

## 2021 UPDATE #17

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### LETTER FROM RICHARD OLIVEIRA

A couple of weeks ago, we received this letter from Richard, one of our sponsored children who lives in Brazil:



*Hello Dear Sponsors from St Peter's Church*

*How are you doing? How is your family doing? How has been the pandemic in your country? Did anyone in your family get infected? Were you vaccinated? I am doing fine, thank God. My family is healthy, thank God. My father was vaccinated and I am very happy. My classes have been online due the coronavirus. This is a safer way in the moment of pandemic, especially in this moment when Brazil has a high number of deaths. I am very happy for next month will be my birthday. It will be on May 19th. Unfortunately there will not be any cake due the difficult moment. I want to thank you for the gift. I bought grocery products and clothes. I wish the best of God upon your life. You are very important in my life and I wish you happy days even with this pandemic.*

*Hugs from Richard.*

*"The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands." Psalm 19.1*

One of the best ways that we can encourage our sponsored children is by writing to them. A little postcard — with just two or three sentences — to remind them that they are special, loved, and prayed for, can make a huge difference. It would be absolutely wonderful if a few people in our church family would be happy to write a small card to Richard or Mary each month. Lizzie Wallace would love to hear from anyone who might be interested in helping in this way. Please contact her (07540 261948) if you would like to know more.

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### 'THY KINGDOM COME' — 13th-23rd May 2021

*Thy Kingdom Come* is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension 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, pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus, and pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness.

Further details and resources will follow next weekend, but please be thinking about which 5 people you might be praying for between Ascension Day (13th May) and Pentecost Sunday (23rd May).



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## NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- Thank you to everyone who completed the recent church surveys. The Staff Team and PCC will now be assessing the feedback carefully before final decisions are made about church life in the coming months.
- The church remains open for services on Sunday mornings. but booking is still required. You can book via our website (under Service booking), or contact Bernice Watts (via 01206 572529 or towncentreparishoffice@gmail.com), but please book before 10:00am on the Friday before the service.

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## UPDATE FROM THE ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent AMP & APCM on Zoom. Minutes of the meetings will be available soon, but we are pleased to announce the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for 2021-22:

- Chairman: Mark Wallace
  - Churchwardens: Matt Cox and Anne Kavanagh
  - Deanery Synod Rep: Duncan Breckels
  - elected members: James Coe, Mick Kavanagh, Richard Lawn, Clare Reid, Dan Watts, and Wendy Whitfield
- Mr Richard Lawn continues as PCC Treasurer, and Mrs Bernice Watts continues as the (non-voting) PCC Secretary.

**Please note that there remain three vacancies for elected members of the PCC.** Anyone eligible to stand for election who is interested in doing so is invited to contact the Chairman or Secretary before 31st May.

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## THE CHURCH CALENDAR

### Sunday 2nd May [the 5th Sunday of Easter]

- 10:00am — **Church Family Worship Online** (available on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#))
- 10:00am — **Morning Service** (in church, booking required)
- 7:00pm — **“Rock Solid”** (for school years 10-13; via Zoom, details on request)

### Tuesday 4th May

- 4:30pm — **“Ignite”** (for school years 7-9; via Zoom, details on request)

### Wednesday 5th May

- 8:00pm — **Church Prayer Meeting** (via the *St Peter’s Church* WhatsApp group)

### Thursday 6th May

- 4:00pm — **“Spark in the Garden”** (for school years 3-6; in the Vicarage garden)
- 7:45pm — **Discipleship Explored** *session #3* (via Zoom, details on request)

### Friday 7th May

- 7:30pm — **“421 Online”** (for school years 7-13; via Zoom, details on request)

### Sunday 9th May [the 6th Sunday of Easter]

- 10:00am — **Church Family Worship Online** (available on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#))
- 10:00am — **Morning Service** (in church, booking required)
- 7:00pm — **“Rock Solid”** (for school years 10-13; via Zoom, details on request)

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