

St. Peter's News

St Peter's Church Newsletter

For the Family in Faith



April 2021

Church Directory

Vicar: Vacant

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Carol Pearson: carolpearson@outlook.com

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Holy Baptism: By arrangement with the Warden:

Tel: 07518 846760

Christian stewardship: Weekly pledged giving to the church for its' work and witness.

Church Website: www.stpeterschurchchorley.co.uk

For any of the following

Spiritual Counsel; Marriages Banns; Christenings; Sick Visits; Holy Communion for the housebound -

Please contact the Warden on: 07518 846760

Or email: chorleystpetersvicar@gmail.com

What normally Goes on at St. Peter's

Sunday Services:

8:00am: The Holy Eucharist

10:00am: The Parish Eucharist - The Church's family worship at which children are welcomed into Sunday school in the church meeting Room

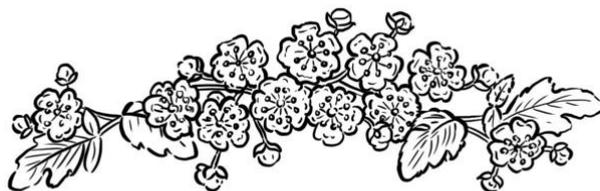
Wednesday Service:

10am: Said Eucharist

Additional Services as advertised

Thursday:

9am: Morning prayer



Who's Who at St Peter's

PCC: Vice-Chair: Carol Person (Churchwarden) 07518 846760

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Advertising VACANT

Stewardship Recorder: Ronnie Hunter Tel: 01257 271992

Communion Ministers: Allan Hardman, Alice Kerfoot, Anne Forrest, Carol Pearson, Anne Wilding, Eric Crompton & Ronnie Hunter.

Sunday School Superintendent: Vacant

Parish Lay Visitor: Alice Kerfoot Tel: 01257 273434

Stewardship Committee:

Chairman Ronnie Hunter Tel: 01257 271992

Events Committee:

Chairwoman: Carol Pearson (plus Members from each organisation)

Electoral Roll Officer: Alan Kerfoot Tel: 01257 273434

Church Meeting Room Bookings: Ronnie Hunter Tel: 01257 271992

Flower Guild: Anne Wilding 01257 411252

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St. Peter's Organisations

Sunday

Sunday School: 10am in the Parish Meeting Room (behind the Church) during the service.

Enquiries: Christine Hunter

Brownies: 6-7.15pm at St. Peter's Primary School, Eaves Lane, Chorley. **Contact:** Leader: Paulene Barnes Tel: 01257 271295 or Althea Morris 01257 266606 or mob: 07857 004796.

Tuesday

Rainbows: 5.45-6.45pm in the Parish Meeting Room

Contact: Leader Lynne Redmayne Tel: 01772 312680

Guides: 7-8.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room

Contact: Leader: Ann Treguer Tel: 07973572990 / 01257 471140

Church Lads & Girls Brigade: 6-9pm at St. Peter's Primary School, Eaves Lane, Chorley.

Contact: Leader Michael McKenna Tel: 01257 410615

Wednesday

Mothers Union: 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room (on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month)

Contact: Branch Leader: Anne Forrest Tel: 01257 262334

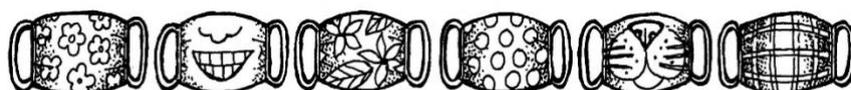
Thursday

St Peter's Playgroup (formerly) Mums n' Tots:

1.15-3pm the Parish Meeting Room

Contact: Anne Forrest: 01257 262334

(During Covid-19 restrictions, some of these groups may not be meeting. Please contact the relevant Leader for more information)





From the Vicar.....

It hardly seems six years since I wrote my first parish magazine article, when I introduced myself and my wife Lorraine to you all. Reading it again just now, I remember the excitement of looking forward to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ together and getting to know one another, with the hope of moving the parish forward.

This letter unfortunately, will be my last as your vicar; not because I am moving on to another parish, or I need a change or a different challenge, but because age has caught up with me and I am retiring!

