

Parish calendar

Just a reminder that one of the many ways you can find out about services and events at St Peter's is to look at the online calendar on the church website.

The web address is very easy to remember:

 www.stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk/events

Forthcoming events are usually highlighted in the Parish News email a couple of weeks beforehand, but if you want to look further ahead, the website calendar is there to help you.

Berkhamsted community news & events

Next Saturday 31 October at 7:00 pm: The Berkhamsted Ball

The last few tickets are left for Berkhamsted Castle Trust's glittering fundraising ball in aid of the the Castle Fields Appeal. Dinner, dancing and a Gala Auction hosted by *Antiques Roadshow* experts. **Tickets £75 each** and include a welcome drink.

 www.berkhamstedcastle.org.uk/events

Saturday 7 November: Fleetwood Mac by candlelight

The *Rumours* are true...! Experience the hits of Fleetwood Mac as you've never heard them before, played in St Peter's by a string trio by candlelight. We wouldn't tell you *Sweet Little Lies* - it's such a popular concert that there will now be three performances at 5pm, 7pm and 9pm. Don't Go Your Own Way - book now! **Tickets £20-£45** - booking links on our website:

 www.stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk/concerts

Berkhamsted Food Hub pantry table

As winter sets in, demand is now outstripping supply, and Food Hub have requested more donations. You can leave cans/jars/packages of non-perishable food on the table at the back of church. Toiletries such as shampoo and shower gel are also especially welcome. Please consider how you can help people who are struggling.

Christmas cards

Please remember to support our local Christian bookshop, the Way Inn, who have a wide selection of Christmas cards, as well as Advent Calendars, a range of books, gifts and picture frames. If you like to do a Christmas letter to all your friends and family, the Way Inn also have a print shop. They can do photos, scanning, video transfer and much more.

Black History Month

gives us an opportunity to shine a light on sometimes forgotten stories. In our Parish News this week we remember Jamaica-born Pam Macpherson (who founded The Hospice of St Francis) and the Berkhamsted-born anti-slavery campaigner William Cowper.

 www.stfrancis.org.uk/news-stories-blog



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The Parish Church of
St Peter Great Berkhamsted

Last Sunday after Trinity

SUNDAY
25
OCT

St Peter's Berkhamsted welcomes you

Today's services: 8:00am Eucharist

9:30am Sung Eucharist

Music this week

Hymns: 360 Firmly I believe and truly

235 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

485 Thy hand, O God, has guided

Anthem: Ubi caritas - Maurice Duruflé

Voluntary: Caprice sur les Grands Jeux - Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

First reading: Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

Sunday 1 November: All Souls



At 6pm we will gather to remember "those whom we love but see no longer". During the service there's an opportunity to light a candle in memory of someone you have lost, and we read out the names of the departed. If you plan to come to this service and you'd like to include the name of a loved one, please add them to the list at the back of church.

Loop system

As explained in last Sunday's pew sheet, we have some technical problems with the sound system in church, and this means that the hearing aid loop is temporarily unavailable. We apologise for any inconvenience. We thank everyone for their patience and understanding while our sound volunteers work hard behind the scenes to get the problem fixed.



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Psalm 90

(vv.1-8)

Everyone is invited to join in singing the response:



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.

Response

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.

Response

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.

Response

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.

Response

The Gospel: Matthew 22.34-end

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 the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' " ? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Intercessions

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Central Africa

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 Muteri, Frozan Muteri, Ken Organ, Gwen Roberts, Neeta Thomson, Clare Wallington, Liz Wright

In our immediate prayers

RIP

Memorial (year's mind) Liz Pearce, Ann Owen, Margaret Whatmore

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

Rupert Preston-Bell

Next week: Sunday 1 November — All Saints & All Souls

9:30am: Sung Eucharist for All Saints

6:00pm: All Souls Requiem Mass

Church notices

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT: volunteers wanted!

The Berkhamsted Festival of Light will take place on **Sunday 22 November**. This is a wonderful opportunity for St Peter's to reach out to the wider community and welcome through the door people who may not normally set foot inside a church. As part of the town's celebrations, we lay on a spectacular display of the church lit by thousands of candles, and we sell refreshments. **Will you help us this year?** We get lots of helpers to share the work, and if you've never helped before, we encourage you to come and help! Young people are especially welcome! Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church today. This is just to indicate your willingness to help - once we have all the contact details, there will be an opportunity to allocate duties. *Please use the form rather than just agreeing to help in a conversation, as this makes planning so much easier.*

 www.stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk/festivaloflight

Sunday 1 November at 6:00 pm: All Souls

As is our tradition, every year on the Sunday evening nearest 1 November, we mark All Souls' Day. This is a special time in the church calendar when we remember the dead – "those whom we love but see no longer". The choir will sing Gabriel Fauré's beautiful setting of the Requiem Mass. During the service there's an opportunity to light a candle in memory of someone you have lost, and we read out the names of the departed (the list is at the back of church). If you are mourning a loved one – whether someone who has died recently or many years ago – this service offers a time for quiet remembering and thanksgiving.

 www.stpetersberkhamsted.org.uk/allsouls

Saturday 14 November at 7:00 pm: Casserole evening in the Court House

in aid of the St Peter's Renovation Appeal (roof fund). £15 per head, bring a bottle. Please let Carolynne know if you're coming, for numbers, and if you can provide a casserole.

Carolynne Charman  charman164@btinternet.com  07503 156 751

Sunday 7 February: Confirmations 2027

Bishop Jane will be with us to confirm those who have been prepared at our 9.30am Parish Eucharist. If you would like to be prepared for confirmation, please complete this form and return it to Fr Stuart. A handful of printed forms are also available in church. If you are not sure whether or not you would like to be confirmed at this time but would like to know more, please contact Fr Stuart for a conversation.

Fr Stuart Owen  fr.stuart@gmail.com  01442 879 739



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