



**ST PETER'S METHODIST CHURCH**  
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## **Second Sunday of Easter – 7 April 2024**

*Love Him and keep Him for thy Friend, who, when all go away, will not forsake thee,  
nor suffer thee to perish at the last.*

*Thomas à Kempis*

**Sovereign God of all compassion and care, wholeness and healing, forgiveness and love, restoration and hope, we beseech you, on behalf of a world that has been fractured, fragmented, and broken by greed, selfishness, hatred and violence, to have mercy. Grant us, we pray, a fresh infusion of your Spirit's power in order that we may be inspired to bring about transformation and reconciliation in every sector of our society. May the spirit of love compel us to work for justice, unity, equality, inclusion, acceptance and peace for all people from all walks of life. Amen**

**Theophilus Rolle, Bishop, Bahamas/Turks & Caicos Islands District, MPH 2018/19**

**We pray for all who are unable to get to St Peter's, especially Francine Aits, Louise Anstey-Watson, Barbara Bishop, John Bown, Maurice & Maureen Gann, Margaret King, Enid Lazell, Margaret Muller and Freda Towner.**

**Sunday 7**

**10.30 am All Age Worship.**

**The Service will be led by Revd Canon Malcolm Cooper**

**Wednesday 10**      **10.00 am Midweek Service of Holy Communion led by Revd Malcolm Cooper**  
11.00 am St Peter's Discovery Group meets at the Church

**Thursday 11**      **7.00pm Church Council meets in the Blue Room**

**Sunday 14**      **10.30 am Morning Worship & Junior Church**  
The service will be led by Revd David Hinchliffe  
Chair of the Southeast District

**6.00 – 7.30pm at River Methodist Church Informal Worship, to include coffee and cake. Theme - *Celebrate Life – Recognising the Risen Christ.***

#### Also this week

**Tuesday 9**      **St Stephen's Theology Group** will be on zoom. The speaker will be Revd. Dr Alan le Grys: ***The Violence of God***  
**On zoom from 7.15pm for start at 7.30pm start.**  
The zoom details are: Topic: St. Stephen's Church Theology Group  
Time: Apr 9, 2024 07:00 PM London  
Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89139855465?pwd=qjnSJlob5vwGrTVsu3Cb8aqIvvBWmr.1>  
Meeting ID: 891 3985 5465. Passcode: 207345. Anyone from St Peter's who would like to join the meeting is welcome to do so.

#### Looking Ahead

**Wednesday 17 7.30 pm Contemporary Theology Group meets in the Church – *Messiah in Judaism & Christianity.***

#### **18 April Circuit Walking Group**

Jill Jones has kindly offered us a walk in West Hythe next month IF there is sufficient interest/available people.

Therefore, please would you look in your diary and reply to her by return if you think it probable that you can come on 18th April.

That way Morag can let her know if it's worth organising it & further details will follow in due course, if that's the case.

thank you Morag

#### **An invitation from the Network of THAI Christians.**

The Group meets for "Bring and Share" lunch and an informal Thai Language Bible discussion on the first Sunday afternoon of each month from 1 pm – 4 pm at St Andrew's Church, Watling Street, Canterbury, CT1 2UA (near the bus station) in the room above the entrance. For more information call 07890602884.

**Catching Lives** have come to the end of their extended day time opening but are still very busy looking after many of the homeless in our city.

They are in need of the following if you can help please place them in the basket in the foyer. I will collect them.

Coffee	Marmalade
Milk	Juices
Baked Beans	Fresh Fruit
Cooking Oil	

With thanks, Monica Walling.

Items for inclusion in next Sunday's Notice Sheets, 14 April, should be with me by 9.30 am on **THURSDAY 11** April. Jenny Devenish, email [jennydeven@hotmail.com](mailto:jennydeven@hotmail.com) or [jenny.deven@btinternet.com](mailto:jenny.deven@btinternet.com)  
Phone 01227 456359, mobile 07905 826299. Postal address will be supplied on request.

## Reminder Message from Charlie Vant:



**On Sunday 21st April 2024, I will be running the London Marathon for the MS Trust.** The MS Trust is an important charity to me as they help to provide education and support alongside funding for amazing nurses and MS health professionals to offer the best care possible for those diagnosed with MS, like my dad.

For those who don't know anything about MS (Multiple Sclerosis), it is a disease that affects the central nervous system, and makes it difficult for the brain to send signals to the rest of the body. This can lead to problems with vision, balance and energy and can cause regular muscle spasms,

numbness, tingling and pain, making everyday tasks a lot more difficult than they seem. There are over 130,000 people in the UK living with MS, and 7,000 more people diagnosed every year. A year after running the London Marathon himself in 2010, my dad found out that he had MS. It has affected my dad and our family throughout the last decade but he has received brilliant support from the Kent MS Therapy Centre, and charities like the MS Trust, who do everything they can to help those suffering from MS. I am excited to be a part of the MS Trust London Marathon team for 2024, and am really looking forward to raising money for an important cause. If you can help in anyway, please use the QR code below to donate online or speak to my mum Kirsty, who will be in church. Charlie Vant

