesus leaving us. Easter day is about surprising arrival. The



feast of the Ascension, though a great triumph, also has Jesus departing into heaven. The great feast of Pentecost, with which Eastertide concludes, is the arrival of the Holy Spirit whereby Jesus is with us in a new and unconstrained way, equally available to everyone.

As I write this, I am feeling the pull of arrivals and departures rather keenly. It isn't going to be easy leaving the Chelmsford diocese. I have loved being your bishop. Essex is the county I grew up in. It will always be home. I have enjoyed its vim, wit and entrepreneurial energy. I have been privileged to serve as bishop at such exciting times, not just the Olympic Games coming to the diocese in 2012, nor even our glorious centenary celebrations in 2014 where both the Queen one week and the Archbishop of Canterbury the next visited the diocese, but the drive, faithfulness and creativity that has been put into trying to reshape the church for mission. Our vision is that the Church might be a transforming presence, better

able to serve the communities of East London and Essex, and demonstrating the love of Christ by our witness and service. Serving as Bishop of Chelmsford at such a time has been a huge privilege. It will be hard saying goodbye.



But I'm also excited by what lies ahead. God is calling me to a new ministry and new adventures. This is always the pattern of the gospel. There is never a point in this life where any of us can say we have arrived. On that first Easter day Jesus says to Mary Magdalene in the garden: "Do not cling to me." (John 20.17) Which I suppose also means for us: don't think you can pin me down; don't imagine you can control or constrain me or even completely understand me. Or as the great Welsh priest poet put it in his poem Pilgrimages

"He is such a fast God, always before us and leaving as we arrive."

May God bless you this Easter with a new knowledge of his love for you and his purpose for your life. And may he lead you into new adventures.

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the turning point of human history.

God's future arrives in our present. And we are moved beyond ourselves to work together for a new creation and a new world order, a kingdom of justice and peace. In this great Spirit-led movement of change we are always leaving and

always arriving.

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The Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell The Bishop of Chelmsford



## **ROOTED COMMUNITY**



## LAUNCH PARTY

Friday Mums started in April 2012 around a kitchen table, as a place for connection, questions, friendship and support - and on 15th February this year, we invited all those in our Facebook group and their families, along with parish supporters and wider community friends to join us in the hall at St Peter's for a celebration as we relaunched as Rooted Community.

We joined together over a delicious afternoon tea, activities for families, a community art project and a time of worship and commissioning for the

Core Team and the wider community. Over 100 people crowded in and it was a fantastic occasion, full of joy and laughter, stories and tears and a sense of excitement for the future. Thanks to all those who made it happen!

"This group has clearly become a community helping and caring for others and open for mums in any circumstances to join."

Rev. Patrick Sherring, writing in the Brentwood Gazette

## **A Brief History**

For 8 years, Friday Mums have gathered to eat, chat and then break into small groups to talk through our weekly highs and lows, offering mutual support, encouragement, prayer and friendship. It's not rocket science, it's not a clever gimmick, but it is a focused, supportive and honest conversation and space. For many in this community, it is a place they call 'church' and which has provided for practical and spiritual needs in a multitude of ways as well as being a launchpad for mission locally.

From a few mums gathered around Lisa Whymark's kitchen table, we've grown beyond a small group from Hutton All Saints school where it all began. We now welcome women with children at a variety of local schools, women whose children have forged their own adult lives, at different ages and stages but all seeking shared life, an inclusive welcome and a deeper purpose. Babes in arms from that first gathering are now in Junior School and the next generation of women, babies and children continue to be added.



Now recognised as a distinctive 'congregation' within Hutton Parish, we connect with the Up, In and Out vision of the Parish as a whole but as an emerging congregation, we look quite different to the norm! – meeting mostly in homes, offering online support on different platforms, seeking to serve others in many different ways, with flexibility and creativity.

We have seen and know that, as women support one another, cheer each other on, seek to grow in faith and love, this in turn strengthens families and wider communities.



