

29 September 2024
Creationtide



St Peter's
Glenfield

*connecting our
community to Christ*

10am Holy Communion

Readings: Romans 8.19-25 p. 1135
Luke 12.22-32 p. 1045

Songs: Joy to the world (unspeakable joy)
Creator God
God, the maker of the heavens
King of kings, majesty
How great thou art

Collect

Living God,
you call us to be good stewards
of this earthly home,
strengthen us to care for your creation;
forgive us when, through our greed and indifference
we abuse its beauty and damage its potential.
Empower us, through your Spirit,
to so nurture and love the world,
that all creation sings to your glory.
Amen.

Services and events

Upcoming services onsite and online: 9am **Daily Prayer** on Friday on [Facebook](#). There is **no Holy Communion** at 10.30am on Wednesday. Next Sunday, 6 October, **Holy Communion** is at 8.30am in church, **Breakfast Church** at 9.30am in the Church Centre.

Harvest

We will be celebrating Harvest on Sunday 13 October. There will be a Harvest Lunch after the morning service, sign up at the back of church now. A note about *church flowers* for the occasion: We would like to thank all the ladies who have arranged flowers in church throughout the year. As the Flower Fund is very low we would welcome donations and offers of help in the near future please. Anne Wise and Lucy Hilton.

Children's group on Sunday

There is a group running for 0-11s alongside the Sunday 10am service on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month. With Breakfast Church on the 1st and Crumpet Church on the 4th, this means there is something suitable for children to grow in faith every week at St Peter's.

Concerts and events

Our last remaining tribute act booked this year is a Michael Bubl  night on 6 December. Buy tickets at: <https://st-peters-glenfield.sumup.link>

Events this week:

Tue: Music Time at 1.15pm in Church Centre
Thu: ReNew Caf  from 9.30am in Church Centre
Thu: PCC at 7.30pm in Church Centre
Sat: Indian Orthodox Service from 9am in church

News and updates

Giving

If you would like to give to support St Peter's, please use our [online donation page](#) or sign up for regular gifts at [Parish Giving](#). If you give by standing order, please speak to Doreen Denney.



If you pay tax, filling out a Gift Aid declaration will enable the church to reclaim the tax you have already paid on your gift, making each £1 you give worth £1.25 to us. This can make a truly substantial difference to the church – please consider whether you can do this, declaration forms are available in church.

Help needed

Would you be willing to help? Could you help set up the communion table once or twice a month for either the 8.30am or 10am service? If you could, please speak to Richard or the wardens.

Richard Trethewey

Richard's temporary secondment to be Acting Archdeacon of Loughborough begins this Tuesday 1 October. He will be covering Claire Wood's absence on sabbatical through to the New Year. He will still largely be present on Sundays but will be working elsewhere during the week.

Churchyard

As you will have seen, the safety test on memorials has been completed, with notices fixed to insecure headstones. Letters have been sent to all families for whom we have details, but if you can suggest contacts for any, particularly those close to the Church Centre, please let Richard know.

Measures for everyone's safety

We aim to ensure everyone attending is able to remain as safe from infection as they wish: you are able to socially distance if you pick up a card from the back, sanitizer is provided, masks are available for use. We ask you do not attend a service if you have tested positive for COVID-19 but join the online stream instead.

Prayers

Please pray for:

Liz. Val, for complete recovery from a painful fall. Hollie, with cancer. Ella, with back pain. Janet, during a difficult time following leg surgery. Richard. Spencer. Lisa, for healing following an operation. Helen, with severe asthma. Anne, with cancer. Brian. Diane. Pat, following an injection to ease pain from arthritis. Roger, following several operations. Thelma. Veronica.

For Helen, Glenn and family in the sudden loss of Colin.

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Leicester Diocese

Black History Month happens every October in the UK – and while it is a good time to commemorate and celebrate black voices, we would be naïve to think that the Church is well on its way to being a racially just body. Guvna B shares some challenges and suggestions in his article below, which is taken from the cover story of Premier Christianity April 2023 issue.

“I’d like to think the Church has made promising strides in the area of racial justice, but if there are Black people in our congregations who feel they aren’t welcome, we need to ask why that is, and what needs to change.

Before George Floyd there was Stephen Lawrence and countless others. Thirty years on from Stephen’s murder, I can’t help but ask: have attitudes towards race really changed – in wider society or in the Church? I travel to a lot of churches up and down the country to play music and speak to young people and, from what I’ve seen and heard, churches are not only becoming more diverse from the top down, but they’re also thinking more about the experiences of their Black members and how they can build bridges. But the reason we can’t rest on our laurels is because there is still a lot of work to do.

I believe Christians are some of the best at helping those in need... handouts can feel great because they make us feel important, but do you know what’s more costly? The Church giving up some of its wealth, its comfort, its positioning and leaving the four walls of the building to get its hands dirty. Partnering, collaborating and building relationships with organisations and communities who are actively fighting against issues like racism is a start. We have to begin treating those we help like people, and not projects. When we start to do this, we tend to focus less on political or denominational agendas, and more on love and empathy.

Whether it’s the life-ending racist attack on Stephen Lawrence, the slow nine-minute murder of George Floyd, or the eye-opening attack on me in broad daylight, the thread that holds these three completely different events together is an attitude of hate. The antidote for that is love, something Jesus intended for the Church to have in abundance. The mandate is clear:

“A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13.34-35).

Jessie Tang, Intercultural Ministry Director

Tearfund

The ongoing conflict in Gaza and Israel has brought immense suffering to the region. It’s a complex situation that has left huge numbers of people in desperate need of humanitarian aid. Use these prayers to call out to God in prayer and ask for his peace to reign in this beleaguered land.

- The people of Gaza and Israel can’t hope to recover unless there is lasting peace. Pray for an end to the violence and for world leaders with influence in the region to make wise decisions that lead to lasting peace and security. Pray that God’s peace would fill the hearts and minds of everyone who is suffering.
- Pray that humanitarian relief for Gaza would pass through borders unhindered. Ask God to protect aid workers and anyone working to provide humanitarian assistance and medical supplies to those in need. Pray for the safe distribution of food, water, sanitary items, medical supplies, fuel and electricity, and for people forced to flee their homes to return safely.
- We pray for those who are mourning loved ones in Gaza and Israel and the wider region. Please save them from despair; for the trauma they’ve experienced not to overshadow hope that peace is possible. Amen.
- Pray for people who have been traumatised or injured. Ask God to heal their physical and emotional wounds and bring them deep comfort. Pray for hospitals and medical workers who are struggling with limited resources and overwhelming needs. Ask God to provide all the resources and equipment they need to treat the sick and injured.

Dear God, we cry out to you on behalf of the people seriously affected by the conflict in Gaza and Israel. Our hearts break at the devastation and misery that we see, and we know it breaks yours too. We look to you as our Saviour and the hope of the world. Amen.