As you may be aware, St Peter's was my first parish as an incumbent ...and it will be my last! This vocation to ordained ministry as your vicar has been the most fulfilling of my priestly and Christian life and a privilege that not many people experience. Thank you for accompanying me on this journey, for your fellowship, friendship, and support, especially from the Wardens, PCC, and lay leaders of all the organisations.

I must also mention the school in particular because taking the Christian message to the staff and children and having them feel at home in their church has been a blessing and such a rewarding experience for me. As a governor and as the parish priest, we have worked together through many wonderful times and been supportive of each other through some difficult times as well. I just want to express my sincere thanks to Rachel Brown, our Deputy Head who has welcomed me into the school with open arms and also to congratulate her on being recently appointed as our new Headteacher!

The parish now enters a vacancy (known previously as an interregnum) and the process of appointing another incumbent. Unfortunately, due to many factors, including a lack of priests and that this parish would struggle to maintain a full-time vicar (I have always been part time) means it may be some time before a new appointment is made. Thankfully, our local friends at St Laurence's and other clergy will provide you with cover in the meantime. I would like to publicly express my heartfelt thanks to our retired clergy, Fr John Cree, and Fr Alan Clements, for all their help and support in covering services for me while on holiday or sick.

Having said all this and realising that many of you will miss having your own vicar again for quite a while, remember a church is not all about the vicar! The church is its people, but its purpose is to worship God together and give him the praise and honour due to him, through his Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, our congregation numbers have fallen like every other church. It is up to you to bring our parish alive again, to create new things, restart and rejuvenate our worship and to support our uniformed and other organisations; to encourage our young people back into church and into the fold of Christ's love.

In effect, you have a clean sheet to work from, but at the same time a foundation to build upon. We have a building and an organ that are envied by others, but like your own houses, it needs upkeep. Don't leave it to someone else.

There are tasks that need to be done, please don't wait to be asked or expect they will get done...offer your gifts when and where you can. In 2020, despite the lockdown and the severe strain on people's finances, you responded sacrificially and generously (and many of you switched to standing order to keep a regular income coming in) which meant that we paid our Parish Share in full.

St Peter's has always been for me my spiritual family. And like all families we have our ups and downs, the times when we didn't always see eye to eye. But like a family, we have a bond of love for one another through the words of our Lord and a saviour Jesus Christ, who gave one of the two greatest commandments: "Love your neighbour as yourself" and the instruction that we must "love one another as I have loved you."

I feel I ought to close with some memorable words of wisdom, but parting as they say is such sweet sorrow, sweet because I get to have more rest time, but sorrow to leave all of you, parishioners, and colleagues of course, but also as Jesus said, "I now call you my friends."

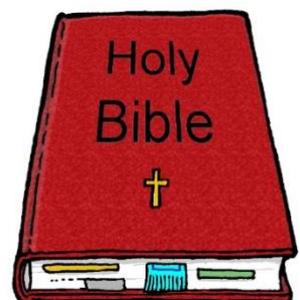
It just remains for me to say on behalf of myself and Lorraine, thank you for the last six years. We're not going far, so I'm sure our paths will cross in the not-too-distant future. We will miss you, we wish you well, so be safe, be kind to one another and trust in God.

A farewell Blessing:

*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sunshine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Yours in Christ,

Peter



Our Vicar Rev Peter Smith - Thank You for Your Service to Our Parish.

As you are all aware, our parish vicar Peter Smith will be retiring on 11th April 2021. I would just like to take this opportunity as Warden on behalf of the whole Parish and PCC to thank Peter for being our vicar here at St Peter's.

Peter has been our shepherd for the past 6 years. During this time, he has whole heartedly, pastorally, and spiritually encompassed himself into all aspects of ministerial life within our church and parish, from establishing and leading Morning Prayer, the setting up of a Bible Study group to strengthening our links with children and young people and has touched the lives of so many people in our parish and wider community.

The past year has introduced new ways of how we worship due to the pandemic and lockdowns using social media and the recording of services. Peter rose to this need ensuring the parish still had access to a weekly service of worship and to keep us together as a church family. He started and continued throughout the first lockdown a daily blog on face book and phone calls to all parishioners who did not have access to social media. He has continued to update face book regularly and keep in contact with vulnerable parishioners. For this act of pastoral and spiritual care we are truly thankful.