## Why the name change?

During the last year, Friday Mums also became Wednesdays as we began a second weekly meeting to enable deeper discussions of faith and to prayerfully support those serving our community in a wide variety of ways. We now gather as a vibrant community in our Facebook group with over



90 members and our weekly newsletter goes out to nearly 50 subscribers. **So, we're no longer just Fridays!** 

Out of this place of shared life, welcome and purpose, other things have emerged - the vision for the Daily Bread Café, a practical response to food waste and to combat loneliness in our parish, sprang from Friday Mums.

Our heart for families flows out into Little Fishes preschool group and many of us have roles within the parish Children's Team.

Beyond Hutton, many of us are working in paid employment - in schools, offices, in the City, full time or part time at home or

serving in libraries, shops, charities. Others have wider networks in their neighbourhood and we carry the values of this community to those we meet each day.

In recent months, a men's group has also begun to meet, for breakfast, curry and to build a soap box car!



So, we're no longer just Fridays and we're not just Mums either! You might describe us as an extended family with a mission. A new type of Christian community, an emerging congregation. Not everyone who comes along to our gatherings or receives our newsletter would call themselves a Christian. But there is a tangible connection with this extended family of 'the church' through Rooted Community. Life can be tough, parenting can be hard, circumstances can be challenging, perhaps never more

so than in the current climate but with others and with God, we find we can face life, see hope and grow together.

So, we're changing our name to Rooted Community – we've drawn on the rich imagery of growth, of fruitfulness and of planting new things which stems (!) from a passage in Ephesians 3:17. Paul writes to the church in Ephesus, giving thanks for their faithfulness but calling them to re-envision and establish strong roots for others to be welcomed and to know the love of God.

**Ephesians 3:17** "...that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being **rooted and** 



grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— 19 to know the love of Christ..."

## Looking to the future

We can't know where this will take us now – any more than we did 8 years ago! but we're committed to a direction of travel and way of life which is Rooted in friendship and encouragement, in serving others and Rooted in Christ.

With the current shut down in the midst of the coronavirus, Rooted is currently meeting online for prayers each day with the Parish Facebook page as well as its own 'Daily Hello' to keep connected and share inspiration and support.

In the summer term, we're launching a pilot evening gathering which will enable those who have returned to work or who cannot make our daytime gatherings to meet, eat, share and pray.

#### Our normal schedule is:

**Deeper Rooted** on Wednesdays 9am-11am, usually at the Rectory. This includes prayer, discussion, Bible study, refreshments, laughter!



Rooted Mums on Fridays,

1.15pm-3pm at various

local homes. This begins with a simple lunch and refreshments, a chance to share highs and lows in small groups and offer encouragement, prayer and fun.

We meet for socials, impromptu gatherings and keep connected online, via Whatsapp and with a weekly newsletter.

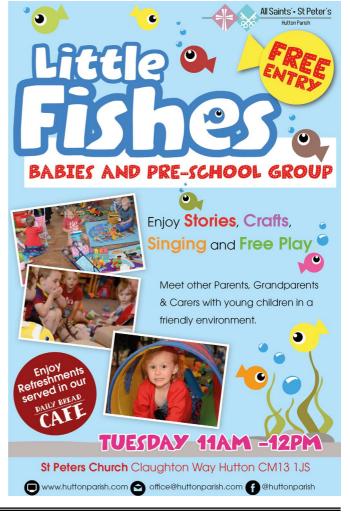
**Find us on Facebook** - search for Rooted Community or email rootedhuttonparish.com for more information!

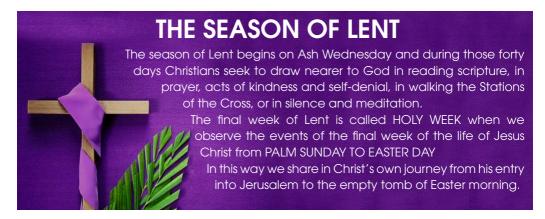
**Little Fishes** is part of Children's Church for babies and preschoolers. We meet every Tuesday during term time between 11am and 12noon for parents and carers.

This is a safe and informal space for families to enjoy singing, storytelling, craft activity and playing in a relaxed environment, plus the chance to have a cup of tea and a chat.

We have an enthusiastic group of ladies who act as volunteers and helpers every week.

