

Sunday 4 October at 11:00 am: Harvest Promises Auction for Christian Aid

Last year, we had so many fantastic offers, including cream teas, lunches and dinners, organ lessons, gardening, baking, home-made moussaka, clay pigeon shooting.... with all these bids, St Peter's raised over £1000! So let's get your offers in this week and try to beat last year's total!

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Saturday 17 October: Parish Pilgrimage to Aldbury

We will begin with Midday Prayer at St Peter's and then walk to St John the Baptist's Aldbury via the Ashridge Estate. After a picnic lunch we will say Afternoon Prayer and then walk back to Berkhamsted via the canal and finish with Evening Prayer.

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Could you run Little Fishes?

We are looking to recruit new leaders for our Little Fishes Parent and Toddler Group. Download the job spec from this week's Parish News email. For more information, contact:

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Berkhamsted community news & events

Sunday 27 September 2026 at 2:00 pm: Climate and Creation Sunday

at St Mary's Church, Studham - free workshop on sustainability

Saturday 10 October at 7:30 pm: Bridgewater Sinfonia

at Berkhamsted School's Centenary Theatre: Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture, Mozart's Violin Concerto N° 5 & Beethoven's Eroica Symphony. Advance/online tickets are £22, or £24 on the door, under-18s free. Pick up a season brochure at the back of church or visit:

📄 www.bridgewater-sinfonia.org.uk

Tuesday 13 October - Saturday 17 October: The Pepper Show 2026

DEMBE Theatre, Tring, with rock and pop hits across the decades. This hugely popular annual event raises funds for The Pepper Foundation, a local charity that raises vital funds for children's hospice at home care in Bucks & Herts. Tickets are on sale now:

📄 www.pepper.org.uk

Sunday 1 November: BerkoFest Book Festival in Berkhamsted Town Hall

Acclaimed fiction and non-fiction writers, children's authors, comedians and cartoonists in discussions, readings & book signings. Featuring Robin Ince, Nigel Barden and Alexei Sayle.

📄 tickets.matterpay.com/s/berkofest



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The Parish Church of
St Peter Great Berkhamsted

17th Sunday after Trinity

SUNDAY

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SEP

St Peter's Berkhamsted welcomes you

Today's services: 8:00am Eucharist

9:30am Sung Eucharist

Music this week

Hymns: 332 All hail the power of Jesus' name

353 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

296 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

Anthem: Teach me, O Lord - Thomas Attwood

Voluntary: Processional - Grayston Ives

First reading: Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



After this morning's service, do please join us for coffee in the Court House just opposite the church. Everyone is very welcome.

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Psalm 25

(vv. 1-9)

Everyone is invited to join in singing the response:



1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame, but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.

Response

3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long.

Response

5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and
love, for they are from everlasting.

6 Remember not the sins of my youth
or my transgressions,

but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.

Response

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

8 He will guide the humble in doing right
and teach his way to the lowly.

9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and
truth to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Response

The Gospel: Matthew 21.23-32

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

And also with you Glory to you, O Lord

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Bangladesh

Diocese

✠ Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, ✠ Andrew, Bishop of St Albans, ✠ Jane, Bishop of Hertford, and Charles, Archdeacon of St Albans

In our

continuing prayers

Mary Beard, Christina Billington, Barbara Fisher, Stacy Giles, Yvonne Hart, Judith Hill, Barbara McKenna, Ghulam Mutaheri, Frozan Mutaheri, Ken Organ, Gwen Roberts, Neata Thomson, Clare Wallington, Liz Wright

In our

immediate prayers

Doug Billington, Patricia Cody, Graeme Davis, Mark Few, Peter Kirk, Peter Rolfe, Charlotte Szypryt, Sienna Vallance

Weddings

Philip Gameson & Suzy Harker

RIP

Barbara Baggaley, Graeme Selkirk, Marion Muller

✠ Funeral notices

Friday 16 October at 12:45 pm: Funeral of Barbara Baggaley

in the Milton Chapel at Chilterns Crematorium.

Next week: Sunday 4 October — Harvest Festival

9:30am: Sung Eucharist

Church notices

Saturday 3 October at 7:00 pm: The David Pearce Memorial Lecture

A talk given by Concorde pilot Captain John Tye in the Centenary Theatre, Kings Road. Tickets are £15 and include a complimentary drink on arrival (£5 for under-18s and students). Friends of St Peter's fundraising event, in aid of the St Peter's Renovation Appeal (roof fund).

Book tickets:  tickets.berkhamsted.com

If you don't have a computer, you can secure a ticket by contacting:

Cathy Imber  07909 868 928

Next Sunday 4 October 12 noon-4pm: Singing day at St Peter's

We are inviting children in years 3 – 6 for a day of singing and fun - learn some songs and find out about being a chorister at St Peter's. The day will end with a short concert, in which they'll appear alongside existing members of the choir. No previous experience is required, just a good singing voice and bags of enthusiasm - come and have a go! **Pick up a leaflet at the back of church and do please share with any friends who have musical children – this event is vital for keeping our choral tradition alive!**

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