

A Message from the Vicar

Recently we prayed for 19 Buddhist monks conducting a 2,300 mile “walk of peace” across the United States. The intention of their walk is to promote peace, unity, and compassion; intentions which I do admire.

Some have asked me for my view on Buddhism, which I will share with you now. Since I am sharing my view, I may as well share my view on all faiths including Judaism.

My view is formed by scripture, as you would hope. If you get time, please read John 8:31 – 47.

Jesus is speaking to some Jews who don't recognise Him as the Son of God. He says to them, 'If God really were your Father, you would love me, because I came from God and now I am here.' He then says to them, 'You are children of your father, the Devil'.

My understanding from scripture is that every person has God, or the Devil as their Father. If a person loves, and so obeys Him (Jesus) and recognises his identity, then their Father is God. If they do not then their father is the Devil.

I would encourage you to pray for these monks that on their journey they might come to know Jesus, and so God as their Father.

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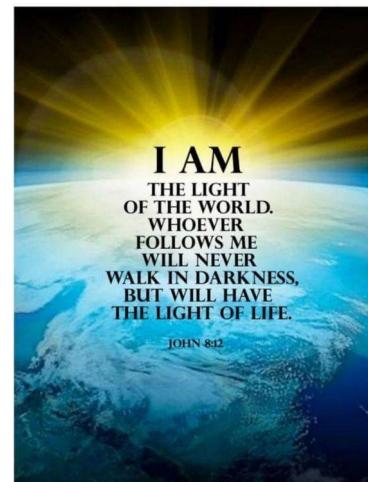
Church website

www.waterortonparishchurch.org

Most of our services can be attended in person or on Zoom.

Zoom meeting ID: 508 367 3910

If you have missed a Sunday or Wednesday service, the sermons (and some services) can be accessed on the website under 'Media Library'. Sermons are deleted after 4 months, while services are only available for 2 months.



The Parish Church
of Water Orton

Sunday 18th January

Welcome to Saint Peter & Saint Paul's

Our Vision:

To prepare a community to meet the Christ

Our Mission:

To worship God, grow believers and make believers

Our Values:

Word, Worship, Welcome and Wisdom



18th January - Second Sunday of Epiphany

Today's Readings:

Acts 3: 1-10

Matthew 9: 27-34

This Week's Collect Prayer

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through
past ages and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Welcoming Prayer

Father, lead us and guide us as we grow together in your family. May our church show your love to new friends and may more hearts be full of your love.

Amen

Today

9.00 am	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Contemporary Worship (with children's groups)



Used Stamps

Please save used stamps from your Christmas mail, leaving a small margin of paper around them. There is a collecting box for them near the hymn books at the back of church. They benefit the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

Next Sunday 25th January

9.00 am	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Contemporary Worship (with children's groups)

Please pray...

For the residents of Long Leys

Croft



For all who are lonely.

For refugees & asylum seekers....

Father God, we bring before you all those who have had to flee their homes due to persecution and conflict. May they find loving communities where they can settle well and find healing from trauma. May they come to experience your peace. Loving Heavenly

Father, we pray that the people they meet will be kind and compassionate. We lift them to you and ask for your protection over them. Amen

This week...

Tuesday

9.30-11.30 am The church is open for the Food Bank
10.00 am Morning Prayer-Common Worship on Zoom & in church
7.30 pm The 2nd of Paul Murray's Talks - Israel Present: **Born in a Day**

Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom
7.30 pm Music Group
9.00 pm Compline on Zoom

Thursday

8.40-9.40 am Contemporary Prayer Meeting on Zoom only
7.30 pm Choir

Friday

12.00 for 12.30 Meet & Eat

Saturday

10.00 am The church is open for the Food Bank & for private prayer

Future Events

Saturday 24th January at 5.30 pm - Thrive Social at the vicarage

Friday 6th February at 12.00 noon - Service to celebrate the life of John Hart

Friday 6th February at 2.00 pm - Memory Café in the Robert Lloyd Room

Future Talks by Paul Murray

Tuesday 20th January at 7.30 pm Talk 2 - Israel Present: **Born in a Day**

Tuesday 3rd February at 7.30 pm Talk 3 - Israel Future: **Born to be the Jewel in the King's Crown**