He has strengthened our links with our day school by regularly going into school and meeting the staff and children. Establishing a service of worship held at school once each term. We will continue to maintain these links with school.

We also thank Lorraine for all the behind the scenes support she has given us. Becoming fully immersed in church life in all areas and for the many hours she has dedicated towards fundraising and supporting Peter in carrying out his ministry.

Peter has nurtured us as his flock and parish. He has sown the seeds of growth and we now have green shoots in all the many areas of Christian and church life. He has established in us a greater understanding of what it means to serve God with all our many talents and skills and has given us a sense of direction as a church family to grow and flourish from the strong foundations we now have.

We thank Peter for him all his ministry. His ability to make the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ present at our altar and for being there for us every Wednesday and Sunday mornings, giving us this infinite gift.

"In the end, that's what is so great about you: not you, in yourself, but who you bring us – Christ."

As we prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ for the last time with Peter as our Vicar, we thank him for all the many years he has brought us together and helped us to re-focus as Christians upon the true meaning of Easter. Remembering that Easter brings us hope as individuals and as a church family will bring us together over the coming months to continue our work as disciples maintaining our green shoots. May hope linger in our hearts forever.

We thank God for Peter hearing our call and for sending him to us for the past 6 years. As Peter prepares for a new chapter in his ministerial life, we wish him well and thank him for his service among us at St Peter's.

*You have served the Lord with gladness- tirelessly, faithfully and with great compassion for His flock.
Now as the day dawns on the next chapter of your life, may God continue to richly bless you
and watch over you, and may the God of peace grant you peace now and always.*

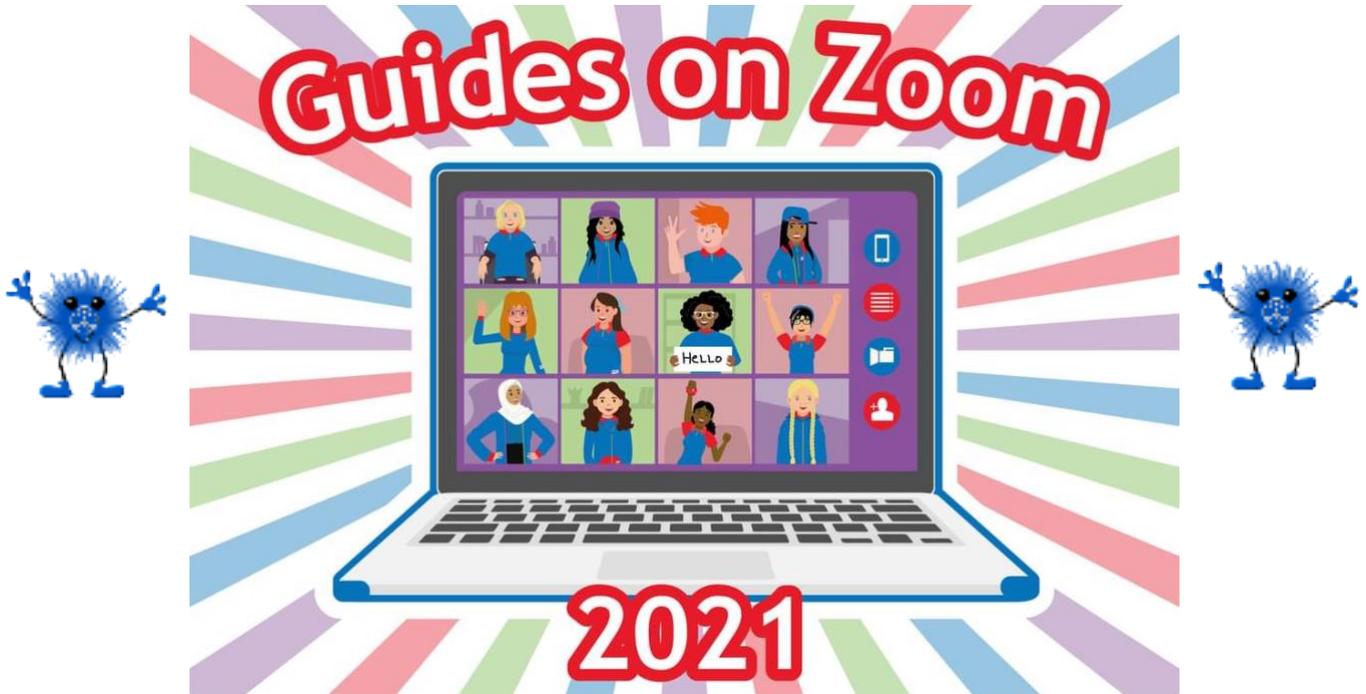
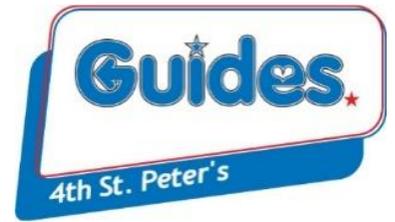
**Every Blessing
Carol- Churchwarden**

