

OUR MARCH NEWSLETTER.

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Dear Friends,

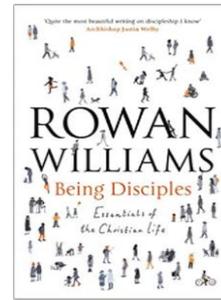
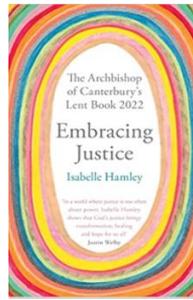
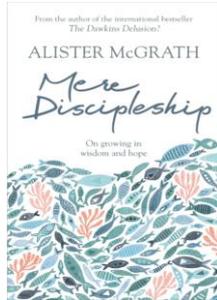
As you may have noticed, our weekly notice sheets now begin with these amazing words from the final chapter of Paul’s first letter to the church in Thessalonica.

We believe that this exhortation is particularly appropriate for us as a church as we travel together through our interregnum and it was the verse that we chose for our PCC away morning on Saturday, 26th February.

As you will see from the photograph, members of our PCC and its sub-committees with representatives from our youth organisations gathered together in the Centenary Rooms to begin the process of discerning God’s plan for his church. We will, very shortly, meet with the Archdeacon of Liverpool and others to continue this process. However, we want to hear from the whole of our church family and we encourage you to contact us on churchwardens@stpeters-woolton.org.uk with any thoughts, comments and suggestions that you may have.



We also encourage you to join us throughout Lent for our series on “Walking The Way Of Discipleship” which began on Ash Wednesday and will continue each Sunday. We are very grateful to Julia for planning this. Hopefully you have also chosen a Lent book following the three recommendations on our notice sheets and in church but it’s not too late to start and copies of the front covers are included in this letter.



Our Bible Course led by Dot also begins on Wednesday, 16th March. As Dot says, “see how all the books of the Bible form one big story and learn how to apply the Bible to everyday life”. Please contact us, Angela or Dot if you want to know more.

It’s great to see our children’s groups meeting, and growing, and we are profoundly grateful to all who lead them “across the road”. We are actively considering a return to our previous practice of our Smiley and JAM groups beginning in church and will provide more information in our next letter and in church and on the notice sheet. In the meantime, please do “pray without ceasing” for our groups and, in particular, please pray for Lorraine, her fellow leaders and all of the children going to Min y Don from the 8th to the 10th of April.

It's impossible to write this letter without reflecting on the terrible events that are unfolding in Ukraine. As you probably know, we have joined with Bishop Martin School to raise funds for the Disasters Emergency Committee. You can make gifts in church or online on the St Peter’s Ukraine Appeal web page. We join with Christians across the world in praying for the Ukraine and encourage you to use the prayer provided by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York which we have included at the end of this letter.

As Paul said to the Thessalonians, **“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”**

With love and best wishes to you all

Terry & Alistair. Churchwardens. 14th March, 2022.

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