



## This week's service

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## This week's reading

Welcome to today's service  
led by Debbie Patrick  
with Sandra O'Toole preaching



John 11:1-45

## A thought from Sandra

How intently do we actually listen to what God is saying to us, as individuals and as a church?

We might hear his voice in the background, through our Bible readings, spiritual songs, sermons etc, but are they so much background noise? Are we seeking to know what the Lord is saying, in order to improve the way in which we act as His disciples, or do we just enjoy a momentary glow or shrug off a challenge?

The only way we are going to grow in faith is by both listening to God, hearing what He is saying and putting it into practice in our lives - however difficult that might be.

## Listening to God

Sometimes we talk too much  
To hear what God would say.  
Other times we're preoccupied  
With activities of the day.

Oh, how we need to just be quiet,  
And listen with our hearts  
To what the Holy Spirit speaks -  
The truth that He imparts.

He speaks to us through nature,  
Where we see His mighty hand.  
He speaks through our  
circumstances,  
And through our fellowman.

Through a still small voice within,  
We hear what He would say,  
As we look to Him for guidance,  
Along our pilgrim way.

But, we need to always examine  
That which we have heard,  
Making sure it's in accordance  
With His Holy Written Word -

For God never directs contrary  
To what is written there.  
The law He gave so long ago  
Still applies to all everywhere.

Father, thank You that as we listen,  
Your Spirit leads us right,  
Impressing the message on our  
Hearts  
That's written in black and white.

by *Connie C. Bratcher*

[http://faithpoetry.com/faith2/  
listeningtogod.shtml](http://faithpoetry.com/faith2/listeningtogod.shtml)

**LISTEN** *for*  
*God's*  
**VOICE**  
in everything you do  
& everywhere you go  
**HE IS**  
**the ONE**  
*that will keep you*  
*on track*, Proverbs 3:6

## Church diary for the next month

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 10:45 Morning Worship for Palm Sunday

with by Debbie Patrick

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 10:45 Morning Worship for Easter Sunday

led by Sean O'Toole  
with Sandra O'Toole preaching

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 10:45 Morning Worship

led by Rev Mike Firbank  
with Bishop Malcolm preaching

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 10:45 Holy Communion

led by Rev Bex Allpress  
with Debbie Patrick preaching

### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 10:00 Joint Minster Service

at St John's, Newhall

## Cleaning Rota

Please clean the church before the date marked. Please swap with someone else on the rota if you cannot clean during your week.



**The toilets will be cleaned weekly by Sean & Sandra**

2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Bill
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Brian Redfern
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Val & Andy
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Nige & Deb
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Christine
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Deb P

## Refreshments Rota

It's a real blessing to be able to spend time chatting with one another after the service.

We have a rota for serving tea & coffee.

Please swap with someone if you cannot do a particular date. Please bring the milk.

26 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Nige
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Alicia
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Carol
16 <sup>th</sup> April	James
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Christine
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Deb W & Alicia
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Carol



## Coronation of King Charles III on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023

At St Peter's we will be ringing for the Coronation.

We are looking for more people who would like to ring on this memorable occasion.

**Come along on a practice night, Wednesdays at 7.30pm  
or speak to Jane for more information**

### Bell Ringing is fun and ...

- for **young people** (10yrs +) and **adults** of all ages - individuals, couples, families or groups. You don't need to be musical, mathematical or strong
- **enjoyable & satisfying** - experience new achievements
- a gentle **workout** - physical exercise with mental stimulation - burns calories, tones muscles and relieves stress
- an easy way to **make friends** - enjoy social activities and be part of a team and community
- **inexpensive** - and be paid ringing for weddings!
- boosts soft **skills**: teamwork, leadership, co-ordination, concentration, listening and analytical
- an **all-weather**, year-round activity which fits in with your other commitments
- full of **variety** - a centuries-old skill using new technology - with endless choices & places to visit
- makes **your community's soundscape**: Sunday services, weddings & special events
- produces a **fabulous emotion-stirring sound** for people to enjoy"
- *It's the ultimate **Heavy Metal***: Church bells are the **loudest** (unamplified) and **heaviest** musical instruments in the world ... and they're metal!