

## Holy Communion

**9.30am – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026**  
**Patronal Festival**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honours to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen.!

Isaac Watts

## Gathering and Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of  
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you.

All: And also with you

## Welcome – Revd John Lenton

## Prayers of Penitence

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of  
God's love, revealed in Word and  
Sacrament, let us call to mind our sins.

## Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we  
have sinned against you and against our  
neighbour in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault. We are  
truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For  
the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who  
died for us, forgive us all that is past and  
grant that we may serve you in newness of  
life to the glory of your name. Amen.

## Assurance of forgiveness

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly  
repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and  
deliver you from all your sins, confirm and  
strengthen you in all goodness, and keep  
you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

## Gloria

Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest,  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest,  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father: receive our prayer.  
Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest,  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest.

# The Collect

Almighty God, who inspired your apostle Saint Peter to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God: build up your Church upon this rock, that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
All: **Amen.**

## New Testament Reading

### Acts 12:1-19

It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. <sup>2</sup> He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. <sup>3</sup> When he saw that this met with approval among the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. <sup>4</sup> After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover.

<sup>5</sup> So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.

<sup>6</sup> The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. <sup>7</sup> Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. 'Quick, get up!' he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.

<sup>8</sup> Then the angel said to him, 'Put on your clothes and sandals.' And Peter did so. 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me,' the angel told him. <sup>9</sup> Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. <sup>10</sup> They passed the first and second guards and

came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him.

<sup>11</sup> Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen.'

<sup>12</sup> When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. <sup>13</sup> Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant named Rhoda came to answer the door. <sup>14</sup> When she recognised Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, 'Peter is at the door!'

<sup>15</sup> 'You're out of your mind,' they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, 'It must be his angel.'

<sup>16</sup> But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. <sup>17</sup> Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. 'Tell James and the other brothers and sisters about this,' he said, and then he left for another place.

<sup>18</sup> In the morning, there was no small commotion among the soldiers as to what had become of Peter. <sup>19</sup> After Herod had a thorough search made for him and did not find him, he cross-examined the guards and ordered that they be executed.

Then Herod went from Judea to Caesarea and stayed there.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 125

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion that stands forever.

<sup>1</sup> Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, • which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

<sup>2</sup> As the hills stand about Jerusalem, • so the Lord stands round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion that stands forever.

<sup>3</sup> The sceptre of wickedness shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the righteous, • lest the righteous turn their hands to evil.

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion that stands forever.

<sup>4</sup> Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, • and to those who are true of heart.

<sup>5</sup> Those who turn aside to crooked ways the Lord shall take away with the evildoers; • but let there be peace upon Israel.

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## New Testament Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

<sup>19</sup> For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. <sup>20</sup> But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. <sup>21</sup> To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

<sup>23</sup> When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

<sup>24</sup> 'He himself bore our sins' in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; 'by his wounds you have been healed.'<sup>25</sup> For 'you were like sheep going astray,' but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 16:13-19

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'

<sup>14</sup> They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

<sup>15</sup> 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?'

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Profession of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

And at the end: Merciful Father,  
Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Be thou my guardian and my guide, 385  
and hear me when I call;  
let not my slippery footsteps slide,  
and hold me lest I fall.

The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell  
around the path I tread;  
O save me from the snares of hell,  
thou quickener of the dead.

And if I tempted am to sin,  
and outward things are strong,  
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,  
and save my soul from wrong.

Still let me ever watch and pray,  
and feel that I am frail;  
that if the tempter cross my way,  
yet he may not prevail.

Isaac Williams

### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks  
to the Lord our God

All: **It is right to give  
thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good that we should give you thanks, praise and glory, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For after his resurrection he sent out his apostles and evangelists to preach the gospel to all nations and lead us in the way of truth.