The Flower Guild have once again achieved a bright and cheerful flower display in the Church for Easter, and they wish to thank all those who contributed towards the displays in Church and the team who spent the day decorating the Church in readiness.





**Girlguiding - Whilst on ZOOM
meetings are Thursday 6pm-7.30pm.**



We have had several successful meetings on zoom now, and whilst our numbers have dwindled, the enthusiasm of the guides that have stayed has not. Our meetings have been fun, informative, and demonstrated the friendship of guiding. We also have some guides not joining us on zoom (all zoomed out with school) but are still achieving the badge work that we have sent out and keep in touch with text and WhatsApp.

We hope to resume face to face meetings by September 2021 and offer a few face-to-face sessions outside before then, looking at badge and skill builder themes.

Ann Treguer
Guide Leader





In Memory

April



2nd Walter Downs
Ada Robinson
Eileen McKie
Jack Monks
Roy Widdows Ellison
3rd Margaret Perrigo
James William Atherton
Rita Cave
4th Sam Williams
Caroline Jones
Felicity Heath
Harry Finley
5th Herman Williams
George Edward Dewland
Marjorie Wilkinson
6th Bishop David Stewart Cross
Sandra Arnold
7th John Widdows
Alan Aspinall
8th Elizabeth Sharrock
Olive Mary Roberts
Deborah Katrina Calvert
Annie Downs
Baby Thomas Aspinall
10th Elsie Sadler
Zena Watson
Elizabeth Heath
11th Emma Harling
Keith Bowling
Les Cave
14th Joyce Turkington
17th Grace Douglas
Leah Tromans

18th William Burgess
19th Elizabeth Ellen Robinson
Jack Newsham
21st Simon Foulkes
22nd George Oliver Brown
23rd Margaret Middleton
24th Patricia Margaret Cheetham
25th Fanny Gaskell
Emily Holden
William Burgess
26th Duncan Hitchen
Fred Taylor
27th Bertha Bamber
Darren Woods
28th John Meadows
29th Gilbert Heywood
Lily Widdows
Cicely Brown

**Grant to the faithful departed
the eternal life promised by Our
Lord Jesus, let light perpetual
shine upon them.
Amen**



Donations Received

In Loving Memory

£50 In loving memory of a dear Mother and Father Ruth and Gilbert Heywood from Audrey

£50 In loving memory of my husband Tom Simm from Audrey

£20 In memory of Margaret Hardman on her birthday 7th March from son Allan

£25 In loving memory of Elizabeth Strange, from Ron, David, and family

£50 In memory of Cicely Brown's birthday (£25) and anniversary (£25) from daughter Margaret.

£20 Anon

West- End Repairs

An unspecified donation in memory of Cathleen Berry, from Ann, Paul and Simon towards the West End repairs (gift aided.)

£10 Janet Needham

£67 Raffle held by Jasmine Rato

£477.10 Easter Raffle (Thank you to all who bought tickets, *Ronnie.*)



Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths—Church Registry

Baptism

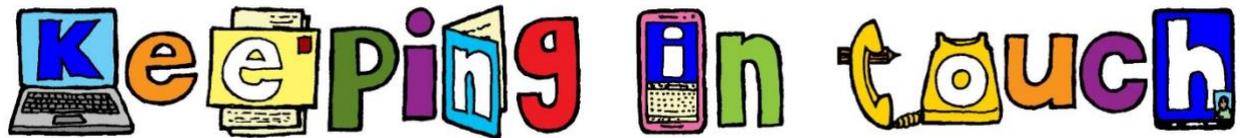
None

Weddings

None

Funerals

March 11th Ruth Pilkington



Events Committee

**Always looking for new members and volunteers, please think about
Joining us to plan social events in our Parish, if interested in helping
contact Carol Pearson to let her know of your interest.**

Keep in touch with what is going on with both our Church page
and now our Mother's Union page.

