

Sunday
18th October

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 October – Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Today's Readings:

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

This Week's Collect Prayer

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land
of the living, and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Amen

Welcoming Prayer

God of mission,
who alone brings growth to your
church, send your Holy Spirit to give
vision to our planning, wisdom to our
actions and power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
in spiritual commitment to you and in
service to our local community.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Today

9am Holy Communion
11.00 am Contemporary Worship
(with children's groups)

Next Sunday 25th of October

9.00 am Holy Communion
11.00 am Contemporary Worship
(with children's groups)
3.00 pm One World Week Event in
church - free 50 minute film
presented by Chris Packham
about the climate & nature
crisis.

Reminder

Clocks go back on Sunday
25th of October.



Please Pray...

For the residents of Wakefield Grove



Father God,
in moments of uncertainty, we place our
hope in you. Calm our anxious hearts
and remind us that your plans are perfect,
even when we cannot see the way ahead.
Help us to trust in your guidance, cling to
your promises and find peace in your presence.
Renew our spirits with courage and patience,
so that we may navigate every unknown with
faith, confidence and the assurance that you are
always working for our good.

Amen.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares
the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm
you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then
you will call on me and come and pray to me,
and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find
me when you seek me with all your heart."*

Jeremiah 29: 11-13



Volunteer required to look after the small
church back garden (between the Robert
Lloyd Room and the Vestry). Please see
Mark or Kim if you would like to help.

This week...

Tuesday

9.30-11.30 am **Café** in the Robert Lloyd room The church is also open for the Food Bank

10.00 am Morning Prayer- Common Worship on Zoom & in church

Wednesday

10.00 am Holy Communion in church and on Zoom

7.30 pm Music Group

Thursday

7.30pm Choir

Friday

12 for 12.30 Meet & Eat at The Link

Saturday

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

Future Dates

Tuesday the 3rd - Tuesday the 24th of November – The Poppies will be on display in church

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday. We will have our usual communion service at 9.00 am followed by a procession from the Digby car park to the memorial where there will be a short service of remembrance.

Please Note: There is NO 11am Service

Week beginning 9th November – Church will be open at various times for receiving shoe boxes for Samaritan's Purse. This is a wonderful opportunity for outreach, whilst supporting children in other countries who would otherwise have no Christmas presents. A sign-up sheet will be available nearer the time.

Sunday 29th November 3pm - Advent Concert. Church lights switched on.

Sunday 6th December Toy Services. Toys to go to BCM for families across Birmingham

ENDURE WITH HOPE

Paul Murray reflects on 1 Corinthians 13:7

This Bible's famous love chapter.
Verse 7 reads: *It [love] **bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.***

Maybe you have been bearing and enduring some burden for years while believing and hoping that it will all come right in the end.

You're in this 'waiting zone'. The time period between what was/is and the outcome you desire.

However, the apostle Paul asked God three times to take away his 'thorn in the flesh' but God didn't. Instead, God reassured Paul with ***"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness."***

Why would God not take away the thorn from Paul? He knew that Paul's dependence on Him would produce greater fruit than if it was removed.

Our Lord suffered too:

2 Thessalonians 3:5 *May the Lord direct your hearts to God's love and Christ's endurance.*

Let us hold onto the promised hope in **Hebrews 10:36** *For you need endurance, so that after you have done God's will, you may receive what was promised.*

Maybe one day we will all suffer for our faith, so take into your heart this wonderful promise in **James 1:12** ***"Blessed is the one who endures trials, because when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.***

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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.

Stand Firm

"But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teaching we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word."

2 Thessalonians 2: 13-17

