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### **St Peter's, Glenfield aims to be a Sight Loss Friendly Church**

I am aware that some people may find it easier to read when the print is on coloured paper. If this is the case for you, please let me know. I could produce Keynotes on yellow, cream or pink paper without much difficulty. If you feel that you need to have the text enlarged, again, please let me know. It might be possible. I would need to do some trials but, if it would make a big difference to some, I am willing to give it a try. You can contact me by email at [doreenmdenney@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:doreenmdenney@yahoo.co.uk) or by phone on 0116 233 8604

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Rector's remarks



## Creating gives us life

I remember longing for an Airfix kit when I was little. It was definitely a model of an aeroplane I wanted, but I can't remember which one. I also remember getting it, and discovering that making it required a level of skill, attention and patience which I was nowhere near possessing.

So, I gave up, and it wasn't for another 30 years that I tried another one. I always kept it in the back of my head as something that seemed wonderful, but always believed I'd mess it up again if I tried, that I just couldn't 'do' models. Now, I wouldn't say my first attempt in my thirties was perfect (nor any of those since) but I did discover that actually I could do it, and not just do it, but enjoy it and get lost in the detailed and careful process of putting one together, and feel better afterwards.

The first thing we learn about God from the Bible is that he is Creator. I don't want to get drawn into the arguments about six days versus science – my position is that the six days account is literature which expresses meaning and doesn't conflict with scientific theories – but I do believe that behind all the beauty that exists is a wonderful artist who has devised it and sustains it. Which is why I think art and creative craft – in all its forms, whether it's painting, music, knitting, computer design, or even Airfix modelling – is a universal human capacity, and one which brings joy; engaging actively with art expresses part of our God-given nature and therefore gives us life.

At this time of year in the church we celebrate the Creation God has made. Part of that must drive us to care for it more deeply, to consider how we can protect the environment around us in all kinds of ways, from electric cars to bug hotels. But part of it too must mean giving ourselves to using our own creative gifts. We see this in the flower-arranging which is so much part of Harvest, but if that isn't your forte, let me ask, what is? How will

you feed your soul with creativity this autumn?

How about trying the ReNew café at St Peter's Church Centre on Thursday mornings (9.30am-12 noon). There you can pick up a pack and pursue your own project, or you can bring your own from home to work on in a peaceful environment with good coffee and cake to hand. Do something familiar, try something new, or just come and watch other people creating.

*Richard*

## A PRAYER FOR SHAPED BY GOD TOGETHER

Eternal God,  
You call your people to fullness of life in you  
and promise to be with us  
in all the changing scenes of life:  
may we be shaped by you in our lives  
and communities to refresh the Church,  
transform the world, and build the kingdom,  
as with thanksgiving for the past,  
we step out in hope and trust into your future;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



### From the Registers. . .



#### **Baptisms**

29 August

**We welcome to God's family**

Sebastian Liddell



#### **Funerals.**

13 August

13 August

**We commend to God's keeping**

Jean Finn

aged 86

Margaret Edna Cobb

aged 83

## Special Prayers To Mark the Retirement of David and Helen Newman



Bishop Martyn, Dean David and others gathered with David and Helen Newman at the cathedral last week to mark their retirement from current roles in the diocese but also in thankfulness for many years of ministry in our midst.

They were joined by members of the Bishop's Leadership Team, Cathedral, some senior staff and lay leaders to pray together for them as they move to the next stage of life and ministry.

A presentation of a print was made. The image is of the Cathedral created by local artist Sarah Kirby. It was made on behalf of us all as a token our gratitude and the enormous esteem in which they are held.



## Bishop's urgent appeal for Covid-19 aid in Leicester's Indian link diocese

Bishop Martyn is asking for urgent financial support for our partners in India. We are hoping to help them purchase a new ambulance, oxygen concentrators, a ventilator and other equipment costing a total of £80,000. Details of how to contribute are given below.

