

## St. Peter's Church Newsletter

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Friends

This morning there was a most beautiful vibrant red sun that lit up the morning sky. It reminded me of that wonderful verse from Malachi "the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays". The image is clear and beautiful and the healing and wholeness of God is manifest in so many ways in our world. We were privileged at last Sunday's service to have Chris Gregg speak to us about the wonderful work Mercy Ships are doing bringing hope and healing to thousands. More information about this organisation can be found at [www.mercyships.org](http://www.mercyships.org). We were pleased to be able to give our Harvest Celebration Collection to Mercy Ships.

Annabelle has also kindly suggested she would like to offer for sale her paintings from her current exhibition in the Church. These are available (unframed) for £75 each and all the money will be transferred to Mercy Ships. Perhaps they would make a very special and unique Christmas present as well as helping a very worthy cause?

Please note our St. Cecelia Concert this year will be on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7:00 for 7:00 p.m. The performers will be our very own James Henderson and Sally Surcombe and we look forward to a very special evening together. As ever, please do invite your friends, family, neighbours and work colleagues.

This Thursday at 12 noon, we have the funeral service for Keith Derry who was a grower in the parish for many decades. Please pray for his family that they will know God's peace and comfort at this time. If any of the choir can support this funeral I would be most grateful as ever.

At the bottom of this letter are dates for your diary for November and December. At the lighting of the Christmas Tree of Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, we will be holding a hamper raffle and so donations of non-perishable quality food and drink are gratefully received. We also hope to have a Christmas wreath and Christmas cake stall if there is sufficient interest.

This Sunday will be the last Sunday after Trinity and the following services will be held:

8 am BCP Holy Communion  
10 am CW Eucharist  
4pm@stpeters

Every Wednesday there is an 11:30 Eucharist in the Lady Chapel. Please note there will be NO Rectory Lunch on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of November but there will be a Christmas Lunch on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of December. (All welcome but it would be helpful if you are coming to let us know in order to assist with catering).

With love and prayers

Adrian

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Dates for November and December 2021

*Thursday 11th November (7 for 7:30) - St. Cecelia Concert*

*Sunday 14th November 10 am - Remembrance Service and at 7 pm RBL Service.*

*Wednesday 1st December - Cubs Carol Service*

*Friday 3rd December - Lighting of the Christmas Tree*

*Sunday 19th - 10 am - DIY Nativity; 6 pm Christmas Carol Service*

*Friday 24th - 3 pm and 5 pm - Christingle Service 1 and 2; 9 pm Midnight Mass*

*Saturday 25th - 8 am BCP; 10 am Family Service*

*Sunday 26th - 8 am BCP only (ie NO other services on this Sunday)*