

**NEWS SHEET for
22nd May 2022**
St Peter's Church, Woolton
**Growing in Love for God,
each other and the World**



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***Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you***
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

A WARM WELCOME TO EVERYONE!

A very warm welcome to today's services, particularly if you are visiting the church for the first time. If you are new to St Peter's please make yourself known to our Welcome Team at the back of church. We are pleased to be able to offer teas and coffees in the centenary rooms. Weather permitting and for those who prefer, we will also be serving teas and coffees outside the centenary rooms.

Collect:

Risen Christ, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

A Prayer for Ukraine from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York:

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

SERVICES FOR MAY

Holy Communion every Thursday @ 11am

Thursday 26th May - Ascension Day Holy Communion Service 7.30pm - Acts 1:1-11 & Luke 24:44-end
Worship Through Play for families, is held in the church on the last Sunday of the month at 4pm.

<u>22nd May</u>	<u>29th May</u>
The 6 th Sunday of Easter 8am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship Acts 16:9-15 John 14:23-29 Children's Groups are active today	The 7 th Sunday of Easter Baptism 8am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship Acts 16:16-34 John 17:20-end All age Service

For your prayers:

Those who are sick: Gill McColl, Molly Kinsella, Archie Mckerrel, Ann Large, Andy Cheetham, Roger Whitaker, Carla Sherif, Gladys Shears, Eric Winstanley, Andrew Bedward, Gillian Saignes, Samantha Gibbons, Don Evans, Eric Williams, Ray Grist.

Please pray for the families and friends of: Charlotte and Zac, Marjorie Foulkes, Teresa Graham, Gladys Schears, Patricia Dutton.

Administration of Holy Communion: Following recent guidance from The House of Bishops, we will now be offering those receiving Holy Communion in church the opportunity to receive wine as well as bread. The PCC, in discussion with our Health & Safety representative, has decided that the safest way to do this is by intinction – those administering Holy Communion will dip the bread into the wine before offering it to the person receiving Communion. If a person wishes to receive bread alone then that will be offered.

St. Peter's Prayer Meeting: The next Prayer Meeting will be taking place on **Saturday 28th May at 9am** in the Simon Peter Centre. If you are unable to attend and would like to join us via Zoom, please contact Rev. Julia Pratt (curate@stpeters-woolton.org.uk).

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations:

Over the weekend of the Jubilee celebrations, our church will be open to members of the public on Friday 3rd June and Saturday 4th June. To enable us to open church safely, we need at least 3 people to be present. Our church will be open on the Friday (10am - 11:45am and 2:15pm - 4pm) and on the Saturday (10am - 4pm). If you can offer an hour or two on either day, please speak to Tom Canty. Tom is also putting together a display of photographs for church, depicting life through the decades of the Queen's reign, so if you have any photographs from 1952, especially of Coronation Day, or of street parties at previous Jubilee celebrations, then Tom would be most grateful if you could loan these to him. Our church hall will additionally be open both days, with Beatles merchandise on sale. Please do join us on the Sunday of the Jubilee weekend when we will be celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit - Pentecost, as well as thanking God for the Queen and her life of service, lived in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Ascension Day and Thy Kingdom Come:

On Thursday 26th May the Church celebrates Ascension Day. In addition to the usual service of Holy Communion at 11:00am, there will also be a celebration of Holy Communion at 7:30pm.

Ascension Day marks the beginning of *Thy Kingdom Come*, a prayer initiative which began in 2016: Christians are encouraged to pray for the 11 days from Ascension Day to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. During the 11 days of

Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- *Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ*
- *Pray for 5 friends or family members to come to faith in Jesus*
- *Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our Christian witness*

Please do pick up a copy of the *Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Journal*, which provides reflections written by the Archbishop of Canterbury for each day of *Thy Kingdom Come*. Copies are available in church and in the Simon Peter Centre.

LUNCH CLUB – Lunch club will be held on **Thursday 26th May** in The Hub following the 11am communion service in church. All are welcome serving soup, sandwiches and Dessert/snacks. Cost £2.50 per person.

Rhoda would also love to hear from you if you are interested in helping with lunch club which is **held on a Thursday every fortnight**. If you are interested and would like to join a friendly team in helping Rhoda then please **contact Jen at the Hub on 428 6810 or by e mailing huboordinator@stpeters-woolton.org.uk**, and arrange to visit

Sue Whittaker will be collecting the Children's Society house boxes during May for their regular 6 monthly opening. Sue can be contacted on 0151 283 8199.