The Bishop of our partner diocese, Trichy-Tanjore, in the Church of South India (CSI), has written to describe the response of Christians in their region to the Covid-19 crisis which is sweeping India with devastating effect. Cases of infection have been increasing day by day and hospitals are short of beds, oxygen supplies and medication to treat the symptoms of Covid and other infections to which people, weakened by the virus, are falling prey. With the country in lockdown, schools and colleges are shut and people in many places are literally starving for lack of access to food. Regrettably, many church members, including two pastors in the diocese, have died and many more are in hospital receiving treatment.

In spite of all this, the Church is taking a lot of effort and organizing relief work in partnership with Bishop Heber College in Trichy. The 'Task Force against Covid 19' works day and night to coordinate information about hospital bed availability, oxygen, food, ambulance services, counselling, prayer support, financial support, plasma availability and support for funerals. There has been a good response from the community for which they are very grateful to God.

The Diocese has come forward to open food counters in each local church where food packets are kept at the entrance of the church for people who are hungry and needy to take. Facilities at the two CSI Mission Hospitals in the Diocese, in Trichy and Dharapuram have been dedicated for the treatment of Covid Patients and work is in hand to increase the number of beds available.



**If you are able to make a contribution, however large or small, please send it to the following account:**

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Please use the reference: 'Trichy Appeal'

Cheques can be sent for the attention of Jim Pullen at St Martins House, 7 Peacock Lane, Leicester, LE1 1SY. Please make your cheque payable to 'Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance' and write on the back 'Trichy Appeal'.

You can also gift aid your donation by filling in the relevant form which can be found on the Diocesan website.

Meanwhile, please remember the people of India, especially our partners in Trichy, in your prayers.

## Oh, what a wonderful world!

In the days when I learnt – or tried to learn – Pitman's shorthand, it was seen to be essential if you hoped to be an efficient secretary or just aiding your memory for your own benefit. Today all sorts of symbols and hieroglyphics and logos appear – some easy to decipher and others just too clever! Even ones using straightforward letters and numerals can be a puzzle. Have you got the hang of COP26? That looks straight forward enough but do you know what it stands for?

COP26 stands for **Conference of Parties 26** - 26 because it is the 26th. such conference that has taken place! Now we know what it stands for should we go further? Has it anything of importance to us and to our families and our community and our world and...and...and!!? The aim of this conference is to make progress with the Paris Agreement of 2015, when targets were set to bring climate change under control. And the 'parties'? The foundation membership of this important conference is the United Nations, founded in 1945, which consists of 193 sovereign states. It will be hosted by the UK; our Prime Minister will be the Chairman; it will take place in Glasgow from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> November this year and our beloved Queen will be present.

On September 9<sup>th</sup> an important statement was made public and comes from the three Christian world leaders – The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, (head of the Anglican Communion), Pope Francis, (head of the Roman Catholic Church) and the Ecumenical Patriarch, Bartholomew, (head of the Eastern Orthodox Church).

The Archbishop was interviewed on BBC Radio 4 and was asked, 'what is the basis of this joint statement and indeed the Conference'. Quite simply he gave two words 'Choose life' which he said was God's command to us, written in the Bible – Deuteronomy chapter 30, verse 19. He went on and quoted more of that verse '...so that you and your children may live...'

He urged everyone of us to play their part in 'choosing life' for the future of our planet. To quote from the statement (which can be found on the internet): 'We call on everyone, whatever their belief or world view, to endeavour to listen to the cry of the earth and of people who are poor, examining their behaviour and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the earth which God has given us.'

Along with this urgent appeal, there is an urgent call to pray and pray regularly, on your own or with others. And so our regular prayer page '*Pray as you can...not as you can't*' is devoted this month to this appeal from our leaders. Please keep it by you as we go through these next few weeks—please do that!

*Pam Harvey*

## *Pray as you can, .....not as you can't!*

Here are six prayers to help us to pray for COP26.