Unfortunately, like most of the Church activities, we are currently closed until further notice, due to recent events, but we shall of course let everyone know as soon as we are able to reopen.





## **PALM SUNDAY**

On this day the Church remembers Christ's Entry into Jerusalem to finish His work by dying and rising again.

It begins with the Procession of Palms and reading of a Palm Gospel - the story from one of the Gospels of Christ's journey down the Mount of Olives on the back of a donkey



when the crowd waved branches from the trees and said "Hosanna, to the Son of David" as they hailed Jesus as the Messiah. We usually start at the gate of All Saints School.

(Messiah means "the anointed one", the one chosen by God. The Greek word is Christos – and therefore is a title not a surname)

Hosanna means something like "save we pray you".

When we arrive at the Church during the service we read, or sing or perform a dramatic narrative of the Passion - the story from one of the Gospels of the whole of the events of this Holy Week.

We take home a Palm Cross to remind us of this day.

(The Ash which we use on Ash Wednesday to mark our foreheads as a sign of repentance is made from the palms of the previous year which are burned)

The Liturgical colour (of the altar coverings and priest's vestments) is RED

#### Read the account in St Mark Chapter 11 v1-10

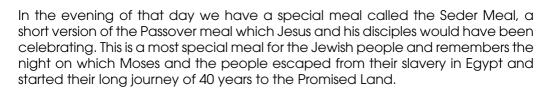
During Holy Week there is a service of Holy Communion each morning at St Peters Church and on Wednesday the final Stations of the Cross at 7.30pm.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

This very holy day is called Maundy Thursday from the Latin word of St John's Gospel (John 13 v34) mandatum where, during the Last Supper, Jesus told the disciples that He was giving them a "new commandment" – a commandment to love one another.

During that Last Supper Jesus washed the feet of the disciples as an example of humility and service to others.

It became the custom for the bishop/priest to ceremonially wash the feet of 12 others, and this is still done in some churches today.



We then go into church for our service. During this Maundy Service of Holy Communion the newly consecrated oils (blessed by the Bishop in the Cathedral that morning) and used for anointing at baptism and confirmation, during sickness and at the time of death are brought to the altar.

After the Liturgy of the Eucharist consecrated bread and wine are taken to the Chapel and placed on the Altar.

During the singing of a psalm or special music the altar and sanctuary of the church is stripped of all ornament and vestment and left bare as a symbol of Christ's nakedness on the Cross.

Vigil (the watching and waiting as the disciples were asked to do in the Garden of Gethsemane) is kept at the Altar of Repose (specially decorated with flowers and candles) in the Chapel, where the consecrated bread and wine are placed. Those present meditate on Christ's Agony in the Garden and His arrest and trials during that night.

The Liturgical colour until the Stripping of the Altar is White/Gold

Read some of this in Exodus 12 v1-14 and then John 13 v1-17



## **GOOD FRIDAY**

This is the most Solemn Day in the Church year but called good because this is the day on which Christ died and secured our salvation. Both our churches are bare and often kept quite dark.

The Cross is central to our thinking today and will be the focus for meditation. At All Saints we have a Crucifix on the altar and are also encouraged to use the figures on our Rood (an old name meaning cross) above the chancel arch as a way of meditating.



## We have a service of Tenebrae at All Saints Church at 2pm.

Tenebrae is the Latin word for shadows. The service recreates some of the Passion story with readings and music. During the service seven candles are extinguished and the church gets darker as we near the final moment of Christ's death and burial.

We hear the tomb door being closed and a single bell is tolled at the end of the service - 33 times to signify Christ's number of years on earth. We leave the church in silence.

By tradition this is the day we eat Hot Cross Buns -spicy buns with a cross on top to remind us of the great sacrifice Jesus made for us.

Read one of the Gospel accounts of the crucifixion.

## THE EASTER SERVICES -

From early times Christians gathered through the night to remember the story of God's work from the creation, through his dealings with his people and especially of course the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Some churches hold an Easter Vigil which marks the end of the emptiness of Holy Saturday and moves into the celebration of the Resurrection.

At vigils the Easter candle is lit from a new fire and brought into the dark Church in procession singing as we go that we are bringing into the church, and the world, the Light of Christ. That light is passed on from person to person until the church is full of candlelight.

