



St Peter

BALSALL COMMON



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Worship on this

Ninth Sunday after Trinity



The liturgical colour is Green

9.30am All Ages Sung Holy Communion led by Peter Boyden

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

BIBLE READINGS

2 Kings 4: 42-44

Ephesians 3: 14-21

John 6: 1-21

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES Sunday 4th of August

09:30am Sung Holy Communion led by Sue Restall

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What's on at St Peter's week beginning 28th July 2024

Thursday

- **2.00pm - 4.00pm Tea & Refreshments at the Warm Hub** – come along and enjoy a cuppa and some pleasant company.

For your daily prayers

This week we are asked prayerfully to remember: All Christian charities, water aid, the residents of Arden Close and Elmwood Close. Those experiencing domestic abuse.

- **Those who are ill, struggling or recovering, including:**

George Badger, Yvonne Gorton, Sean Reyes, Angela Cotterill, Joyce Marlow, Melissa Dubar, David Leighton and Mai Comerford.

- **Those who have died recently:** Roger Neal, Valerie Dunn, Robert Dickens and Jeffrey Way.

- **Those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time:** Mary Bullock, Margaret Hall, Irene Dowle, Paulette Simkin, Bruce Newman, Brigit Johnson and George Smith.

- **Please continue to pray for those of our congregation who cannot worship with us due to poor health or infirmity.**

PARISH NOTICES

An important message from Bishop Michael

Dear friends,

Warm greetings.

Last week I wrote to our new Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, to congratulate him and to draw attention to some particular areas of concern. I feel it is appropriate to share this letter with colleagues in Birmingham and the region. This may be

particularly helpful if you are considering your own communication with the new government, in order that we can focus together on shared areas of concern. I have sent a similar letter to all the Members of Parliament who are serving our region.

With prayers and all good wishes,
Bishop Michael

To read a copy of the letter sent to the Prime Minister click [HERE](#)

Malawi News- Advance Notice

The container for Malawi is being sent on 21 September 24.

We will be packing on Friday 20th in the Church.

Please speak to Claire if you can help!

A list of Items needed will be available nearer the time.

Thanks in advance Claire,

Malawi Task Group



HELPING HANDS continue to need our support and are very grateful for the donations we give.

Demand is still high and at present the greatest need is for tea bags, biscuits and jam as well as the usual toiletries.

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

In order to encourage new volunteers to join our 'Open the Book' team, I would like to produce an A4 information poster. I have the words ready but do not have the technical ability to make the poster 'eye catching'. If you think that you could help with this, please speak to me in person or contact me on 01676 534948 or at emlamb41@gmail.com. Many Thanks Eileen Lamb

Waste and recycling survey:

To help combat climate change and recover valuable resources from our waste, the Government has issued local authorities with guidance on how waste and recycling should be collected. Through these recycling reforms (see below for link)), recycling across England will be easier as all local authorities will collect the same materials from every household for recycling.

In Solihull, this will include the provision of a new weekly collection of food waste and a standard set of materials for recycling.

Solihull already collects most of the materials required through our existing recycling services, but in 2026 we will need to introduce a weekly food waste collection service, so it is important that we start to make plans now for how we will deliver this new service in Solihull.

It is vital that we make these changes as they will help us to increase recycling rates and further reduce the amount of waste that is placed in the rubbish bin for disposal (non-recyclable waste).

Most of these changes are compulsory and we need to implement them to comply with Government regulations which have been put in place to deliver England's overall climate action plan.

However, it is important that we understand your thoughts and opinions regarding the changes so we can provide you with the right level of support and information to help you make the changes as easy as possible.

Please help us to get it right by answering the questions in the following survey. It should take around 10 minutes to complete.

The survey will close on Friday, 16th August 2024. To complete survey, go to:

<https://yourvoicesolihull.uk.engagementhq.com/waste-and-recycling-survey>

Government Guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/exemptions-and-statutory-guidance-for-simpler-recycling-in-england/outcome/government-response>



Climate and Nature Bill

You may want to join a campaign to support the Climate and Nature Bill being organised by Zero Hour.



There is a summary of the Bill and its aims at:

<https://www.zerohour.uk/downloads/climate-and-nature-bill-briefing.pdf>. It is the

only proposed legislation before the UK Parliament that would see a Comprehensive individuals, we can choose to lobby politicians and other organisations to become supporters.

Current supporters include the Church of England Birmingham and Warwick District Council - at the moment Coventry, Solihull, Stratford upon Avon and Warwickshire Councils are not listed as supporters.

Take part in more vital citizen science with a Bat Survey.

Bat numbers in the UK have declined dramatically over the last century and there are reports that they are struggling this year as the wet weather means there are fewer insects around for them to eat. We can help to monitor the UK's bats by taking part in surveys. By monitoring bats we can discover how they are faring and the factors that are important for their survival. The National Bat Monitoring Programme has been running since 1996. It gives us, and government, the information needed to help inform bat conservation.

It's really easy to get started. Find out how to do your first bat count or make good use of previous experience. You need to be 16 or over to sign up to take part.



[National Bat Monitoring Programme – Our work – Bat Conservation Trust](#)

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

Many Thanks Stuart.

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