1. Gracious God, we give thanks for world leaders and government officials who are taking part in COP26. May they hear the voices of those countries that are most vulnerable to climate change. May they use their influence and resources to bring solutions and justice to those most at risk. We pray in Jesus' name.
2. Almighty God, we pray for everyone who is trying to solve the problems caused by the unrelenting rise of sea levels that threaten to destroy low-lying areas and drive people from their homes. Lord in your mercy...
3. Creator God, we praise you for the original order and beauty of the natural world, but now we see it groaning from the effect of global warming and other problems that threaten the delicate balance of life. Please help us to be careful in our daily lives so that we may care for our world and share the goodness you entrust to us. We give you thanks and pray in Jesus' name.
4. Heavenly Father, as our world leaders are preparing to meet in the first two weeks of November for COP26 we pray that they will come together well prepared and willing to listen to each other. May their decisions reflect true understanding of the needs and fears of all in this troubled world and give hope and peace for present and future generations. Lord in your mercy...
5. Lord, we pray for the United Nations and all who meet with them dealing with issues that transcend borders and affect the whole world. May real progress be made on turning debate into action, always recognising the equal rights and dignity of all people. We pray in Jesus' name.
6. Father God, we pray for our Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, who is chairing COP26 and for the UK team supporting him. We pray for boldness and conviction for all taking part that they will act in truth and integrity. We pray that the largest emitting countries to be ambitious in their commitments and actions, and to pursue justice and equality. Lord, in your mercy...

***Day 7? Sunday? Do join in with one of the many opportunities for Sunday worship we are given and can access in a variety of ways!***

***Remember that as we pray we join with many others around the world; as a well known hymn says 'the voice of prayer is never silent, nor dies the strain of praise away'.***



## Mothers' Union Group at St Peter's



Greetings to Members and Friends.

On September 9<sup>th</sup> it was good to, at last, be able to greet members and friends in person.

As we agreed, a number of members met at the Renew Café on Thursday morning, 7 members and 2 friends. We sat at a large table close to the outside door and were waited on by the very friendly volunteers and enjoyed tea, coffee, biscuits or cake (the cake was delicious).

It was good to catch up on everyone's news and also news of former members and friends no longer living in Glenfield. We chatted, laughed and looked forward to the future when we could resume our afternoon meetings.

Lucy passed on a photograph found by Reg Smith of the banner made by Beryl, Lilian and members some time ago for the Diocese of Botswana. This prompted memories of visits from overseas members and how much everyone enjoyed meeting in homes and gardens in the past.

Unfortunately, some of our members have a prior arrangement for Thursday mornings and could not join us, so maybe we can find a way of meeting in the afternoons shortly.

It was soon close to 12-00 noon, and the helpers were packing away all of the craft activities, so it was time to say goodbye. It was a wonderful morning and, after checking with Ruth and the volunteers that it was O.K., we all agreed to meet again on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 11-00am. Or just pop along on any Thursday morning to enjoy good company in a safe and very friendly environment.

I hope to see as many of you as possible on the 14<sup>th</sup>

With love and Prayers.

Linda



Faithful God,

We thank you for the privilege of meeting together,  
For the support and strength we give to each other,  
For the happiness, encouragement and inspiration we share in our time together.

When we meet together, you are always among us.

Thank you.

Amen.

Adapted from M.U. united in Prayer and Worship.

# SERVICES OCTOBER 2021

| DATE                                                       | GLENFIELD                                                             | NEWTOWN LINFORD     |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 3 Oct<br>T18<br><i>God's plan for relationships</i>        | 8.30am Holy Communion<br>10am Morning Worship                         | 10am Holy Communion |
| 10 Oct<br>T19<br><i>God's plan for possessions</i>         | <b>Online Service</b><br>10am Holy Communion<br>6pm Service of Praise | 10am Morning Prayer |
| 17 Oct<br>T20<br><i>God's plan for leadership</i>          | 10am Morning Worship<br>3pm Worship for All Ages                      | 10am Holy Communion |
| 24 Oct<br>Bible Sunday<br><i>God's plan for revelation</i> | <b>Online Service</b><br>10am Holy Communion                          | 10am Morning Prayer |
| 31 Oct<br>All Saints'<br><i>God's plan for eternity</i>    | 10am Morning Worship<br>4.30pm Remembering with thanksgiving          | 10am Holy Communion |

