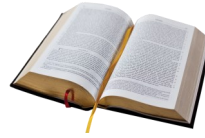


This week's service

Sunday 23rd July 2023

This week's reading

Welcome to today's service
led by Nigel Worth
with Debbie Patrick preaching



Psalms 139: 1-18, 23-24

A thought from Debbie

Psalms aren't deeply intellectual; they are poems or songs... they are pieces of art. Each will affect the reader in different ways, not unlike any poem or song written today.

Take the time to read Psalm 139.

Read it through twice, once out loud and once in your head.

What words jump out at you?

Does it stir any heart responses?

How does it make you feel?

Talk to the Lord about how you are feeling as you read this song.

What mission work do we support?

Every month 10% of the money given to St Peter's church is shared between the following charities:

- **Swadlincote & District Youth for Christ,**
- **Open Doors,**
- **Tear Fund,**
- **Swadlincote Food Bank,**
- **Care Fund & Family Fund**

The church can offer support to those experiencing financial hardship with emergency help from either the Care Fund or Family Fund. For more information please have a word with Nigel or Deb Worth.

Prayer for the week

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Care For the Mother-in-law

Another Funny Story

A man, his wife and his mother-in-law went on vacation to the Holy Land. While they were there, the mother-in-law passed away. The undertaker told them, 'You can have her shipped home for £5000, or you can bury her here in the Holy Land for £150.'
The man thought about it and told him he would just have her shipped home.
The undertaker asked, 'Why would you spend £5000 to ship your mother-in-law home, when it would be wonderful to have her buried here and spend only £150?'
The man replied, 'a man died here 2000 years ago, was buried here, and three days later he rose from the dead. I just can't take that chance.'

Church diary for the next month

Thursday 27th July
7pm Prayer meeting
 3 Sharpwood Manor

Sunday 30th July
10:45 Joint Minster Service
 at St Peter's
 with Rev Patrick Douglas

Saturday 5th August
4.15pm Visiting Ringers
 (should be worth listening to!)

Sunday 6th August
10:45 Morning Worship
 led by Sandra O'Toole

Sunday 13th August
10:45 Morning Worship
 led by Sandra O'Toole
 with Debbie Patrick preaching

Sunday 20th August
10:45 Morning Worship
 with Rev Mike Firbank

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

30 th July	Christine
6 th Aug	Jane
13 th Aug	Bill
20 th Aug	Brian Redfern
27 th Aug	Val & Andy
3 rd Sept	Nige & Deb
10 th Sept	Christine

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. Thank you

23 rd July	Carol
30 th July	James
6 th Aug	Maxine & Jane
13 th Aug	Christine
20 th Aug	Deb W & Alicia
27 th Aug	Carol
3 rd Sept	James
10 th Sept	Maxine & Jane

Bell Ringing Update by Jane Horan

My ringing journey started about 55 years ago when I was a teenager. I lived in the village of Flore, Northamptonshire and went to All Saints Church all through my childhood. Bell ringing was one of the only activities available in the village and I went along to practice nights and rang before the Sunday morning service. I was the youngest member of the team. I learnt to handle a bell and was happy to ring the treble (lightest bell) but I have to say that I never really understand the intricacies of method ringing. At the age of 19 I went away to college and didn't ring again ... UNTIL, in 2013, we got the bells at St Peter's refurbished. I had no intention of ringing but was persuaded to have a go and surprisingly it all came back! Now ten years later I'm still ringing and have learned far more with the guidance of Andy Austen, our Tower Captain, and other experienced ringers than I ever did as a teenager.

Recently we put out a plea for more ringers and I'm pleased to say that Carol James was interested in learning and Betty Hay (who goes to St John's) was really pleased to have a go at ringing again.



If you would like to learn to ring, please have a word with one of the ringers or come along to practice on Wednesday evening at 7pm. You will receive a warm welcome.