



**Welcome** – Rebecca Stewart

The splendour of the king  
clothed in majesty;  
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light  
and darkness tries to hide,  
and trembles at His voice,  
trembles at His voice.

*How great is our God, sing with me  
how great is our God, and all will see  
how great, how great is our God.*

And age to age He stands,  
and time is in His hands;  
beginning and the end,  
beginning and the end.  
The Godhead, three in one,  
Father, Spirit, Son,  
the Lion and the Lamb,  
the Lion and the Lamb.  
*How great is our God, sing with me...*

Name above all names,  
worthy of all praise;  
my heart will sing: how great is our God  
*How great is our God, sing with me...*

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**Church Family News**

**Reading: Acts 12:1-19** p1106

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.

Your word, O Lord, is my delight,  
it plants me like a tree  
that's rooted by the streams of life:  
so, Lord, set your word in me.

Your word, O Lord, it lights my way,  
and by this light I see.  
It guides me in every step I take:  
so Lord, set your word in me.

*Speak, O Lord, speak, O Lord,  
we are ready to receive.  
Speak, O Lord, through your mighty word,  
O set your word in me.*

Your word, O Lord, renews my mind,  
with truth that sets me free,  
and in this truth I am sanctified:  
so Lord, set your word in me.  
*Speak, O Lord,...*

Talk notes

## Children leave for Grace Gang

**Talk:** John Lenton

*Peter: Persecution and Prayer*

**What a Friend we have in Jesus,**

All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit!  
O what needless pain we bear!  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge,  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer;  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Joseph M. Scriven (1855)

## Confession

Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore to us the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Prayers

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us, Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

### Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, who inspired your apostle 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. Amen.

## By faith, we see the hand of God

In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His  
faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our soul's reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and  
death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In every corner of the earth  
*We will stand as children of the promise...*

By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the power of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name

*We will stand as children of the promise...*

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## Final Prayer

Please stay around to chat after  
the service over coffee/tea  
through in the hall



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# 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

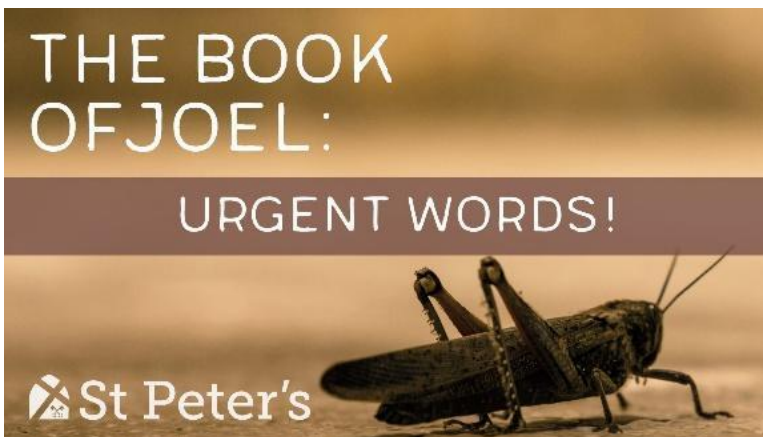
We are having a church family picnic after the 11am service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Do come and join us after the service down in Hollickwood Recreation Ground at the bottom of Albion Ave. Bring your own picnic and rug!



# 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)

