

St Peter's Church Woodmansterne

Come and See - John 1:39

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Pew News – March 2024

Services this month

Sunday 3 March	8:30am Quiet Service of Holy Communion 10:30am Holy Communion
Sunday 10 March	10:30am Mothering Sunday service
Sunday 17 March	10:30am Holy Communion
Sunday 24 March	10:30am Morning Worship Lighthouse - for children 3-11
Thursday 28 March	8:00pm Maundy Thursday service @ St Margaret's
Friday 29 March	10.30am Good Friday service @ Woodmansterne Baptist
Sunday 31 March	10.30am Holy Communion

Church Family News

PCC update

At our February meeting we had a number of items to discuss including our Mission Action Plan, we will be sharing this with the rest of the church in due course. We also looked at a list that the Standing Committee have drawn up of maintenance and improvement works that need to be done in and around the church. As ever Safeguarding was on our agenda, it is a key aspect of the life of the church. Simon Gill and Gill See are our Parish Safeguarding Officers, if you ever have a concern in this area do please contact them.

Mothering Sunday

If you are coming to our Mothering Sunday service on 10th March we are going to be doing things a little different so could you please bring a travel cup or a 'keep-cup' or a mug with you (the sort that you might take a drink of tea or coffee in).

Holy Week 2024

Quiet Spaces

On Wednesday 27th March Susan is leading a Quiet Space based in the church and hall. It starts at 10:00 and is a time to step back and then have the opportunity to watch, wait & listen. The Quiet Space finishes at 1:00 and is open to all, please book a place by speaking to Susan.

Maundy Thursday

On Thursday 28th March our Maundy Thursday Service will be at St Margaret's Church, Chipstead and starts at 8:00pm. Part of this service will involve the washing of feet or hands, in doing this we remember Jesus washing the disciples feet before the Last Supper. If you would like to come to this service but transport makes this difficult then do please speak with Alison.

Good Friday

On Friday 29th March our Good Friday Service will be at Woodmansterne Baptist Church and starts at 10:30am. On this holy day we stand at the foot of the cross and remember all that Jesus did for us. If you would like to come to this service but transport makes this difficult then do please speak with Alison.

Open the Book

For a number of years the Bible Society's Open the Book has enabled people to take the Bible into Primary schools in a way that allows children to become familiar with many aspects of the Christian faith. As a resource it is great because everything is provided in terms of script and suggestions for staging etc. In many senses all that is required of us is the willingness to get involved, the time for initial training (1 day at St Peter's), a short rehearsal and then the actual assembly. The aim is to join with other local churches to get a team up and running and then we will approach local schools. If you would like to be part of this team or need more information do speak to Alison.

Film Club Friday 22nd March 1:00

Nicholas' Gift - A film particularly relevant in this Easter season. There is nothing like watching a good film in the company of others so come along, invite a friend or neighbour. Ice cream and drinks are served but be assured there is no

rustling of sweet papers (apparently this is one of the main reasons people give for not going to the cinema).

Prayer Points for March

'Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought but the Spirit intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.' Romans 8:26

Our Church and Community:

May our worship be honouring to God

For our Mothering Sunday service, for some this day is difficult, that we may know the love of God surrounding and upholding. For some this is a day to celebrate, that we may know God is our provider.

For our Easter services, that they may enable us to go deeper in our personal relationship with Jesus

For the children of Woodmansterne Primary School coming to church for RE lessons this term looking at the real meaning of Easter

Alison, Susan, Church Wardens and PCC

For Kylie, Bhim and the boys as they await visas to return to India and then plan a move to Ireland later on in 2024.

Those in need, remembering especially those who are unwell, lonely or mourning

Those who are experiencing mental illness & all who support them

Our World:

For the ongoing situation between Israel & Palestine, for resolution and a lasting peace

For the many places of conflict around the world

Persecuted Christians in Yemen & Nigeria & those organisations working such as Open Doors who work on behalf of those who are persecuted because of their faith in Jesus.

Our Mission Partners - CMS, The Children's Society & The Bible Society

For the climate emergency and those affected by this right now

For elections throughout the world that there will be honesty and integrity among people

What's on in March

Monday's 9:15 - Walking Group Banstead Wood Car Park, Holly Lane

Enjoy a walk in the beautiful countryside around us, followed by coffee

Thursday's 9:30-11:00 – Bus Stop Café St Peter's Church Hall

Catch up with new friends & old over coffee & tea along with biscuits & sausage rolls, Cost £2.

Thursday 7 March 2:00pm - Diamond Club St Peter's Church Hall

Simon Gill coming to speak about the many and varied aspects of Simon's career. Could you invite a friend or neighbour to come along and hear Simon speak? £2.

Wednesday 20 March 10.00-12.00 Churchyard Tidyup.

Jobs for everyone. Refreshments provided

Friday 22 March 1.00- Film Club St Peter's Church Hall

Nicholas' gift starring Jamie Lee Curtis and Alan Bates, Ice creams available

Tuesday 26 March 2.45pm Table talk St Peter's Hall

In a small group to discuss life. This is a safe space to talk and listen to one another. Refreshments available.

Thursday 28 March Lunch Club Woolpack Pub, Banstead, SM7 2NZ

Come along for a pub lunch, time to catch up with old friends & make new ones, ask for the St Peter's table

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