

# The Wye Dore Parishes

Vowchurch, Madley, Peterchurch, Turnastone, Tyberton.

News and Notices for the weeks:

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018, 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

If you are a visitor to our church, welcome, and may the Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. If you are reading this at one of our services, please speak to us after the service finishes. If you are reading it on our website, please get in touch – see the contacts section. We would like very much to get to know you better. Please pray for us and our ministry.

## Collect for 8<sup>th</sup> July

Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:  
pour into our hearts such love toward you  
that we, loving you in all things and above all  
things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## Collect for 15<sup>th</sup> July

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## Sunday Services 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018

<b>Peterchurch</b>	9:30am	Holy Communion
<b>Tyberton</b>	11:00am	Morning Prayer

## Sunday Services 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018

<b>Vowchurch</b>	10:30am	Holy Communion with Prayers Healing
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## Weekly Activities at St Peter's Centre

Monday	10-11am	<b>Kundalini Yoga:</b> Breath, movement and mantra to bring wellbeing.
	12 -12.45pm	<b>Chair Based Yoga:</b> A more gentle approach to yoga.
	2pm - 3pm	<b>Pilates</b> Improve strength, flexibility, coordination and balance. Emma Towersey 07702 241725.
	7pm – 8.30pm	<b>Peterchurch Community Choir</b> Open up those vocal cords and sing wonderful songs. joyrickwood3@yahoo.co.uk
Tuesday	11am-2pm	<b>The Hub Cafe</b> Great coffee, yummy cakes, lovely light lunches.
	6.45pm – 8.00pm	<b>Yoga</b> Stretch out and learn how to create a good space that nourishes and rejuvenates you. www.yogaskies.co.uk
Wednesday	11am- 2pm	<b>The Hub Cafe</b> Great coffee, yummy cakes, lovely light lunches.
	1pm – 5pm	<b>Peterchurch Library</b> Borrow great books, discover new worlds!
Thursday	10am – 11.30am	<b>Kids Play Cafe</b> Fun and play time for under 5's with exclusive use of the cafe.
	11am - 6pm	<b>Peterchurch Library</b> Borrow great books, discover new worlds!
	11am - 2pm	<b>The Hub Cafe</b> Great coffee, yummy cakes, lovely light lunches.
Friday	11am - 2pm	<b>The Hub Cafe</b> Great coffee, yummy cakes, lovely light lunches.
Saturday	10am – 12noon	<b>Peterchurch Library</b> Borrow great books, discover new worlds!

## This month we pray for our sister church in Hilpoltstein

We pray for our Diocesan link between Hereford and Nuremburg, giving thanks for the rich opportunities for friendship, growth and mutual understanding. We remember Judy and John this month as they visit Hilpoltstein (south of Nuremburg) and we pray for Verena the minister there. We ask your blessing, Lord, on her congregation at Christuskirche and pray that we may learn from one another and grow in respect and love. Amen

## Gospel readings & Psalms from the Lectionary

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (8<sup>th</sup> July)** Psalm 48 or Psalm 123, Mark 6.1-13

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (15<sup>th</sup> July)** Psalm 24 or Psalm 85.8-end, Mark 6.14-29

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (22<sup>nd</sup> July)** Psalm 89.20-37 or Psalm 23, Mark 6.30-34,53-end

**Mary Magdalene (22<sup>nd</sup> July)** Psalm 42.1-10, John 20.1-2,11-18

### *Please Pray for:*

*those preparing for marriage*

*those preparing for baptism or confirmation*

*those who have departed*

*those who are ill or in need*

*those who need support*

*those giving thanks*



### **CAN YOU KNIT OR CROCHET?**

We need you.

As part of our commemoration in November of the end of WW1, we are hoping to create a wall of hand-made poppies in St Peter's Church, Peterchurch. There are plenty of poppy patterns on the internet and they can be of any pattern and size. Some patterns will be available in St. Peter's Church alongside a box to collect your finished poppies. If anyone has any 1" black buttons to spare, please leave those in the box as well.

So please get busy and help us out.  
Further details from Pam on 01981 550669.

## Stillpoint

A new monthly session led by Simon Locket to explore a meditation technique to ease stress, anxiety and inspire awareness and attentiveness. Just bring yourself and an open mind.

