



# NEWSLINK

ST. PETER'S CHURCH AND PENTON PARK CHURCH  
CHERTSEY

FEBRUARY 2010

God's Love

## Update ... Update ... Update



### Music and Worship

Following months of consistent prayer, searching and advertising our musicians spent an evening in prayer earlier this month in order to wait on God once again as to the appointment of a new Music Director.

As a result of that evening Rosemary Richards (our previous MD) is returning having sensed a very definite call over recent weeks and months. Needless to say the ministry team, musicians and SCC are delighted!!

Rosemary will be our 'Music Co-ordinator' with a reduced remit. She will establish a new choir (already underway) which will lead our more traditional worship both on Sundays and, where appropriate, major festivals or civic events. The choir will also sing for Weddings. Jim Adams and Jim Robertson will continue to lead our informal worship. Rosemary will also train up some of our younger singers and have general oversight. Several new singers and musicians, including an assistant choir leader, are also coming on board this Spring. *We praise God and welcome Rosemary back!!*

### Internal Works

The SCC has now awarded contracts to three companies to carry out works including re-decoration, re-wiring, re-lighting and the installation of a new audio visual system. Whilst the SCC and associated working groups had completed their preparations by mid-October we have been let down by an external company which agreed to 'Project Manage' the whole scheme including submissions for what is effectively 'listed building permission'. A meeting has now taken place with the company concerned and it is our intention to get work started at the first possible opportunity. As has been the case over the months, we will keep the church informed over progress both on Sundays and through Newslink.

Thank you to the many people who have been involved in assisting the process so far, including those many early drawings with colour schemes to which so many contributed. The final colour scheme agreed by the working party and SCC along with specifications of equipment to be used will be displayed in due course as part of the process by which 'Listed Building' permission is granted.

### Funding the Life and Mission of St. Peter's

It is so good to see steady growth within the church and to see so many areas of the church's life thriving and bearing so much fruit. This is so clearly an answer to sustained prayer, faithful discipleship and hard work by so many people across the church. It is good to know also that the above works are fully costed and funded. *God is faithful!*



However, the substantial ministry of this church comes at a financial cost and at the beginning of this year it would be wrong for me not to mention that our calculations point to a substantial budget deficit in 2010. Whilst we are a church which is faithful in prayer and has regularly seen God provide, both through regular planned giving and other sources of over time, always allowing us to balance our books year by year, the church *does need to increase* its income for day to day running very substantially this year.

I will be speaking in more detail about this in the coming weeks. However, I would ask that members of our congregations whether longstanding or recently arrived consider the level of existing/new giving to St. Peter's in 2010. There are 'Planned Giving' leaflets available at the back of the church which should be returned to our Treasurer when completed.

With best wishes. In Christ,

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## SERVICES IN FEBRUARY



### 7th SUNDAY 2 Before Lent

10.00am COMMUNION (A)  
10.30am MORNING SERVICE AT PENTON PARK  
6.30pm EVENING SERVICE

### 10th WEDNESDAY

2.30pm SONGS OF PRAISE

### 14th SUNDAY Sunday Before Lent

#### ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

10.00am INFORMAL MORNING SERVICE  
12noon Farewell Bring and Share Lunch for Steve and the Bruns!  
6.30pm EVENING COMMUNION & HEALING

### 21st SUNDAY Lent 1

10.00am INFORMAL COMMUNION SERVICE  
10.30am MORNING SERVICE AT PENTON PARK  
6.30pm EVENING SERVICE

### 28th SUNDAY Lent 2

10.00am INFORMAL MORNING SERVICE  
10.30am COMMUNION AT PENTON PARK  
6.30pm EVENING SERVICE

## MARCH

### 7th SUNDAY Lent 3

10.00am COMMUNION (A)  
10.30am MORNING SERVICE AT PENTON PARK  
6.30pm EVENING SERVICE

### + WE WELCOME NEW FACES +

ALSO DURING THE WEEK AT ST. PETER'S:  
Holy Communion 8.00am Sunday  
Morning Prayer 9.15am Mon/Tues/Fri  
Holy Communion 10.30am Friday  
Prayer Ministry 10.30-11.30am 1st Tuesday  
6.30-7.30pm 3rd Wednesday

THE HUB  
NIGHT CAFE FOR  
11-17 YEARS  
THURSDAYS 7.30-  
9pm TERM-TIME



A time to come in and chill out!  
We'd welcome new faces!

Call Gerard & Jamie on 01932 808195  
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