

ST PETER'S WEEKLY NEWS

10 DECEMBER 2023



CHILDREN'S FACILITIES – Activities and toys for children during Mass can be found at West End of the Church and in the Lady Chapel.

IVY CAFÉ – every Wednesday afternoon from 3.00pm. Our last session before the Christmas break is Wednesday 20th December, (3.00 – 4.00 pm), and will be suitably festive. Non-regulars, as always, are welcome to be with us. A big 'thank you' to everyone for another successful year. We will meet again on the 10th January.

CHOIR PRACTICE – Friday 15th December at 6.00pm Essential now for anyone who is partaking in the Carol Service. Choir practice also takes place on Sundays at 9:15am and after coffee.

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY: There are still Christmas cards at the back of church waiting to be delivered! Thanks to those of you who have taken a pack or two (or more) already. If you haven't taken any and have the time to take a stroll and deliver some, please do, and if you can take a pack or two more it would be much appreciated! Many thanks.

ST PETER'S CONCERT DATES –

December 23rd 7:30pm The Night Before Christmas. London's most versatile vocal ensemble, The Park Lane Quintet lead favourite Christmas songs plus traditional carols with organ. Christmas readings and A festive sing along with mulled wine and mince pies; the perfect intro to Christmas. Tickets £15 from Eventbrite.co.uk - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-night-before-christmas-tickets-742923272507?aff=ebdsoporgprofile> (search The night before Christmas) and at the door on the evening.

DER ZIMBELSTERN - Our new Zimbelstern (bells stop) was installed for Advent Sunday, making us the only church in West London to have one. Mark has explained the history and liturgical significance of the Zimbelstern, with a photo of ours on the organ restoration display at the back of church. Do have a look.

MINCE PIES!!! - Volunteers to make (or buy!) Mince Pies for our 2 festive events. the Carol Service 17th December & the Concert 23rd December. Please let Rosanna know or sign the list at the back of the church. Mulled wine and suitable soft drinks will be served at these events. Rosanna32@btinternet.com

DIGITAL ORDERS OF SERVICE. One of the many things we have learnt through lockdown is the use of digital orders of service. This can be emailed to you during the week, allowing you to download the order onto your digital device (smartphone; tablet etc). This saves a huge amount on paper and printing. If you would like to do this and don't yet receive the order of service digitally, please contact the parish office and Lesley will be very happy to add you to our list.

STEWARDSHIP - St Peter's is reliant on the generous support of its congregation. Our preference is for regular standing orders into the Church's bank account. One off gifts can be made easily via the tap-to-donate point at the back of the Church, or through our Online Giving Page - a link to which can be found on the 'Support' page of our website. Gift Aid declarations can be made via the tap-to-donate point and Online Giving Page (if we don't already have one from you).

**Parish Bank details are: Acc Name: Parochial Church Council of St Peters
Ealing Parish Acc No: 60377082: Sort Code: 401158**

ECWNS - St Peter's is helping to host the homeless as part of the Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter programme (ECWNS) as we have done in previous years. We will give up to 14 guests dinner and bed and breakfast for the night in the church. To do this we need volunteers to cook, look after our guests both in the evening and overnight, and then provide breakfast before getting the sheets washed and the equipment driven over to the next church. Sounds like a lot but we split it up into manageable parcels and the more that volunteer the easier it gets! If you're interested in volunteering, please email rolandstumpf@yahoo.com to let him know what you are happy to help with and further details or if you just want to discuss please speak to Father David, Adam Grimley or Roland Stumpf.

ADVENT 2023 – a number of events have been planned to mark Advent this year. Please see the Advent pamphlet available at the welcomers desk for more information. As our Advent Course we are using **Searching for Home: Advent Reflections on the God who welcomes everyone** by Cole Moreton. If you would like to join the Advent Course sign up on the list available at the Churchwardens Desk. The course book is available for Church House Bookshop and Pitshanger Bookshop.