*When no separate Online Service is indicated, the 10am onsite service will be live-streamed on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/stpetersglenfield/live](http://www.facebook.com/stpetersglenfield/live)*



## MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES

|                        |       |         |                 |  |                  |  |  |
|------------------------|-------|---------|-----------------|--|------------------|--|--|
| <b>GLENFIELD</b>       | Wed   | 10.30am | 6 <sup>th</sup> |  | 20 <sup>th</sup> |  |  |
| <b>NEWTOWN LINFORD</b> | Thurs | 10am    | 7 <sup>th</sup> |  |                  |  |  |

**ST PETER'S SERVICE DIARY**  
**OCTOBER 2021**

**3 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity** - *God's plan for relationships*

**8.30am** HC

*Mark 10:2-16*

*Genesis 2:18-24*

**10am** Morning Worship

*Mark 10:2-16*

6 Wed

**10.30am** Holy Communion

**10 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity** - *God's plan for possessions*

Online Service

*Mark 10:17-31*

**10am** Holy Communion

*Mark 10:17-31*

*Amos 5:6-7,10-15*

**6pm** Service of Praise

*Mark 10:17-31*

**17 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity** - *God's plan for leadership*

**10am** Morning Worship

*Mark 10:35-45*

**3pm** Worship for All Ages

20 Wed

**10.30am** Holy Communion

**24 Bible Sunday** - *God's plan for revelation*

Online Service

**10am** Holy Communion

*Isaiah 55:1-11*

*John 8:12-20*

**31 All Saints'** - *God's plan for eternity*

**10am** Morning Worship

*John 11:32-44*

**4.30pm** Remembering

with thanksgiving

*John 11:32-44*

*Revelation 21:1-6a*



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## **The Light and Dark Sides to Hallowe'en by Deidre Morris**

During October we are bombarded with images of, and costumes for, witches, skeletons, ghosts, and black cats. Huge pumpkins are sold to be made into grinning lanterns. There will be children 'trick or treating' who will tell you it is Hallowe'en – but most have no idea what that really is, or even the correct day for it.



### **When Is Hallowe'en?**

In the church calendar, 1 November is All Saints Day and is also known as All Hallows. The 2 November is All Souls Day. All Hallows comes from the Old English word Hallowed, meaning holy or sanctified. Thus the day before All Saints Day, 31 October, was commonly called All Hallows Eve, which shortens to Hallowe'en.

### **Why Hallowe'en?**

All Saints and All Souls are the days when we honour all those Christians who have died for, and in, their faith, but who are not commemorated at any other time. Having died 'in Christ' the powers of death and hell have no hold over them.

The Church remembers faithful Christians gone before us who have given us examples and encouragement in our faith journey. A common custom was to go to graveyards on Hallowe'en to honour the dead and leave on the graves the last flowers of the year.

### **The Origins of some Hallowe'en Customs**

Because we commemorate the dead at this season it has an association with skeletons, ghosts, evil spirits, witches etc – all the darker side of the supernatural, which people have always feared. So, on Hallowe'en they dressed in masks or costumes of ghosts, skeletons, witches etc to mock these evil spirits and to confuse them by dressing up in their guise, thus robbing them of their power. Our children continue to dress like this, but sadly they celebrate these 'dark side powers' rather than mocking them.

### **Trick or Treat?**

In the Middle Ages poor folk begged for 'soul cakes' at Hallowe'en in return for praying for the souls of the departed. Modern 'trick or treat' is a corruption of this practice. Some Christians, knowing children will be knocking on their door, take the opportunity to give out Christian treats – balloons, or tiny gifts, which have a Christian message. This could be expensive, but Christian stickers are very cheap (try the Cathedral bookshop) or computer whiz kids could create their own.