For more information please email [distill8@zoho.eu](mailto:distill8@zoho.eu)

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month, 7.30 - 8.30pm, Peterchurch Hub Café**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, 7.30 – 8.30pm, Madley Crypt**

## *The Wye Dore Parishes*

Mid-week Celtic Prayer Services – All are welcome

9:00am Wednesdays at Peterchurch

9:00am Thursdays in Madley Crypt

### Other Gatherings

**Jungle Club** at Madley Stables, 6:15pm Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July

**Stillpoint** at Madley Crypt, 7:30pm Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

**Messy Church** at Madley Church, 3:30pm Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July

**Holy Communion** at Sheila Winney's House, 2:30pm Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

**Messy Church** at Peterchurch, 3:30pm Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

**BringYourOwnBible** at Peterchurch Hub Cafe, 7:30pm Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July

**Bread Making** at Madley Stables, 10:00am Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

**Holy Communion** at Maureen Bowran's House, 2:00pm Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

**BringYourOwnBible** at Madley Vicarage, 7:30pm Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

**Deanery Service** at Dore Abbey, 10:30am Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July

**Bread Making** at Madley Stables, 10:00am Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July

There will be **Safeguarding Training** at Kingstone Church on July 17<sup>th</sup> (6.30-9.30pm). As it is several years since we last had training in the benefice this would be a good opportunity to update ourselves.

The training relates to safeguarding vulnerable adults as well as children and young people. If you are a Church Warden, Safeguarding Coordinator for your PCC, Church visitor or involved in Messy Church and children's work I urge you to take this opportunity to ensure that you are meeting your obligations in this important area. Please let me know whether or not you are able to attend.

Many thanks, Julie Lunn



*If you would like people to pray for something or someone in complete confidence please contact Jean Bufton on 550480.*

*We are also looking for new volunteers to be part of the prayer tree.*

*Simon*

## PROPOSED PARISH MERGER

The PCCs of Turnastone and Vowchurch are proposing a formal merger to create a single parish of "Vowchurch and Turnastone", with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Both of the existing church buildings will be retained, and both will have the status of parish church. The draft proposal has been sent to PCC secretaries of our five parishes, along with details of how to comment to the Church Commissioners, which should reach them before 6<sup>th</sup> August. If you would like further information please contact Steve Edwards ([webman@wyedoreparishes.org.uk](mailto:webman@wyedoreparishes.org.uk)) at Vowchurch.

### Inclusion.

Many of us have been deeply troubled by the recent article in the Hereford Times about clergy who are unable to accept the priesthood of women. I cannot speak for the Diocese as a whole, [though Hereford Diocese has been at the forefront of encouraging the ministry of ordained women] let alone the Church of England. However, I can say that the five parishes that make up the Wye Dore Benefice are churches that wish to welcome everyone. Whatever the ethnic background, whatever the gender, whatever the income bracket, whatever the sexual orientation, whatever the denomination and whatever the spirituality, we would want to include all. Despite our failings and strengths as people and as a community, we try to follow the way of Christ and in doing so seek to understand what that means. Seeking, includes studying sacred writings, meditation and prayer and trying to learn from and serve the wider community. Christ himself, if you look carefully at the writings based on his life, was only critical of those who thought they had all the answers. In the New Testament of the Bible it seems as if those who thought they had it all tied up were the ones who tried to exclude people from the Great Wellspring of love. Maybe it has always been so?

If, in the Wye Dore Benefice, anyone has ever felt excluded in any way, I would want to apologise; personally, if possible. I would be joyful if people felt they could belong to the church and try and work out how to find unity in celebrating diversity, and fulfilment by celebrating wholeness [you could say holiness] within the Christian tradition rather than believe in certain doctrine and rules. Many of us have wondered what spiritual growth would look like if a Diocese, any Diocese, stood up and said we will only pursue and consider a fellowship that is progressive, inclusive and seeks to overcome injustice in all its forms including misogyny and homophobia. Just imagine!

Here is a poem/prayer for others who have been excluded. It is called a prayer for the undocumented:

May the angels of the Lord, defend you from the perils of daily life,  
So you may have peace.

May the angels of the Lord, spare you from the snares of those seeking to hound you,  
So you may be free.

