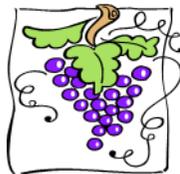


# GRAPEVINE

15th November  
2020

**Our Vision:**  
Letting people know about the love of Jesus Christ



The person born with a talent they are meant to use will find their greatest happiness in using it. Goethe

## Welcome to St Peter & St Mary's Church

Planet Earth is spinning on its axis at a speed of roughly 1000mph. If you add to that the fact that its also racing around the Sun at a speed of 670,000 miles per hour, the Sun whirls around the centre of the galaxy at 490,000 mph and the galaxy itself is whizzing along at over 620 miles per second - I think it's fair to say that, whether we like it or not, all of us are on the move. It just isn't possible for anyone to stand still.

Add to that the progress of time, then none of us are in the same place that we were yesterday. You may take up the same physical space but you now have another 24 hours worth of experiences and memories to carry forward with you for the rest of your life.

Most people look forward to a bit of nostalgia but it's not good to stay stuck in the past. And even if you were to try and turn the clock back to the way things used to be it's never quite the same, because your version of 'the way things used to be' is not exactly the same as anyone elses.

A world that's ever-changing and always on the move is forever offering new and exciting opportunities, to everyone, all the time. That what makes life both an adventure and also uncertain. That's because you can't be 100% sure which direction it will take you in. Which is why it's reassuring to know that the God who reaches out to us fresh each day, in this infinitely variable world, is the God who is a rock and firm foundation who will stand by you, yesterday, today and forever

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# This Week's News

In this second week of Lockdown use the opportunity to do some of those jobs that you struggle to find time for in the busy rush up to a 'normal' Christmas. But handwashing, wearing a face mask, keeping your distance and only going out when it's absolutely essential is the way that we will prevent the spread of the Coronavirus, bring down the R Number and stay safe.

As the Church building is closed under this second Lockdown, to join in with our Sunday Worship you need to go to Youtube [https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCUih\\_zTFVjMe1XckXQ0II\\_A](https://m.youtube.com/channel/UCUih_zTFVjMe1XckXQ0II_A) Details can also be found on the Church Website.

## Coffee Afternoon

This proved a success so, if you are looking to meet socially via zoom for a chat and a cuppa come along on Thursday afternoon at 3.00pm. You are invited to a get together online to talk about anything and everything. Come and go as you please. Details to log in are:

<https://zoom.us/j/9658283398?pwd=SjN2V252VGxSSngrSnBOM1JETk1Bdz09>

Meeting ID: 965 828 3398 - Passcode: 615182

**Christmas Tree Festival** – As tighter Coronavirus restrictions are now in place, we can't set up the Christmas Tree Festival until after the present Lockdown. If Government Guidelines allow we still plan to go ahead and open later in December. The Church will then be open on a Monday, Thursday and Saturday. We will start setting up from Friday 4th December. If you are able to help set up please contact Judy (678623) or Marion (07835 246995)

**Give as you Live** – If you do any online shopping please consider going through 'Give as you Live'. By registering and an extra click, a percentage of what you spend can be donated to church. Each time you shop click on this website and select the shop you want [not Amazon] and shop as normal. It really is that easy and our church benefits too. Christmas shopping and weekly supermarket shopping online can count too. If you have any questions get in touch.

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**Prayer Meeting** – Prayer Meeting. All are invited to come and pray together for half an hour. Starting at 6:30pm, each Thursday via Zoom. Login details: <https://zoom.us/j/9658283398?pwd=SjN2V252VGxSSngrSnBOM1JETk1Bdz09>

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