### **Lighting Up Hallowe'en**

Many Christian churches organise special Hallowe'en festivities for their young people which focus on light, and Christ as the light of the world, to counter the darker, malevolent aspects of Hallowe'en. The children dress in bright, light-coloured clothes. They still have pumpkins, but the candle shines out through the cross cut in it, not a grinning face. Angel cake rather than Devils' Food cake is eaten at the party! Games and songs that have a positive view of this special time of year are also part of the fun.

*Courtesy of ACE*

## Gathering Nuts, Fruit and Seeds for a Greener Future



This year's annual Tree Council Campaign began on 23 September and runs until 23 October. The campaign invites everyone to go out into their local neighbourhoods and gather seed, fruit, and nuts with the aim of sowing and nurturing them to grow new trees for the future. There is a lot of helpful information on the Tree Council website

where you can also download some very useful information sheets on common UK trees such as: English Oak, Field Maple, Hazel, Hornbeam, Beech, Common Lime, Holly, Hawthorn, Rowan, Scots Pine, Common Alder and Silver Birch.

The website also has some important health and safety advice and tips about the legality of gathering seeds, nuts and fruits, where to collect them, places to avoid and which are edible.

Roy Denney, our Tree Warden, can tell you how large your tree may become and, if too large for your garden, the Parish Council can, almost certainly, find somewhere to grow it on to maturity. He recently assisted the Hall School to create a small orchard and has just applied for 100 trees to help the Parish create another small wood to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee next year.

'Trees create complete mini eco-systems and are known to have a calming effect, reducing stress levels, but are also one of the best, readily available, ways we can do a little to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change.' quote from [info@treecouncil.org.uk](mailto:info@treecouncil.org.uk)

Roy Denney : [roydenney@hotmail.com](mailto:roydenney@hotmail.com)



## What is a life of faith?

Chapter 11 of the New Testament book of Hebrews talks about the many Old Testament heroes of faith ... Interestingly, all of them were, like us, frail human beings with their own failings. To mention only a few: Noah was a drunk; Moses had a short temper; David was an adulterer who sought to cover his sin by murder; and Rahab was a prostitute. In other words, perfection is not a pre-requisite for living a life of faith! But without faith it is impossible to please God.' *Dr Terence Ascott, from his new book 'Dare to Believe!'*



## CHURCH FLOWERS



I am sure we all agree that flowers in Church make it a more welcoming place. It is too big a job for one person to do every week and we need to share the responsibility. Please, will Church members take a turn at putting flowers in Church. There is money in the Flower Fund.

This could be a simple vase of flowers or an 'arrangement.' It is not a competition just a welcome splash of colour. There are vases, dishes etc. in the organ vestry in church. There is an Annual Rota at the back of Church to sign to say when you are willing to take a turn, either on a regular basis or for an anniversary.

Please phone Anne Wise for more details or to offer Phone 2871297.

Thank you to the kind people who decorated the Church for the Harvest. The Church looked very welcoming and set the scene for Thanksgiving.

The dish arrangements will be given to people who have recently lost loved ones to show that they are remembered.

We hope that you will be willing to help and add your name to the rota. Donations for the Flower Fund are always welcome.

Lucy Hilton



### Recipe of the month: **Rhubarb Sauce**

Bob Peters

If my garden is anything to go by, it has been a good year for rhubarb (and not much else!) so if you have plenty and are wondering what to do with it here is a simple recipe found in a local Women's Club booklet produced in 1987!

#### *Ingredients:*

3 lbs rhubarb

2 lbs sugar

1 lb raisins

½ pint spiced vinegar

#### *Method:*

- Wash, trim and cut the rhubarb into 1 inch lengths.

- Dissolve sugar in spiced vinegar over a gentle heat, then simmer for 10 minutes.

- Add rhubarb and raisins and cook gently until thick.

- Pour through a sieve or liquidiser to form a puree.

- Pour into warm bottles or jars and seal when cold.

