



2021 UPDATE, WEEK #47

CHURCH & CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY

The first of our November Working Parties is this Saturday (20th Nov), starting at 10am for a couple of hours. The plan is to clean the inside of church (ahead of decoration for Christmas) and to clear the churchyard, especially of leaves. No particular expertise is required, and all help will be very much appreciated! If you are able to bring a rake and/or some white garden bags, that would be particularly helpful.

The second November Working Party is planned for the following Saturday (27th Nov), focussing on the Church Hall.

CAN YOU HELP US GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS?

As we look forward to the Christmas services this year, we have a number of practical tasks (getting the Christingle items ready, filling envelopes for distribution around the parish, etc) to work through. Might you be able to help out? There are two 'sessions' where we would appreciate some help, and we'd be grateful for whatever you can offer...

- **Monday 29th November**, in the morning (10am till 12 noon), **in the Church Hall**, with coffee and biscuits
- **Thursday 2nd December**, in the evening (7:30pm till 9:30pm), **at the Vicarage**, with mulled wine and mince pies

NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- We have been made aware of phishing emails that have been sent to various people connected with St Peter's. Could we ask everyone to beware of emails, pretending to be from the Vicar, asking for money? Please be reassured that no-one on the Staff Team would ever be emailing with a direct request to borrow money urgently (or any variation on this theme), so such emails can be safely ignored and deleted.
- Might you be able and willing to help out with delivering Christmas publicity around parts of the the parish during December? If so, please could you get in touch with Bernice with any offer of help.
- With Christmas round the corner, if you would like to purchase any handmade Christmas Cards then please speak to Andrew and he will happily show you his Christmas designs (or visit ajlcreativedesigns.etsy.com).
- Please note that we do not take up a collection during the service. There is, however, a wooden collection box at the back of church for anyone who would like to give to support the work of the church in this way.
- We are pleased to report back that the Diocesan Advisory Committee ('the DAC') were very positive about the plans for phasing the Redevelopment Project, as drawn up Inkpen Downie. As we await the formal response from the DAC, we have commissioned a Quantity Surveyor to give us accurate costings for the plans we have in mind. We hope to have these details before Christmas.
- As we look ahead to Christmas, do please put these details in your diary:
 - **Christingle Service** — Sunday 19th December, at 10:30am.
 - **Parish Carol Service** — Sunday 19th December, at 6:30pm.
 - **All-Age Carol Service** — Christmas Eve, at 4pm.
 - **Christmas Family Communion** — Christmas Day, at 10am.

- A reminder that our Morning Services are recorded, and made available via YouTube, for those unable to be in church on a Sunday morning (the link is posted on WhatsApp on Sunday afternoon). If you, or someone you know, would like the opportunity to watch and listen to our Morning Services, please feel free to talk to Mark for further information.
 - If you would be interested in joining the Church Music Group (as either a singer or an instrumentalist), and would be able to attend the 9:30am rehearsal on Sunday mornings, then Richard Lawn would be pleased to hear from you.
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THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Saturday 20th November

- 10:00am — **Church Working Party** (in the church and churchyard)
- 10:15am — **Diocesan Synod** (at Chelmsford Cathedral)

Sunday 21st November

- 9:30am — **Music Practice** (in church)
- 10:00am — **Sunday Pre-Service Prayer Meeting** (in church)
- 10:30am — **Morning Service, with SPK and communion** (in church)

Monday 22nd November

- 7:30pm — **The Generosity Project, session #4** (via Zoom)

Wednesday 24th November

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

Thursday 25th November

- 10:00am — **Toddler Group Prayers** (in the Church Hall)
- 11:15am — **The Generosity Project, session #4** (in the Church Hall)
- 4:00pm — **SAS: Spark After School** (in the Church Hall)
- 7:30pm — **'Life Explored'** (via Zoom)

Friday 26th November

- 7:30pm — **421** (in Fordham)

Saturday 27th November

- 10:00am — **Church Working Party** (in the church hall)

Sunday 28th November

- 9:30am — **Music Practice** (in church)
 - 10:00am — **Sunday Pre-Service Prayer Meeting** (in church)
 - 10:30am — **Morning Service, with SPK** (in church)
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