

Dear Friends,

We hope that you and your families have had a very joyful and peaceful Christmas and wish you every blessing in 2022.

It is hard to believe that it is now almost three months since Kip and Sue's farewell services on the 17th October. It was lovely to see so many there but we appreciate that some of you could not join us and this is the link if you would like to watch the 10.30 service for the first time or enjoy it again! <https://youtu.be/MPy1ph-96ek>

Thank you to everyone who took part in this service and especially to Gill Dottie for masterminding "This Is Your Life".

We have, following Kip and Sue's departure, attempted to continue as normally as possible notwithstanding the challenges of the Omicron variant and we are grateful to everyone who has enabled us to continue our worship, our ministry to our young people, our Hub and so many other aspects of our life together.

There are too many to thank by name but we are particularly grateful to Julia, Joyce and Dot, our musicians and audio-visual team, Derek, Jen and the Hub volunteers and our amazing youth leaders at Creche, Minnows, Worship Through Play, First Steps, Smiley Club, JAM Club and Link Club.

It was particularly special for us as Wardens to be present at all of our normal Christmas services in our beautifully decorated church building. As you can see from the photograph, 269 of us gathered with Marr, the donkey, for our annual Crib service and Stephen Yip subsequently confirmed that we had donated £1,200 to KIND.



Obviously the uncertainties caused by Omicron are ongoing, and we will continue to follow Government and Diocesan guidance carefully, but we want our church family to function as normally as possible and hopefully we will return to normal in the very near future.

In particular we are hoping to reinstate our weekly notice sheets so that these are available in church, sent out electronically and posted on our web site. Please let us know if you are aware of anyone who is not receiving our emails either because we do not have their address or they do not have the internet. And please visit our website, daily if possible, so that you have the most up to date news.

2022 will be a very significant year for St. Peter's as we work with the Deanery and Diocese to discern God's will for our next Incumbent. We were not allowed to progress the appointments process until Kip and Sue retired but our PCC are meeting with the Area Dean and Lay Chair of our Deanery on the 11th January and the Archdeacon on the 8th February. We hope to write to you approximately once a month going forward and will keep you updated on progress with the appointments process in these letters.

Please contact either of us by email at churchwardens@stpeters-woolton.org.uk or leave a voicemail message on 0151 428 6810 in the Simon Peter Centre, at any time if you have any questions or comments. We want to encourage as much communication as possible.

And, most importantly of all, please pray for St. Peter's. We are God's church, in God's hands, and we seek his will for our future.

With love and best wishes to you all,

Terry & Alistair.

Churchwardens.