Photos and information of all meetings and events are published on the page.

St. Peter's CE church Chorley

St. Peter's Mother's Union Chorley

Families & Friends of 4th Chorley St. Peter's Guides

Family & Friends of 4th Chorley St. Peter's Rainbows

Ongoing appeal from the Mothers Union: Toothpaste, toothbrushes, face cloths, combs, tissues, and bars of soap toward hospital bags. To help, please contact Anne Forrest: 01257 262334. Thank you! Or check out the Mothers' Union Amazon list here: [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk)

Smile Lines



Mea Culpa

A group of lads took a trip to France and decided to attend Mass in a small town, even though none of them understood French. They managed to stand, kneel, and sit when the rest of the congregation did, so it wouldn't be obvious they were tourists. At one point, the priest spoke and the man sitting next to them stood up, so they got up, too. The entire congregation broke into hearty laughter.

After the service they approached the priest, who spoke English, and asked him what had been so funny. The priest said he had announced a birth in the parish and had asked the father to stand up.

Finding

The shin bone is a device for finding furniture in the dark.

Sportsmanlike

During a game, the coach asked one of his young players: "Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?" The little boy nodded yes. "Do you understand that what matters is winning together as a team?" The little boy nodded yes. "So," the coach continued, "when a strike is called, or you are out at first, you don't argue or curse or attack the umpire. Do you understand all that?" Again, the boy nodded yes.

"Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain it to your mother."

What did I do with the car?

As I left a meeting at our church, I could not find my car keys. They were not in my pockets. They were not in the church. Then I thought – I've left them in the car! As I burst through the doors of the church, my heart sank: the church car park was empty.

With a heavy heart I called the police, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen. Then I made the really difficult call: "Darling," I began (I always call her 'darling' at moments like this). "Darling, I have left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen."

There was a little gasp. "You did not *have the car*. I dropped you off. Remember?" My heart sang as relief flooded through me. "Of course! Thank God! Well, come get me quick – I am already running late... what is keeping you?" My wife replied with ominous calm: "What's keeping me? I'll tell you what's keeping me. The police are here. They think I've stolen our car..."

The puppies

A client brought a litter of Golden Retriever puppies to the local veterinary clinic for inoculations and worming. As the look-alike pups tumbled over and under one another in their box, the experienced vet realised it would be difficult to tell which had been treated and which hadn't. So, the vet turned on the water tap, wet her fingers and gently moistened each dog's head as she finished giving it the necessary shots.

After the fourth puppy, the vet noticed her hitherto talkative client had grown silent and was looking rather reverent. As the animal doctor sprinkled the last pup's head, the owner leaned forward and whispered, "Thank you so much. I hadn't realised you baptised them, too."

How to stay safe this Spring

1. Avoid riding in automobiles. They are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
2. Do not stay home. 17% of all accidents occur in the home.
3. Avoid walking on streets or pavements. 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
4. Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water. 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.
5. Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in Hospitals. So, above all else, *avoid hospitals.*

BUT...

You will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at church!

A Bible study is safe, too. In fact, the percentage of deaths during Bible study is not even .001%...So, attend church, and read your Bible - *IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!*

Coronavirus - warning about vaccine

This happened recently and is an important lesson for our friends and family in the older age group. A friend had his second doze of vaccine at the vaccination centre. Shortly afterwards he began to have blurred vision and struggled to get home.

He rang the vaccination centre and asked if he should go straight to the hospital for help. He was told NOT to go to the hospital, but instead to return at once to the vaccination centre and pick up his glasses....

Children's' Section

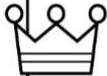


Mouse Makes

Can you find these names of **Jesus** in the word search?

