



## St Peter's Newsletter beginning Sunday 3rd of November

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Worship on this

### All Saints' Sunday



The liturgical colour is Yellow

9.30am Sung Holy Communion led by Sue Restall

## 11.00am Informal Service led by Chris Price



As the nights draw in, we are thinking about All Saints and Light. We will be playing "Spot the Saint" with a prop show, hearing the story of 'Paul sees the Light' and considering if there are Saints amongst us today. We will have lively music from the band and bring some 'light' to our day with our craft activity. Hope you can join us, you will be very welcome.

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'Livestreamed' services can be accessed at <https://www.spcbalsall.org.uk/service/>

### **Bible Readings**

Isaiah 25.6-9

Revelation 21.1-6a

John 11.32-44

### **Collect**

God of holiness,  
your glory is proclaimed in every age:  
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,  
inspire us to follow their example  
with boldness and joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## **Next Week's only Service on Sunday 10th of November**

**10.00am Remembrance, Sung Holy Communion** led by Suzy Pearson

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## What's on at St Peter's this week beginning Sunday the 3rd of November

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>** of November

**2.00pm - 4.00pm Tea & Refreshments at the Warm Hub** - Come

along and enjoy a cuppa and some pleasant company! On the Second Thursday of the month, there will be Tea and Cakes!

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>** of November

**1:30pm - 3:00pm Teeny Tinies and Toddlers** - in the hall, with refreshments.

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### For your daily prayers



- **This week we are asked prayerfully to remember:** Church of Province of South East Asia, Academic Research, Schools in our parish, those under pressure to join gangs.
- **Those who are ill, struggling or recovering, including:** George Badger, Yvonne Gorton, Sean Reyes, Joyce Marlow, Melissa Dubar, David Leighton, Ted Perkin, Audrey Davies, Yvonne and Lee.
- **Those who have died recently:** Mai Comerford and Baby Ivy Sofia Colley.
- **Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time:** Eddie Kent, Peter Bentley, Yan Roth, Ken Underhill, Brian Simmons, Leonard Delany, Valarie Hardy, May Johnson, Nigel Hackett and John Sleath.
- **Please continue to pray for those of our congregation who cannot worship with us due to poor health or infirmity.**

## PARISH NOTICES

**CTBB Coffee Together at The Jubilee Saturday - 2nd Nov 10:30am - 12pm**

Do come along for tea, coffee and homemade cake. Everyone very Welcome!

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### **New Year lunch - Early news of Mothers' Union New Year Lunch.**

This will be on Friday 10 January 2025. As always everyone welcome - you don't have to be a member of Mothers Union or a Mother! It will be at Haig's Hotel.

Good idea to put the date in your diary as this event is always popular. For more information speak to Claire Laland or Alison Bennett. Best wishes for Christmas and New Year.



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### **Berkswell Church & Local Community – Tour of the Cotswold & Oxfordshire:**

On Saturday the 5th of April 2025

A coach tour of the Cotswold & Oxfordshire stopping at several towns and villages, with an extended lunch stop at 12pm for 2 hours. All funds raised donated to charity. Departing from the Reading Room in Berkswell at 8.45am & returning to Berkswell at 5.30pm. Tickets £30.00 per person Coach Only. To reserve your seat contact John on 07904560991 or Paul 07798 788099.

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### **CTBB Advent Quiet Morning:**

Saturday 30th November, The Old Hall, Temple Balsall

**Coffee available at 9:30am for a 10am start finishing 12pm.**

Places are limited so please book ASAP with Doug Timmis on 01676 534346.



## **Christmas Gifts needed for prisoners' children At Birmingham and Swinfen Prisons:**

We need gifts for all ages up to 16 which are given to visiting prisoners' families and other children. Gifts need to be suitable for both boys and girls.

**Suggested Outlets** - Pound shops, supermarkets and The Entertainer are good sources. We do not need gift wrap this year - we have a lot left from last year thanks to every one's generosity.

### **Criteria that will be applied by HMP**

1. Must be new and in original packaging where possible, obviously this does not apply to e.g. colouring books.
2. No soft stuffed toys, balls or battery-operated toys.
3. Must not contain anything sharp e.g. pencil sharpeners, scissors, knives, needles, screwdrivers (often found in kits!) Plastic needles or knitting needles are OK if in sealed kits as are plastic scissors.
4. No wax crayons.
5. No play dough or modelling clay, plasticine etc.
6. No clothing, gloves, scarves etc.
7. No Annuals or diaries - difficult, as are football team items, they don't all support the blues or Man United!
8. No ordinary playing cards, card games like happy families are OK.

### **Ideas**

1. Colouring books and pencils, felt pens, sticker activities books and pictures.
2. Painting sets, colour by numbers.
3. Touchy feely books, other books including card ones.

4. Puzzle books like simple word searches, mazes etc, not crossword books or Sudoku.
5. Construction kits – read contents - Lego fine but no screwdrivers with Meccano Types!
6. Cars, trucks, plastic models e.g. dinosaurs, farmyard.
7. Jewellery like tiara, necklaces etc on a sealed card, jewellery kits.
8. Magic sets.
9. Games – reasonably simple – such as matching card games, connect 4 – no ordinary playing cards or games with dice included!
9. Wind up torches, very popular with boys. Nothing with batteries.
10. Sewing/knitting sets, plastic knitting needles OK, flower making kits.
11. Tea sets, baby bath toys – plastic.