*Courtesy of ACE*

## Hoorah For King George V!

There are 471 communities around the British Isles that could be shouting this! *[Is your community one of them?]* In 1936, following the death of King George V, a memorial foundation was set up in his name *'to promote and to assist in the establishment throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland of playing fields for the use and enjoyment of the people.'* Between then and the early 1960s land was purchased by the National Playing Fields Trust for the sole purpose of creating King George V Playing Fields that would be open to everyone. Today, the National Playing Fields Trust is known as 'Fields in Trust' and it has the legal responsibility of protecting the existence of the George V Playing Fields for eternity. The day-to-day maintenance of the fields are managed by the local parish council, or a local trust created specifically for that purpose.

Why, you may ask, should 471 communities be shouting 'Hoorah for George V' today? Well, throughout the Covid pandemic, clubs, associations and organisations were unable to meet indoors in their local parish hall, church hall or pub so they ventured outside to find an ideal safe venue, and for the 471 communities that are blessed with a George V Playing Field what better place was there than their local George V Playing Field? The nation, quite rightly, clapped and raised their glasses for the NHS and all the wonderful people who helped throughout the pandemic, so let's not forget to give King George V three cheers for his everlasting memorial without which so many would not have had a safe place to meet for free, and so enabled our local groups, clubs, associations, and organisations to keep going! Hoorah for King George V!

Courtesy of ACE



## Glenfield Park W.I.

*Meetings 1st Thursday each month  
in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.*

*New members and visitors are always welcome*



Mike Lister came to Glenfield Park WI to talk about 'The History of Playing Cards'. It was so lovely to be able to meet again (3 times in a row). It felt so normal. Anyway, I digress.

Mike's talk was not just about the history of cards but also some of the myths and superstitions about them. We learnt some very surprising facts along the way. It's not known definitely where they originated, but it is thought it was in China as they had paper. The original cards were long and thin and difficult to hold. They gradually worked their way to Europe and the UK. There was a duty on the cards and, amazingly, it was a hanging offence if you didn't pay the duty. It wasn't until they reached America that the cards we know today were developed and simplified.

For example, numbers were added to cards. Imagine having to count up the pips every time you wanted to play a card. Some random, interesting facts we learnt (in no particular order). Wild Bill Hickok was killed at the card table, giving the expression 'dead man's hand'. Cards were sent to POW camps in the 2nd World War with maps stuck between the layers, plus, firms could still manufacture cards as they were a source of entertainment.

Finally, I am sure you can all think of expressions involving cards. No! Well, here are a few. He played his cards right; he had a raw deal; he had an ace up his sleeve and unlucky at cards, lucky in love. These are just a few. To finish off his talk, Mike performed 3 card tricks, which he assured us were simple, worked every time and we would be able to use them to impress our friends. They were extremely clever, but remember them? No way! There was interest after the talk as Mike had brought a lot of cards along for us to look at. It was a really good evening and well worthwhile.

Our next talk sounds intriguing. 'How to be a professional gate-crasher'. Do come and join us. We meet on the first Thursday of the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30.

*Pam Wilson*



***Strapline***

*Sometimes you win and sometimes you learn.*

Ezra is a book about the Israelites returning to God and to their homeland after being in captivity for many years. God 'put it into the heart of King Cyrus' says Ezra to let the Jews go; to return all the artefacts that had been confiscated from them and give them additional gold and silver so they could rebuild the temple and start again. Approximately one in 40 Jews chose to travel the arduous 900 miles on foot to return.

One commentator likened it to a reconciliation between a separated couple. After all, Israel had been adulterous in one sense, worshipping other gods instead of the God of Israel, despite His goodness to them. Reconciliation is a very difficult process but can ultimately be very rewarding if both parties are committed to working it through.

Where do you start after being apart for so long? Well, the Jews started by building an altar. Today we would start by going to the cross and acknowledging our part of the breakdown, our sin, our failure and asking God to forgive us and to give us a fresh start. God will always forgive us if we are sincere.