SON OF GOD

Matthew 3:16-17



KING OF KINGS

Revelation 17:14

PROPHET

Luke 24:19



PRIEST

1 Timothy 2:5

ROCK

1 Corinthians 10: 4

LORD

1 Corinthians 1:9

AMEN

Revelation 3:14

LIFE

John 11:25-27

MESSIAH

John 1:41

SHEPHERD

John 10:11

LIGHT

John 8:12



WORD

John 1:1-50



BREAD

John 6:35

CREATOR

1 John 1:3



CHRIST

Matthew 16:16

SAVIOUR

John 3:16-17

HOLY ONE

Mark 1:24

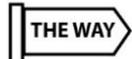
VINE

John 15:5



DOOR

John 10:9



WAY

John 14:6

LAMB

John 1:29



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Bible Bite for Children

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 26: 20-25, 31-35, Mark 14: 17-21, 27-31
Luke 22: 22, 31-34, John 13: 21-30, 36-38

The Jewish leaders wanted to kill Jesus.
One of Jesus' disciples, Judas, had
accepted money from them to betray him.

As Jesus and his disciples ate the
Passover meal, Jesus said



John was sitting
next to Jesus, so
Peter said



So John asked Jesus



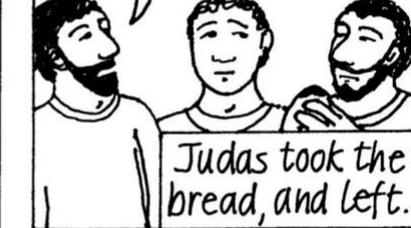
It is the person I give
this piece of bread to.



Jesus dipped a piece
of bread in sauce, and
gave it to Judas.



What you are about to do
you must do quickly.



Why has Judas gone out?



They continued
the Passover meal



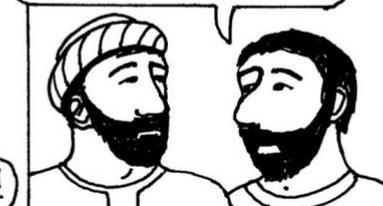
Jesus then told the rest of the
disciples



Peter said



Before tomorrow morning
you will have denied you
even know me 3 times.



Even if I have to die, I
will never disown you!



PUZ?LES

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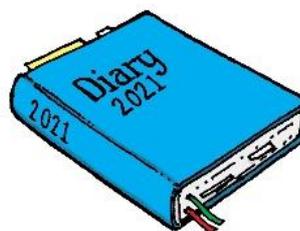
St Peter's Playgroup

It is our intention to begin the playgroup again in the near future and we are looking to raise some start up funds. We are holding a raffle and tickets can be purchased from Anne Forrest, Cat Forrest, and Diane Jolly. Details can be found on the Playgroup's Facebook page;

[St. Peter's Playgroup/Facebook](#)

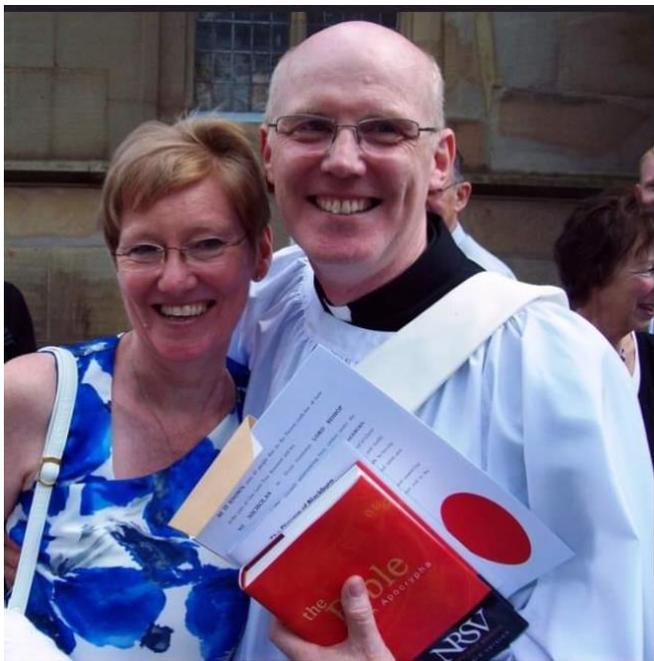


"After a year of working from home, Anthony will seize any opportunity to put on a suit"



Advance Notice

On the 11th April next Sunday 10am Eucharist Service, will be Peter's last as our Vicar before he retires. We are anticipating a larger congregation than usual and suggest that you come early and follow the directions of the Churchwarden regarding seating. After the service, Peter and Lorraine will be outside the church to say their goodbyes, but please remember, we are still under restrictions regarding social distancing.