ADVENT QUIET MORNING – Saturday 16th December, 9.30-1pm. A quiet morning is an opportunity to spiritually prepare ourselves for the coming festivities. It consists of a series of short talks and periods of quiet for personal reflection and will end with a Eucharist.

The Post Box is now available at the back of the church for the posting of Christmas Cards for other members of the congregation.

PLEASE LOOK AND SEE IF THERE ARE CARDS FOR YOU TO COLLECT!!

CHRISTMAS AT ST PETER'S

Sunday 17th December: CAROL SERVICE **5.30pm**
Followed by mince pies & mulled wine

Saturday 23rd : The Night before Christmas - Concert **7.30pm**

Sunday 24th December: CHRISTMAS EVE

Parish Mass (Advent 4) **10.00am**

Christingle Service for all the family **4.00 pm**

Midnight Mass

11.30 pm

Monday 25th December: CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass of the Holy Nativity **10.00 am**

Parish Contact Details:

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday: 10am-12noon	Click here for St Peter's online Giving page
Parish Wi-Fi: Name: StPeter-Guest; Password: StPeter1662	Parish Office Hours are 10-12 noon Monday to Friday

PARISH OFFICE – The Parish Office will close for Christmas at 12 noon on Wednesday 20 December and will re-open at 10am on Wednesday 3 January 2024.

Worship this week	
Sunday 10th December Advent 2 10am Parish Family Mass 5.30pm Evening Prayer	Sunday 17th December Advent 3 9am Pebbles 10am Parish Mass 5.30pm Carol Service by Candlelight
Daily Prayer:	
Morning Prayer: Mon to Thurs at 9am Evening Prayer: Mon, Tues & Thurs at 5pm Compline: 9.30pm Tuesday (Zoom) No contemplative prayer this week on Wednesday.	For information about baptisms, weddings and funerals please contact Fr David or the Parish Office.
Notices & Diary Dates:	
December: 11th: 7pm Advent Course (Zoom) 12th: Mission Team Meeting (23 Mount Park Road) 13th: 5.30pm Durston House Carol Service (church) 16th: 9.30am Parish Quiet Morning (Church) 17th: 5.30pm Carol Service by Candlelight (Church) 18th: 7pm Advent Course (Zoom) 20th: 6pm AI Letter Writing Group (Zoom) 23rd: 7pm Christmas Concert: "The night before Christmas" (Church)	December (cont:) 24th: 4pm Christingle Service (Church); 11.30pm Midnight Mass 25th: 10am Mass of the Holy Nativity January 2024: 1st: 12 noon New Years Day Mass and drinks at the Vicarage 8th: 7.30pm Standing Committee Meeting
This Week's Reading Programme:	
Mon: Isaiah 30.1-18; Matthew 14.1-12 Tues: Isaiah 30.19-end; Matthew 14.13-end. Weds (Lucy, martyr): Isaiah 31; Matthew 15.1-20. Thurs (John of the Cross, poet): Isaiah 32; Matthew 15.21-28 Fri: Isaiah 33.1-22; Matthew 15.29-end. Sat: Isaiah 35; Matthew 16.1-12.	
Prayer Requests:	
Please pray for: Sick: Roy Honey; Harry Jones; Richard Dubois. Recently deceased: Lieveke Mulcaire; Andrei Doicin; Jane Robinson (Deacon); Henrietta Owens. Years Mind: week 10-16 December: Marcel Rogers; Carole Johnson; Jill Ford. Parish family: Alison Germany; Michael Grant; Fenny Green; Adam, Lou, Billy, Eleanor & Harry Grimley; Marjorie Harding; Christine Harding; Cornelia Harding; Sarah Hare; Gaby, Chris, Francesca & Luke Harris; David & Christine Hodges; Mark James; Rev Margaret; Maryke Jones; Pam Jones. (To add names to this list please contact Fr David or the Parish Office)	