After the singing of the Exultat, an ancient hymn of triumph and rejoicing we listen in the candlelight to some of the stories of Israel's redemption and ours, with readings from the Old Testament, the Epistles and the Gospel.

On Easter Sunday – the most joyous day of the year we celebrate with special services of Holy Communion using many symbols.

We welcome the new Light of Easter.

We begin by marking the large Easter Candle with nails to signify the marks of the passion and then it is lit.

The Easter candle will be lit for every service from then until Pentecost. It is the candle which is lit at every baptism and from which the candles given to those newly baptized are lit.

In the early church Easter was the time when all new Christians would have been baptized. It is now a very fitting time for all Christians to renew their commitment to their baptism vows and seek to strengthen their faith as the people of God. If there is a baptism then the whole congregation will be invited to renew our baptismal vows and are 'sprinkled' with Holy Water.

The Service ends in the glorious celebration of the Eucharist of Easter.

All is now light and colour and flowers and joyful singing.

The Alleluia (meaning Praise the Lord) which has not been sung through Lent is restored.

The Liturgical colour is White/Gold.

Read any of the stories of the first Easter Day in Matthew 28; Luke 24 and John 20.

Alleluia Christ is risen

He is risen indeed. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



## **EASTER WORDSEARCH**

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Can you find the following words, all connected with Easter, in the grid? The words can go up or down  $\uparrow \downarrow$ , side to side  $\rightarrow \leftarrow$ , or diagonally  $\land \nearrow \lor \lor$ 

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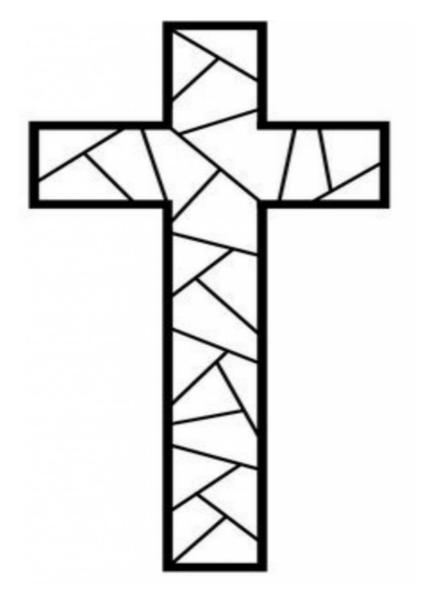
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EASTER EGGS

FAITH GOOD FRIDAY JUDAS LAST SUPPER

LENT MARY
NAILS PALMS
PILATE PRAISE

PRAY RESURRECTION

THORNS TOMB



Colour in the different shapes in the cross, then ask a grown-up to cut it out and paste it on to a piece of card. Then you have a colourful bookmark!!



## **BAPTISM**

Baptism (often called Christening) is available on request for any child or adult who lives in the parish. Please ring the parish office on 01277 262864

These are conducted during Sunday services either at All Saints or St Peter's. Baptisms are booked through the Parish Office with the Administrator and Clergy. At this point the family



will be sent the application form and some new leaflets together with information about Little Fishes, Children's Church and Rooted Church.



The person to be baptised is given a candle as a symbol of their new light in the world; there are certificates of baptism and godparents and each child now receives a card of welcome. Cards are sent to the newly baptized on the anniversary of their baptism.

## **FUNERALS AND BEREAVEMENT VISITS**

Funerals are booked with clergy and conducted by them or a Licensed Lay Minister (following visits for arrangements and pastoral care) either in church or at the crematorium. Interment of ashes may follow in the churchyard at All Saints.

There is provision for a plaque to be placed on the Memorial Wall. There is also a Book of Remembrance in the church.

As appropriate a member of the Bereavement Visiting Team will be asked to make a visit to the family to assure them of our continued support and prayers and offer any help if necessary.



A Memorial Service is offered to all bereaved families twice a year at All Saints, one just after Easter and one at All Saints-tide. These services are well attended and much appreciated by families as a way of expressing both thanksgiving and grief at some stage after the bereavement, funeral and in some cases the interment of ashes. The next service at All Saints is on Sunday May 10th at 6pm.