Next the Jews began building a temple as a sign of God's presence in their midst. And immediately they found opposition. Their enemies offered to help with the building, but they were insincere -undercover operations was more like it. In any reconciliation attempt there will be those who seem to be offering support but are hoping for failure. We need to be on our guard. These enemies sent a letter to the King making a case against them and the building work was stopped forcibly for many years.

Then valuable support arrived in the form of two prophets, Haggai and Zechariah. These men began teaching that God's word had more authority than 'royal interests' (*Ezra 4:22*) and, leading by example, they helped with the rebuilding.

A second letter was sent to the King, full of accusation. But King Darius checked the records carefully and found that King Cyrus, all those years before, had authorised the return of the people and rebuilding of the temple. In his reply, not only did Darius endorse the Jews, but he also ordered that their enemies paid their taxes directly towards the building expenses. Sweet.

Maybe you are separated from God. It doesn't matter what happened. If you are willing to admit your mistakes, ask for forgiveness and be reconciled, God will help you. He wants to be in a relationship with you. Just watch out for the opposition and ask for the support of someone you trust. God will do the rest.

*For no one is cast off by the Lord forever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone. (Lamentations 3:31-33)*

## THE OLD GEEZER

An old American medical geezer became very bored in retirement and decided to open a medical clinic. He put a sign up outside that said: 'Dr. Geezer's clinic.

**Get your treatment for \$500, if not cured, get back \$1,000.'**

*Doctor 'Young', who was positive that this 'old geezer' didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So, he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic.*

*Dr. Young:* "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?"

*Dr. Geezer:* "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth."

*Dr. Young:* Aaagh !! -- "This is Gasoline!"

*Dr. Geezer:* "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

*Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.*

*Dr. Young:* "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."

*Dr. Geezer:* "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

*Dr. Young:* "Oh, no you don't, -- that is Gasoline!"

*Dr. Geezer:* "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

*Dr. Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.*

*Dr. Young:* "My eyesight has become weak --- I can hardly see anything!!!"

*Dr. Geezer:* "Well, I don't have any medicine for that, so here's your \$1000 back." (giving him a \$10 bill)

*Dr. Young:* "But this is only \$10!"

*Dr. Geezer:* "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

Moral of story -- Just because you're 'Young' doesn't mean that you can outsmart an 'old Geezer'

If you remember that this has been printed before, Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500.

*(Sorry for the Americanisms, but it didn't work with £s)*

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**Strapline**

Never look down on anyone unless you are helping them up.

*Guess which of the following are true and which are false?*

*Answers at the end.*

1. Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning
2. Alfred Hitchcock did not have a belly button.
3. A packet-a-day smoker will lose approximately 2 teeth every 10 years.
4. We don't get sick from cold weather; it's from being indoors so much.
5. When you sneeze, all bodily functions stop, even your heart
6. Only 7% of the population are lefties.
7. 40 people are sent to the hospital for dog bites every minute
8. Babies are born without kneecaps. They appear at 2-6 years old.
9. The average person over 50 will have spent 5 years standing a queue.  
(I would bet those who fly a lot & go through security probably double that figure)
10. The toothbrush was invented in 1498.
11. The average housefly lives for one month.
12. 40,000 Americans are injured by toilets each year.
13. A coat hanger is 44 inches long when straightened.
14. The average computer user blinks 7 times a minute.
15. Your feet are bigger in the afternoon than any other time of day.
16. Most of us have eaten a spider in our sleep.
17. Ostriches stick their head in the sand only to search for water.
18. The only two animals with rear vision (NO head turn)–  
Rabbit and parrot.
19. John Travolta turned down the starring roles in 'An Officer and a Gentleman' and 'Tootsie.'
20. Michael Jackson owned the rights to the South Carolina State Anthem.
21. In most television commercials advertising milk, a mixture of white paint and a little thinner is used in place of the milk.
22. Prince Charles and Prince William never travel on the same airplane - just in case there is a crash.
23. The first Harley Davidson motorcycle built in 1903 used a tomato can for a carburettor.
24. Hospitals make money by selling umbilical cords. They are used in vein transplant surgery.
25. Humphrey Bogart was related to Princess Diana. They were 7th cousins.
26. If colouring weren't added to Coca-Cola, it would be green.
27. They are all TRUE! Enjoy that spider tonight!

