



# ST MARY'S WITH ST PETER'S BURY ST EDMUNDS

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seeking to **worship** the God and Father of our Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit; to **teach** the Bible in a way relevant to everyday life; to **grow** people in faith, understanding and love; to **equip** people to serve others; to **offer** people opportunities to meet Jesus and discover forgiveness and new life.

## 14 January 2018 Epiphany 2

*Welcome to our churches. If you would like to find out more about the life of our churches, please do make yourself known to one of the staff, or complete a welcome form available at the back of church.*

### St Peter's Church

#### 10.45am Holy Communion

Leader: David Crofts

Preacher: Nick Alexander

Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-14 p182

*Members of the prayer team will be available after the service*

#### 4.00pm Sunday @ 4

#### Next Sunday – Epiphany 3

##### St Mary's

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am Morning Worship

11.00am Holy Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong

##### St Peter's

10.45am Morning Worship

4.00pm Sunday @ 4

### St Mary's Church

#### 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Leader/Preacher: John Fulton

#### 9.30am Holy Communion

Leader: Tim Savege

Preacher: Laurence Smith

Reading: John 1:43-end p1005

#### 11.00am Morning Prayer

Leader: Tim Savege

Preacher: Laurence Smith

Psalm: 139 vv1-5 & 12-18

Anthem: From the rising of the Sun – Ouseley

Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 p274

John 1:43-end p1064

#### 6:30pm Evening Prayer

Leader: Mary Ann White

Preacher: Dorothy Haile

Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5 p748

1 Corinthians 6:11-end

p1148

## Alpha – explore life, faith, meaning.

Thursday evenings at St Peter's, beginning with an Alpha Supper on 18 January at 7pm. All are welcome. For more information, visit our website or speak to one of the staff.

**2018 Lent Course: 'Why does it have to hurt?'** Inspired by Dan McCartney's book 'Why does it have to hurt?' our Lent Course for 2018 will look at the subject of suffering. This year the course will run as a whole parish event to which members of both churches are warmly invited. There will be 4 sessions in St Peter's Church on Monday evenings: 26 February, 5 March, 19 March and 26 March. Each evening will open and close with musical worship, and there will be opportunities for discussion and prayer.

**Crafts Around the World.** A monthly event starting this February, with the specific aim of reaching out to ladies who wouldn't normally come to church. The team are therefore encouraging church ladies to invite a non-church-going friend. Spaces are limited to 30 and advance booking is essential by emailing Barbara Unwin ([barbaraunwin@talktalk.net](mailto:barbaraunwin@talktalk.net)). The first session will take place on 22 February from 7:45 – 9:30pm in St Peter's and will be Albanian Craft, making either a bookmark or coaster plus making tassels. This evening will be free, but all other dates will cost £5 per evening to cover the cost of materials.

**Reminder: Ethiopia Team August 2018.** A great opportunity to serve. For details, please contact Dorothy Haile ([dorothyhaile45@gmail.com](mailto:dorothyhaile45@gmail.com)).

## this week

### Wednesday

*Holy Communion*, 10am, St Mary's chancel.

*Parish Prayer Meeting*, 7:45pm, Hyndman Centre.

### Thursday

*Lunch & Chat*, 12:45pm, Hyndman Centre.

*Alpha Supper*, 7pm, St Peter's.

### Friday

*St Mary's Morning Prayer*, 9 – 9:30am, Lady Chapel.

*The Den*, 6:30 – 8pm, Hyndman Centre

**Small groups** meet during the week. If you would like to join a group, please speak to David Crofts (761801) for St Peter's, or at St Mary's – Laurence (625195).

In January, **Bury Drop In** is our mission focus at St Mary's and **Mission Focus Sunday** is our focus at St Peter's. If you would like to make a donation, please use a white giving envelope at the back of church, marking the name of the charity on the envelope.



# parish notice board

## Dates for your diary

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, 21 – 27 January, beginning with a United Service on Sunday 21 January at 6:30pm at the URC, Whiting Street, IP33 1NR. Prayer Lunches daily from 12:30 – 1:30pm as follows – please bring a packed lunch; tea and coffee will be provided.

Monday 22 Jan. 'Welcoming the Stranger' at the Cathedral.

Tuesday 23 Jan. 'Resisting Modern Slavery' at Garland Street Baptist Church.

Wednesday 24 Jan. 'Upholding Human Dignity' at Trinity Methodist Church.

Thursday 25 Jan. 'Overcoming Violence' at St Edmund's Roman Catholic Church.

Friday 26 Jan. 'Pursuing Economic Justice' at United Reformed Church.

Saturday 27 Jan. 'God Acts for the Powerless' at St Johns Church.

**LIFE Exhibition**, 9 – 16 March, St Peter's.

**Parish Weekend Away**, 13 – 15 July at Belsey Bridge Conference Centre, with speaker Bishop Bill Musk. Brochures and booking forms are available at the back of both churches. **Special Early Bird offer:** book by Easter and receive a discount. For more information speak to Jackie in the Parish Office.

## St Mary's

**Morning Prayer**, 9 – 9:30am every Friday in the Lady Chapel. Please do come and join us for a relaxed time of prayer.

## St Peter's

Please note that the **Vision Prayer Meeting on Tues 16 January is cancelled.**

**Late Christmas / Burns Night Party**, Saturday 27 January, 7 for 7:15pm at the Hyndman Centre. Fully catered. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church if you would like to come along. The cost will be in the region of £5 - £6.

**Who Cares Mission Data 'Inputter' Required.** At St Peter's we are gathering lots of data following the 'listening phase' of the mission. We now need someone to upload it to the mission database. We hope by the end of the month we will have information from about 500 people to input. Once up and running, we estimate this will be about a day of computer work (spread over say a week). Access to your own PC or laptop preferred. Please contact Nick Alexander if you would be interested in helping.

# daily bible readings

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**Sunday**

Psalm 145:1-12  
Isaiah 62:1-5  
1 Corinthians 6:11-end

**Monday**

Psalm 146  
Genesis 6:11-7:10  
Matthew 24:1-14

**Tuesday**

Psalm 132  
Genesis 7:11-end  
Matthew 24:15-28

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**Wednesday**

Psalm 81  
Genesis 8:1-14  
Matthew 24:29-end

**Thursday**

Psalm 76  
Genesis 8:15-9:7  
Matthew 25:1-13

**Friday**

Psalm 27  
Genesis 9:8-19  
Matthew 25:14-30

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**Saturday**

Psalm 122  
Genesis 11:1-9  
Matthew 25:31-end

**Sunday**

Psalm 133  
Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
John 3:16-21

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## collect

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our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## we pray for

- Those in need: Matt Allum, Hilary & Len Bassendine, Colin Fayers, David Hussell, Peggy Newton, Clive Paine, Pat Rae, Joan Russell, Sandy Tillett, Sarah & Josiah. Please continue to pray for Ernest Exell, who is now home.
- The family and friends of Renee Young, Patrick Hopper, Bernard Tickner, Clarence Harris, Cyril Frost, Angela Sheppard and Alice Hill as they grieve their death.
- Elias Rusanen on the occasion of his thanksgiving service this week.
- Our parish representatives and supporters, Dorothy Haile, John Dixon, Nigel Beeton and Ian Nurcombe, as they prepare the way for the appointment of a new incumbent.
- Preparations for the LIFE Exhibition, taking place next March. Pray that schools will respond positively to invitations to the LIFE Exhibition.
- The Fifield family in Addis Ababa.

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