Himself the chief cornerstone, he founded his Church upon the apostles firmly to stand for ever as a sign of your holiness upon earth and a living witness to all of the way that leads to heaven. And so with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we lift our voices and join in their unending hymn of praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

**All: Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**All: Blessing and honour and glory and  
power be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one  
body, because we all share in one  
bread.**

## **Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

## The Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## Prayer after Communion

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Church family news

And can it be, that I should gain 376  
an interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain -  
for me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above, -  
so free, so infinite his grace, -  
emptied himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'tis mercy all, immense and free;  
for, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
fast bound in sin and nature's night:  
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;  
I woke - the dungeon flamed with light.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ my  
own.

Charles Wesley

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you,  
the Lord make his face shine upon you and  
be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on  
you and give you peace; and the blessing  
of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and  
the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain  
with you always.

All: Amen

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love  
and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen

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## Readings for next Sunday

5<sup>th</sup> July – Trinity 5

Joel 1:1-20

Psalm 145.8-15

Romans 7.15-25

Matthew 11.16-30

# The week ahead

Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 11am	Holy Communion Morning Service
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>		
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:45-11am  8pm	Chat & Play for pre-schoolers and their parents/minders @ St Peter's Hall  Midweek groups meet
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>		
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10-11.30am  12 noon 12-3pm  3.45-5pm  8pm	Women's Bible Study @ St Peter's Hall  Holy Communion Community Café @ St Peter's Hall  FAB Club @ St Peter's Hall  Midweek groups meet
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.15-8am	Friday Prayer @ 163 CHL
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>		
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 11am	Holy Communion Morning Service

# Looking ahead

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> July – Church Family Picnic

## Church Family Picnic Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July

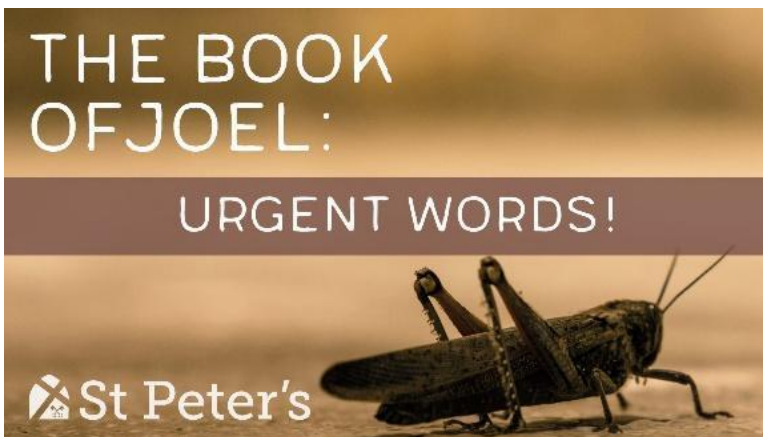
We are having a church family picnic after the 11am service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Do come and join us after the service down in Hollickwood Recreation Ground at the bottom of Albion Ave. Bring your own picnic and rug!



# New Sermon Series for July

Starting on 5<sup>th</sup> July we are looking at the book of the prophet Joel. Under the series title of "Urgent Words"

- 5<sup>th</sup> Jul Joel 1:1-20 *Hear this!*
- 12<sup>th</sup> Jul Joel 2:1-17 *Sound the alarm!*
- 19<sup>th</sup> Jul Joel 2:18-32 *Call on the Lord!*
- 26<sup>th</sup> Jul Joel 3:1-21 *Decide where to hide!*



## Summer Midweeks

In August our normal midweek groups will be replaced by a single group open to all, meeting at the Vicarage, 163 Colney Hatch Lane, 8-9pm on Tuesdays. We will be looking at Peter's second letter – 2 Peter, which will be our sermon series for August. There will be a midweek communion on Thursdays at 12noon with a coffee/tea drop in beforehand at 11.15am

## Church Administrator

We will close applications for this after the weekend – do be praying for this appointment and pointing people to the details – [www.stpetersch.org.uk/serve](http://www.stpetersch.org.uk/serve)