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Time for a smile

Astronomers got tired of watching the moon  
go round the earth for 24 hours.  
So they called it a day!

**Churches Together in Glenfield**

**MESSY CHURCH**



A Sunday afternoon service for everyone  
4pm - 6pm at St. Peter's Church Centre  
Contact: Revd. Richard Trethewey. [messy@stpetersglenfield.org.uk](mailto:messy@stpetersglenfield.org.uk)  
(will be viewed through the internet until further notice)

**GROWTH GROUP**

Wednesday evenings fortnightly. 7.45pm  
(cancelled until further notice)  
*Contact:* Brian Hughes



**GROWING TOGETHER**

Wednesday morning fortnightly. 10.30am at 76 Clovelly  
Road  
(online only until further notice)



*Contact:* Geoff Stokes  
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**THE ARCHES**

Bereavement peer support group

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.

(cancelled until further notice)

Meetings are held in Glenfield, at 2pm

*Contact:* Revd. Richard Trethewey on 0116 287 1604



**LUNCH FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE**

Bring and Share (Savoury or sweet)  
Sunday 12.30pm in the Church Centre  
(cancelled until further notice)

*Contact:* Lydia Speight

Revd. Pam Harvey



## **Bumps & Babies weigh & play group.**

A group for expectant and new parents to come for a relaxed chat over a drink and biscuit to share ideas and concerns and to weigh their babies.

Entry £1

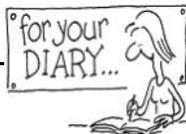
Meeting at St. Peter's church hall,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays 1 - 2.30pm during term time.

We are back in action and our next meeting is 11 October

Find more information on: [facebook.com/stpetersweighandplay](https://www.facebook.com/stpetersweighandplay) or  
contact Diane Hughes on 07790410659 /  
[diane\\_hughes41@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:diane_hughes41@hotmail.co.uk)

## **St Peters Music Time for Mums and Tots**

has continued throughout the pandemic online but we have recently been able to resume our sessions in the Church Centre. There are lots of changes we've had to make and we've moved to Tuesday afternoons at 2pm. Our focus for now is on rhymes and instruments as we avoid singing for obvious reasons. See the St Peters Music Time for Mums and Tots facebook page for information (@stpetersmusictime)



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Mon.. Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1-2.30pm Bumps and Babies  
St Peter's Church Centre



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## WHO'S WHO AT ST. PETER'S, GLENFIELD 2021

Rector Revd. Richard Trethewey                      287 1604  
Retired Clergy Revd. Pam Harvey                      232 2959

Church Centre bookings                      Hayley Moore  
[bookings@stpetersglenfield.org.uk](mailto:bookings@stpetersglenfield.org.uk)                      0116 239 3768 Mon.-Fri. 9.30-11.30am



### The members of the Parochial Church Council are:

**Clergy:** Revd. Richard Trethewey

**Churchwardens:** Rob Foster (Vice-Chair) and Jane Quarmby

**Deanery Synod Reps:** Brian Hughes (Secretary to the PCC),  
Diane Hughes and Geoff Stokes

### **Other members:**

Glenise Bowyer, Doreen Denney, (Treasurer),  
Andrew Leeson (Assistant Treasurer), Elizabeth Oldridge,  
Max (Mark) Oldridge, Emma Winfield

**Attendees:** Andrew Norman, Barry Jones.

**Co-opted:** Revd. Pam Harvey



### **Have your say!**

If you have any comments to make about any of the items in the magazine, good, bad or indifferent, you can email me at [doreenmdenney@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:doreenmdenney@yahoo.co.uk) or write it down and pass it on to me. Please let me know if I have your permission to print what you have to say.

Thank you

*Doreen Denney*