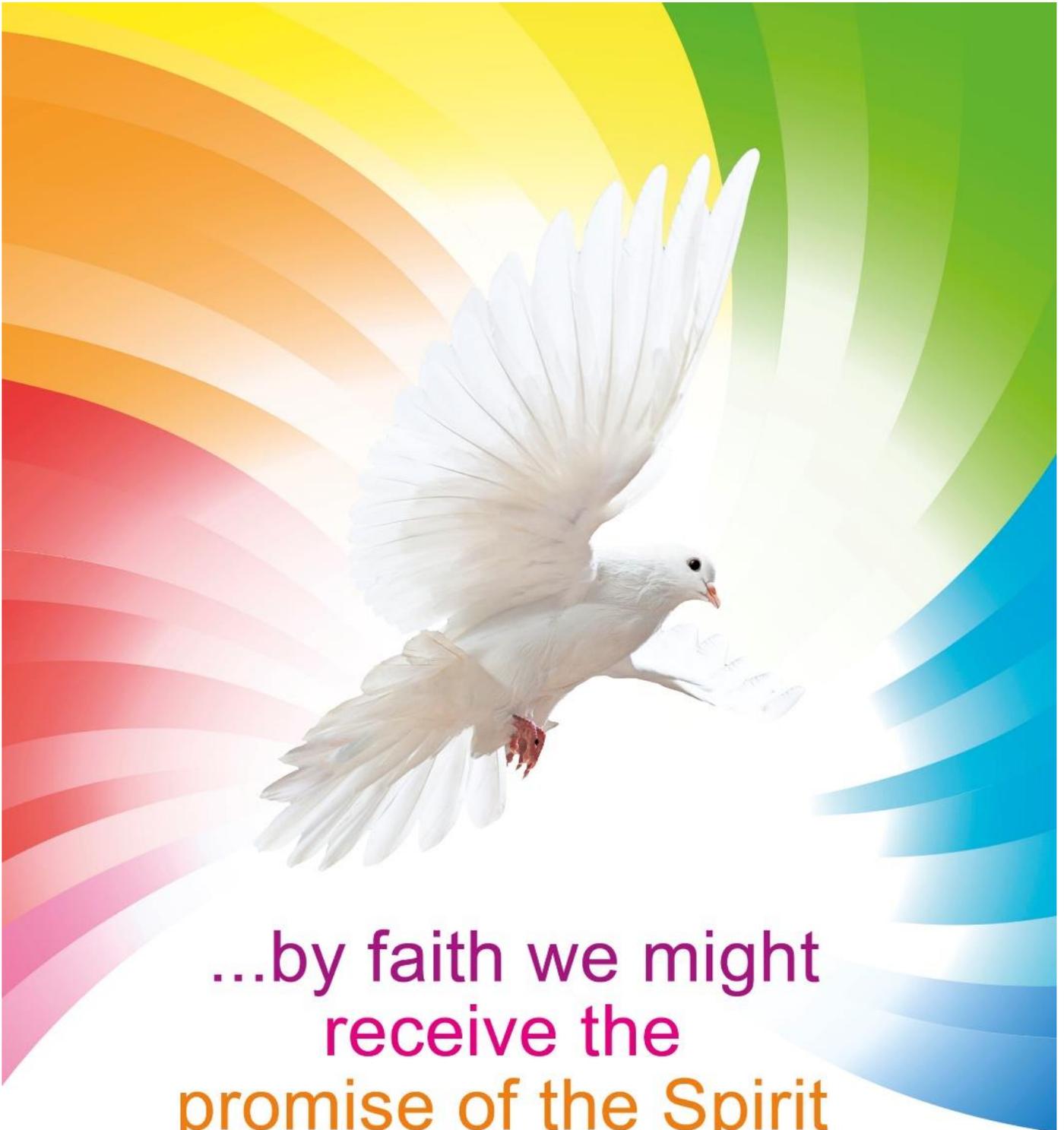


Lockdown Restrictions: Do not congregate before or after the service, either at the back of the church or in the church grounds. If you need to speak to the vicar after the service – please wait in your pew and he will come and see you as soon as everyone else has left.

Puzzle Answers

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...by faith we might
receive the
promise of the Spirit

Galatians 3:14