May the angels of the Lord, Stir people's hearts to offer you hospitality and refuge,  
So you may find home.

May the angels of the Lord, make you invisible to the piercing eyes of the wicked,  
So you may travel safely.

May all the angels of the Lord; Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Selaphiel, Raguel and Barachiel, protect you  
with their surrounding wings.

So they may walk with you

In front of you, behind you, above you, below you always ahead of you.

So be it!

Rev Simon

### ***Food for Thought - Team work.***

I can't help pondering how the current abundance of sporting events reflects every-day life with the reliance on 'team mates'; 'individual' sports have back-up teams and even part-time joggers need their blisters and backs attended to! Are there any amongst us truly 'loners'; are hermits fully alone? **Don't we all have a purpose to fulfil within Team Mankind?** *Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ / Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many./Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 1Cor2:12/14/27*

## Wye Dore Parishes: Ministry Enabling Team Nominations 2018

The ministry team has existed now for almost 14 years. They continue to be a wonderful source of encouragement and help when it comes to planning worship, ministry and outreach within our five parishes.

It is worth saying that a Ministry Team does not replace the work and role of each PCC rather it is there to help fulfill the PCC's responsibility to work with the Vicar to build up the Kingdom of God by developing and delivering mission, worship and pastoral care. As you will remember we gained new members back in 2016 but have lost others more recently for various reasons. We need to seek new members and give existing members of the ministry team an opportunity to step down if they feel this is God's will.

I would also like to rename the team as the "Ministry Enabling Team" [MET] to reflect the fact that the group itself does not have a monopoly on gifts of ministry. I would hope that this re-branding will remind us all to seek to uncover and release the diversity of gifts that God has created within the whole of his church in our five parishes.

The purpose of seeking new members of the MET is to encourage all members of the church to re-examine what God is calling them to be and to do. The process should help encourage us to be mission focused and can be a way of releasing hidden or previously unrecognized talents within the members of each congregation. I would like to specifically emphasize that whilst we need people to help with worship we also need to recognize other gifts, for example a pastoral gift for visiting.

I believe It is now time to see if God is leading others into this important role within the Wye Dore Parishes and so we need to firstly pray that God will help us to discern who amongst them have the qualities to participate and add to our ministry in this place.

The process is then as follows:

- It really must be grounded in prayer. So please cover all of this in prayer.
- Think about those you know in your congregation in whom you see gifts, spiritual or practical which will enhance the mission or ministry of the Church.
- Pray for these people and ask for guidance as to whether God is calling them to.
- Nominations [which are done anonymously using the slips provided in each church] are then to be placed in the boxes provided in each church and are to be made in the strictest of confidence. This helps to eliminate embarrassment. It also gives an individual freedom to say "no" even if their gifts have been overwhelmingly recognised. **Nominations close Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup>**
- The Church Wardens and I will then meet to pray over and then discuss each nomination, again in confidence, and then to affirm or not affirm each individual nomination.
- I will then visit those nominated and will give them enough time to pray about their nomination and come to a decision.
- Each accepted nomination will then be publicly announced.

In Christ, Simon

A New Bible Study Series: *All Welcome*

### Peterchurch:

**7.30 @ St Peters**

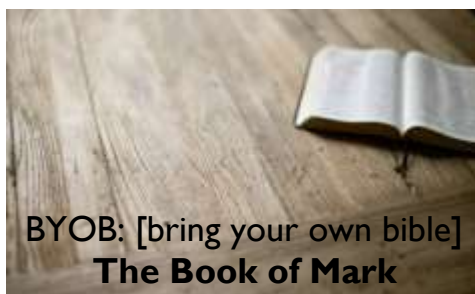
**July 18:** Chapters 7 & 8

**September 19:** Chapters 9 & 10

**October 17:** Chapters 11 & 12

**November 21:** Chapters 13 & 14

**December 19:** Chapters 15 & 16



BYOB: [bring your own bible]  
**The Book of Mark**

### Madley:

**7.30 @ The Vicarage**

**July 25:** Chapters 7 & 8

**September 26:** Chapters 9 & 10

**October 24:** Chapters 11 & 12

**November 28:** Chapters 13 & 14

**December tbc:** Chapters 15 & 16

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### Could you give two hours a month to volunteer at The Hub?