We try to provide a link with those who are housebound, ill or bereaved and Home Communions can easily be arranged within our team.

## MINISTRY AT THE NURSING HOMES

We have two Nursing Homes in the parish and we have an active if slightly different ministry in both. We also have the prospect of a new Nursing Home at Hutton View (on the site of the old Fire Services).

**Hutton Village Nursing Home** is a BUPA home partly using the buildings of the original church school, the rest purpose-built with pleasant grounds within the Conservation Area. There are 40 beds.

We conduct a monthly service for the residents with hymns, prayers



and a talk, usually following the pattern of the church's year and led by Chris Thomas and Dawn White helped by members of the team from our church and once or twice a year by Rev Paul from the Hutton Union Church. Bearing in mind the age of the residents we find it is important, whilst trying to make these services stimulating and prayerful, to make sure we use familiar texts and hymns.

> Holy Communion is taken to individuals each month by those Licensed to do so from the church. We are also on hand for any end-of-life spiritual care asked for, and the staff have been very helpful in enabling this ministry. It is always a privilege to be present

when someone is at the point of death and often cements the relationship with them and relatives. It also means that we are often asked to conduct the funerals of those who die in the home.

Each year, on or about All Saints/Souls we conduct a Memorial Service to remember those who have died in the home and we find this is a

great comfort for some relatives, many of whom have spent months and years visiting, but also for the other residents, often now great friends, and the staff who have been unable to attend the funerals.

Leonard Lodge Nursing Home is at the other end of the parish within the grounds of what was Bishops Hill School. This is run by the Barchester Group and has 60 beds. Many of the residents here are suffering from severe dementia and there is a special dementia



unit on the ground floor, which has its own challenges for ministry.

Chris Thomas attends this home now with the help of Carol Fulcher our Pastoral Assistant and we conduct services of Holy Communion there once a month. Chris is also there if asked for end-of-life care and for the conduct of funerals.

In addition Chris conducts four services there each year with the help of Beech Class (Year 3) from All Saints School at Harvest, Christmas, Easter, and in the summer. The residents really appreciate visits from the school, and it is something the school enjoys taking part in as part of their service to the community.

Over the years our ministry, relationship and presence at both Nursing Homes has been appreciated by both residents and staff, and this is a valuable ministry at what is a difficult time for both residents and relatives, and a demanding job for the staff.

## Chris Thomas Licensed Lay Minister



**Hutton View** 

## BIBLE STUDY

St. Peter's Bible Study started in May 2014 under the supervision of Fr Tony. It started with 11 people and with God's grace we now have 34 people registered, including some from neighbouring churches. Thanks be to God, the second Bible Study Group started in August 2017 with an average of 10 people. The dates and times of the meetings are shown at the bottom of the page.

Our Bible Study is not a "classroom" type of teaching: it is a fellowship sharing and faith growing session. Apart from looking at each book of the Bible, questions are asked leading each other to share experiences in God's love and listening to testimonies that would encourage and inspire our faith journey in Christ.

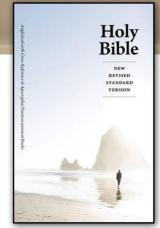
## The objectives of the group are: -

1) To learn about God's Word as Paul says in 2 Timothy 3:16, 17 "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.



- 2) To share with each other the experience of God's love.
- 3) To build up a loving fellowship in Christ.
- **4)** To encourage each other through the Bible and to grow in faith together.
- 5) To learn how to apply the Word of God in our contemporary society and daily living.
- **6)** To explore each other's giffs from God and encourage each other to use their giffs to serve the Lord in our church and community.
- 7) To refresh and revive our love for Christ through His Word.

We are still aiming to start home groups in different localities apart from Bible Study in our church. If anyone has an interest or the vision of starting a home group please contact Fr Andy or any member of our ministry team. Training and materials will be provided.



We are also trying to encourage the congregation to read God's Word daily in their own quiet time with God.

