

Our regular services on Sundays are:

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Morning Praise
11am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Service, which changes

with each week in the month:

1st Sunday: Choral Evensong
2nd Sunday: No service
3rd Sunday: No service
4th Sunday: No service
5th Sunday: No service

Please check the porch for timely details.

We also have:

Mondays 9.30 – 10am Prayer
Wednesdays at 10am: Holy Communion
Morning Prayer is at 8am - Monday to Friday
Evening Prayer: 5pm - Monday to Thursday
There are no services on secular Bank
Holidays.

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Mondays: 13:30-15:30
Tuesdays: 12:30-14:30
Wednesdays: 12:30-14:30

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22nd March 2020



*St Peter and St Paul's Church exists:
To celebrate God in worship, to love one another
and to serve the wider community*

**ALL SERVICES AND CHORAL
PRACTICE SUSPENDED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

**The church building will remain open
for individual prayer and visits.**

LENT 4

Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives
and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid
and turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

AMEN

Our Readings

Lent 4
Samuel 16.1-13
Ephesians 5.8-14
John 9

NOTICES

Forthcoming dates for your diary:

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5TH APRIL – APCM – POSTPONED

Mondays

Sunbeams – **Suspended until further notice**

LENT LUNCHES Canceled

AROUND THE CHURCHES DURING LENT

Services below suspended until further notice

Details below:

Tues 24th March Free Church, Mill Road

Weds 1st April Old City Hall, The Lane.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED!

Suspended and to be rescheduled

If you would like to know more, or let David know you are coming, please contact David Willey on 07752 597391 or willeydavid@gmail.com

PORCH PANTRY

WILL REMAIN OPEN AS USUAL

Clearly in the current circumstances your generosity in helping us maintain this service would be greatly appreciated more than ever by our vulnerable.

To help keep the Porch Pantry going, please consider donating via

www.justgiving.com/campaign/merseaislandporchpantry

ARCHDEACON'S VISIT

Tuesday afternoon Churchwardens from all parishes in the benefice met Archdeacon Ruth and the Area Dean to discuss the vacancy for our new Rector. She confirmed no applications at all had been received, so the Bishop is being asked to reconsider the job role. More information will follow as we have it. Meanwhile our grateful thanks go out to our retired clergy and we ask you to continue your prayers in our search for a new Rector.

ELECTORAL ROLL

We are updating the electoral roll and will be preparing a copy for viewing in advance of the rescheduled APCM, the date of which is to be confirmed. If you would like your name added to the list; which will give you the opportunity to vote at the APCM, please email the office with a copy to Alan Brook and Val Bocking.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Z_hAOzHxeL0_vWhrW70B_NPuCNCx8QGxY/view?usp=sharing

MEAN BEAN CHALLENGE

Suspended and to be rescheduled later in the year

For more info please visit website: www.tearfund.org

FOR YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

A PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake
May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable.
May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose between
Preserving their health or earning their rent.
May we who have the flexibility to care for
Our children when their schools close
Remember those who have no options.
May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those who have no safe place to go.
May we who are losing our margin money
In the tumult of the economic market
Remember those who have no margin at all.
May we who settle in for self-quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home.
As actions of self-isolation take effect in our country,
And selfishness might otherwise rule,
Let us choose love.
During this time when we cannot physically
Wrap our arms around each other,
Let us find ways to be the loving embrace
of God to our neighbours. Amen

PRAYER FOR A NEW RECTOR

Almighty God, our heavenly Father and giver of every good gift; Be pleased to hear our prayers, and send to us as rector of this parish a priest who will faithfully and wisely work for the cure of souls; to the good of your Church and the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Lent 5

Ezekiel 37.1-14

Romans 8.6-11

John 11.1-45

**Should you need to get in touch with
anyone at the Church, please email:
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