The Hub is looking for volunteers to help with, the Café, the Library, the grounds, administration and cleaning. Volunteering is a great way to meet people, make new friends, and be happier and healthier! The Hub team is a fun and vibrant group of people who enjoy making their community a great place to be. To get involved or find out more please call 01981551143, email [sara@hubcommunity.org](mailto:sara@hubcommunity.org) or pop into The Hub and speak to Sue or Sara

### Snodhill Castle Exhibition, July and August

A photographic exhibition showing before, during and after the work done to save and preserve this remarkable site for all. Snodhill Castle, on the western edge of Peterchurch, is one of the largest early Norman castles in Britain and certainly the least understood. In March 2016 Snodhill Castle Preservation Trust was formed and with funding from Historic England a major programme of rescue and restoration was carried out supported by local volunteers and craftsmen. The castle was reopened on 5th May 2018 and now, after years of neglect, is open to the public.

### Kids Summer Fun at the Library

Herefordshire Libraries is running it's kids summer reading challenge during the summer holidays. Come to the library to find out about 'Mischievous Makers'; read books and collect prizes, enter the drawing competition and join in with illustration workshops.

**Drop-in Physiotherapy and Occupational.** First Tuesday of each month, 12.30pm to 1pm. The team can offer advice to people currently under treatment, carers, or anyone else. Help on: equipment adaption in the home, memory concerns and strategies, exercises reminders, fall prevention, managing everyday tasks and routines, how to keep active, fatigue and pain management, advice on walking aids and mobility.

**Memory morning, Tuesday 17th July 10.30am – 12.30pm.** The Community Memory Service welcomes you to a drop in session for a friendly chat to discuss any questions you have about your memory or that of a loved one. They will be able to give advice on carer support, coping strategies, referrals to community services as well as general information and advice.

**Introduction to Wool Craft workshop, Saturday 21st July 10am-4pm.** Join us for a day of hands-on learning: Preparing a fleece, spinning with a spindle, spinning on a wheel, felting and simple weaving. Take away a love and knowledge of wool as well as many handmade items. £55 to include all materials and equipment, refreshments throughout the day and lunch. For more info or to book please call Caroline on 01981 550043 or [caroline@clan-cic.org](mailto:caroline@clan-cic.org)

**Children's Summer Craft Workshop.** The wonderful Cultivating Learning and Nature crew are going to run a series of kids summer workshops during the school holidays. All workshops are £4 per child which includes materials and equipment. An adult must stay with the child within The Hub but can relax in the café whilst the children are busy crafting. For more information contact [caroline@clan-cic.org](mailto:caroline@clan-cic.org) or 01981 550043

**Wednesday July 25th 11am - 12.30pm, Book Folding Hedgehog.** Learn how to create a piece of art from an old book

**Thursday 23rd August 11am - 12.30am, Felted Pictures.** Create a masterpiece with nothing but wool and a little bit of soap and water!

**Thursday 30th August 11am - 12.30pm, Needle Felted Characters.** Felt yourself a cute little character to take away!

We are looking for people to help keep the Hub Café open in Peterchurch during the summer holidays while staff members take some well-earned rest to be with their families. We are seeking just 2 hour slots through August and maybe you and a friend could help us out. It would not involve cooking or baking just serving, preparing and clearing up.

The Café serves our community by creating loneliness and isolation. Not only that but funding requirements and therefore are keep our cafe going long term.



a space to meet which helps with rural with an increase in volunteers we fulfil more likely to secure further funding to

If you would like to help please contact Sue Gibbs on [sue.gibbs10@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.gibbs10@btinternet.com)

**Website:** Contact Steve Edwards for any updates to our website – follow the link on [www.wyedoreparishes.org.uk](http://www.wyedoreparishes.org.uk). Don't forget to check 'Notices and Events' on the Website to keep up-to-date with what's going on.

**Pew Sheet:** To receive the Pew Sheet via Email every week, send an email to [fiona@iamwatchingyou.co.uk](mailto:fiona@iamwatchingyou.co.uk) and you will be added to the list. Deadline for articles in the pew sheet is **Wednesday** evening. Email or Tel 01981 250605.