

St Peter's Church Newsletter - Friday 7th July 2023

Dear Friends

This week Guernsey will host the wonderful Island Games. It will be so good being able to host such a special event as islanders from all over the world come to gather, compete and share friendship. Our prayer is that all will go very well, everyone kept safe and that a good time will be had by all. There is certainly lots of opportunity to watch many different sports. We have enormous admiration and respect for all those taking part who have trained and prepared so diligently.

This Sunday, St Pierre du Bois will see on Sunday, Monday and Wednesday, numerous cyclists careering round the roads at great speed.

The apostle Paul exhorts the early Church to live their lives inspired by the discipline and determination of athletes. He speaks of keeping our eye on the prize which is Jesus Christ - the One who is the author and perfecter of faith. He, too, is the One who promises to go before, behind and beside us every single step of the journey. Indeed, the Holy Spirit is the one known as the Paraclete - the Counsellor, the Encourager, The Walk-Alongsider.

This Sunday 9th July we will hold an 8am Holy Communion Service as normal but our 10am will be a shortened Songs of Praise Service with hymns that have been chosen by members of the congregation as the roads will close from 11:30am to accommodate the cycling. There will be no Wednesday Midweek Eucharist, also due to road closures.

The Church organ has been dismantled and sits in pieces resting among the north aisle pews. We never realised how many pieces it was made from and it will back in action at the end of August. During this time, the cafe will be closed and that area is not accessible. During this time, the window behind the organ will be replaced. We are so thankful that this work can be undertaken.

Mary and Martin returned to Guernsey yesterday and will return for continued treatment in Southampton in a couple of weeks. Mary's messages of hope and strength have been so encouraging and we will continue to pray God's blessing and presence into this situation.

This week's services:

8am BCP Holy Communion

10am Songs of Praise

There is not Midweek Communion this week due to road closures.

The First Wednesday Lunch in August will be on the Second Wednesday 9th August at The Rectory.

With love and prayers

Adrian and Myfanwy