If you have an idea and want to check it please ring me 07799 418601 or by email [alibennett@me.com](mailto:alibennett@me.com). Please do not wrap the presents, they wrap presents as suitable for either boy or girl in Birmingham after checking.

**Please Note:** All presents need to be with us by the first week of December.

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### **Hats for Newborn and Premature Babies:**

Birmingham hospitals are desperately in need of knitted hats for babies. The Mothers' Union collect items which are distributed to the maternity and special care baby

care units in our local area. A pattern is available to use, which is the preferred style; they will not accept anything with ties, ribbons or buttons.

However, hats are needed for all babies not just the tiny babies, so standard

newborn size is also required. If you are able to help, please pass the completed hats to Alison or Claire Laland. For more information contact Alison on

<mailto:alibennett@me.com> or call 07799 418601



**To download the knitting patterns** (an adobe reader PDF). [PRESS HERE](#)

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### **Ukraine Urgently Needs These Items:**

Hi All - my apologies for the late delivery of this message. The 'results' of monies raised for the Ukraine appeal concerts is that we've given £7000.00 to Roman towards his efforts in helping the situation in Ukraine.

The three churches that hosted the concerts have each received around £300.00

On behalf of Roman, his family and the people of Ukraine, a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has supported the concerts as well as giving needed supplies. There is no doubt that these supplies will still be needed over the coming months. Our current list of supplies needed:

Adult Nappies / (Old) Android Tablets / Battery Operated Tools / Candles (new or used) / Crutches / Gloves (Men's) (not mittens) Hand Sanitiser.

Medication (in or out of date) ... Cold/Flu relief sachets/capsules / Heat Gel / Cough med / Paracetamol / Ibuprofen / Hand/feet warming pads / Men's Socks, T-shirts / Multi-Tool Pocket Knives / Power banks / Shoe insoles / Sleeping Bags / Thermal Underwear

Toiletries: Razors / Shaving foam/gel / Toothbrushes / Toothpaste.

Torches (Recyclable) / Vests (Men's) / Walkers / Washing Capsules  
Wet Wipes (not baby) / Wheelchairs / Yoga Mats

For more details about where our collection points are text or call:

**Kim Rawson on 07527 540529** for Balsall Common and Hampton in Arden.  
or **Anton Rawson on 07793 780599** for Curdworth.

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Moira took the Helping Hands contributions to Solihull this week and they have requested the following items:

**Tins of potatoes**

**Rice**

**Tins of pulses.**

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### **Wellbeing Course:**

**The Compassionate Mind - Being kinder to yourself and others.**

Balsall Common Methodist Wellbeing Project is offering another guided self-help course for those of all faiths and none, free of charge and without obligation. Although the content is nonreligious, its subject, Compassion, is at the heart of the Christian message.

This intensive and extensive 10-week course deriving from Compassion Focused Therapy may be our last as since our first series in 2017 we will have covered self-help versions of all the major validated therapies.

Sessions will be held at the Jubilee, 227 Station Road, Balsall Common CV7 7FE at 3.00 pm on Thursdays starting with a 'taster' session on 14th November,



breaking after 12th December and resuming on 9th January continuing to the 6th February 2025.

If you are not yet on our mailing list register and you are interested In the taster session email <mailto:wellbeing1942@gmail.com>

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By Rachel Westwood

### Together for Nature:

A multi faith festival for local eco-action, with family activities is taking place on Saturday 9 November

10.30-3.30 at Hodge Hill Church in Birmingham and,

as we're part of the diocese of Birmingham, we're all invited. The event will include a number of workshops, such as energy saving in homes and faith buildings and developing young environmental leadership. There's more information in the attached leaflet. To download [PRESS HERE](#)

### Say "No to Neonics"

Wildlife Trusts have been campaigning to ensure the Government does not allow further emergency authorisation of the use of neonicotinoids.

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/say-no-neonics>

These are a group of pesticides that are highly harmful to the environment and wildlife, and are particularly dangerous for bees. Even a tiny amount can kill huge numbers - they disrupt a bee's ability to navigate and reproduce, with long lasting consequences for their survival. When they are washed into streams and rivers they are extremely toxic to aquatic invertebrates and further pollute our waterways.

Due to their environmental impact, they were banned for outdoor use in 2018, but

for four years in a row the Government approved “emergency authorisations” from British Sugar for their use on sugar beet. There is concern that this may happen again.

To try and prevent this , Wildlife Trusts are petitioning British Sugar to support farmers in stopping their use of neonicotinoids and also asking people to contact their MPs to share their concerns. They have also produced information to share with MPs.

<https://action.wildlifetrusts.org/page/142500/petition/1?locale=en-GB>

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/sites/default/files/2021-01/MP%20briefing%20-%20neonicotinoid.pdf>

<https://members.parliament.uk/FindYourMP>

You can find out about your MP and how to contact them at:

<https://www.parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/contact-your-mp/>

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If you have anything to be included next week, please send by 1:00pm Thursday.

Many thanks Stuart. [spcbalsall@gmail.com](mailto:spcbalsall@gmail.com)

More news and updates on the website – at <https://www.spcbalsall.org.uk>