#### Evening group: -

Alternate Wednesday evening - 7:30pm - 8:30pm at St. Peter

#### Afternoon group: -

First Monday of every month - 2pm - 3pm at St. Peter's coffee lounge



Everyone is welcome to share God's Word!!! Timoxx.



The Daily Bread café was set up in September 2018 by Lisa Wymark and a group of volunteers after taking on food donations from M&S and other supermarkets in order to distribute those items to people in need and to combat food wastage.

It is not a food bank so we do not ask for proof of people's circumstances, nor do we judge by appearances or first impressions. It provides fairly-priced food and drink and a place for local residents to find warmth, company, help and advice. We are on a mission to combat loneliness, help with financial hardship and reduce food wastage.

There is now a community fridge in the church lobby that people can access when the church is open, and which allows us to distribute more fresh food and prevent it from going to waste.

Over the last year we have seen a marked increase in visitors to the café, either in need of food and advice or just looking for company and

something to do. The representative from Peabody is always busy and often has a queue of people waiting to see her. We now have Futures in Mind, who offer inclusive support for people with substance/alcohol misuse and mental ill health, and Barclays Bank coming in regularly to offer support and advice. SNAP will be holding a drop in on 21st April and we are arranging for Diabetes UK to come in and run a small workshop.



We now serve hot, homemade soup at lunchtime and we all sit and eat together to encourage conversation that comes from sharing a meal with others. We hope to be able to offer other hot food, making use of the donations that we receive from supermarkets, particularly after school for children who visit and may not get a hot meal at home.

From April, having the use of the hall in the afternoon will enable us to run more activities, like craft groups, men's shed and children's activities in the holidays as well as homework space for children after school.

Morning prayer is held at 9am and is attended by many café regulars, and most join in with prayers of their own for family, friends and others in the community.

Our hope for this year is to become a true community café that serves everyone in



Hutton, from all walks of life, with compassion, generosity and humility. Other churches and organisations have visited us to see what we do and it would be wonderful to see it replicated in other churches and parishes.

The Daily Bread Café is open at St Peter's Church every Tuesday from 9am till 4pm. Food is also available to collect on a Sunday after the 9.30am service at St Peter's.



St. Peter's Church

**Hutton Parish** 





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# DAILY BREAD CAFE



Unfortunately we will not be open for refreshments due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic

# WE ARE OPEN FOR FOOD COLLECTIONS: TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SUNDAYS

If you are ill or self isolating and can not get anyone to collect food please phone 01277 514896 or 01277 262864 or email lisa@huttonparish.com andy@huttonparish.com to arrange a delivery or just need someone to talk to.



PLEASE NOTE: ONLY 1-2 BAGS PER FAMILY, PER WEEK TO BE FAIR TO ALL

ST PETERS CHURCH, CLAUGHTON WAY, HUTTON, BRENTWOOD CM13 1JS



## FOOD COLLECTION GUIDELINES



When collecting food, please let us know your name and information in case you have to Isolate in future.

Please do not come to collect food if you have had any symptoms, been in contact with someone with symptoms or have been advised by the government to stay isolated.

Please stand **2 meters away** from the counter (behind the cones) to allow the server to assist you and maintain the social distancing rules with others in the queue.



## MONDAY SOCIAL CLUB

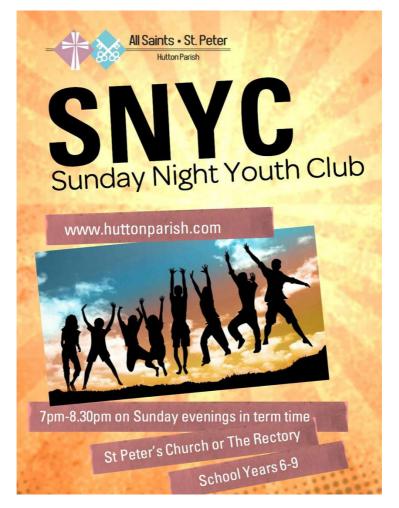
A new venture this year has been a monthly social club held on the second Monday of the month at St Peters organized by Carole Fulcher and her team. They provide an afternoon of tea, cakes and a variety of 'entertainments' including quizzes, games and music, but above all a space for the lonely to meet and chat.



## **YOUTH CLUB**









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