

The 5p coin collection

is still continuing. We have recently collected about £70 towards any church repairs. It seems well worth continuing this venture, so please bring your 5p s.

PCC – September Meeting

will be held on Monday September 4th at 7.45 pm in St Luke's Church. There was no meeting in August to report.

50 Club Monthly Draw

The winner for July was Cliff Jones

JAMmy Dudes

The dates for the next meeting were not available at time of going to print. For details please contact Rebecca on 07779081198 or Sharon on 07775826321.

Suggested Readings for September 2017

Sunday 3rd September– 12th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 15: 15 - 21 Romans 12: 9 - 21 Matthew 16: 21 - 28

Sunday 10th September - 13th Sunday after Trinity

Ezekiel 33: 7 - 11 Romans 13: 8 - 14 Matthew 18: 15 - 20

Sunday 17th September - 14th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 50: 15 - 21 Romans 14: 1 - 12 Matthew 18: 21 - 35

Sunday 24th September - 15th Sunday after Trinity

Jonah 3: 10 – 4: 11 Philippians 1: 21 - 30 Matthew 20: 1 - 16

REGULAR SERVICES

8 am	9.15 am	11.15 am
St Luke's Church	St Peter's Middle School Hall	Parish Church of St Peter & St Andrew
Said Service of Holy Communion - BCP 3 rd and 5 th Sundays	Worship for all ages, Featuring Jamzone kid's club	Holy Communion Service - Common Worship

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OLD WINDSOR PARISH NEWS

KNOWING GOD TOGETHER AND MAKING HIM KNOWN
A Christian Community at the Heart of Old Windsor

September 2017

Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained
(Proverbs 29:18)



Welcome back all of you. Whether you spent your summer locally or abroad, I hope you have enjoyed your summer, had a great relaxing time and you have spent some Holy-days (!) ready for a new season ahead of us.

This September many of us have to begin a journey. Some will be back to school to begin a new academic year. *You are all welcome to our "Back to School Sunday" to mark and celebrate this beginning.* Others have just received their A level or GCSE results to begin a new chapter in their life. Others are starting a new job or coming back to work after summer. All journeys involve moving forward to a future destination and every move requires a "vision" that aids and motivates us to keep going in our journey.

As an Egyptian Christian, I grew up learning to be faithful to the Christian faith that was once received by the apostles and written in the Bible: which is something I am proud of and ready to die for. However, not much was said about being FAITHFUL TO THE FUTURE that God has promised to bring to our world. **Faithfulness** to God's past only is partial and not complete unless it includes faithfulness to God's future as well.

Since we are all called to faithfulness, we are travelling to God's future. Walking to the future needs a vision: a vision that is not only rooted in God's deeds of the past, but also eager to move forward to see and engage in God's promised future. For individuals or a community, the Bible affirms that without vision we go astray. A vision is what makes the journey meaningful and enjoyable, even with the hardships to be considered as landmarks bringing us closer to the goal. Every time the people of God in the Bible lost their vision, they ended up travelling around and sticking in the same place; even for 40 years. They also end up losing their faithfulness to God and worshipping other gods.

For all of you who are sharing the journey to God's future, but also each who has their own personal journey as well, I pray that the Lord of Vision may enlighten the eyes of our hearts to see and excite us about His glorious future for us in our personal life and together. May we be enabled to walk toward this hope with the immeasurable greatness of His power. **Amen.**

Rev Adel Shokralla

SERVICES

3rd September – 12th Sunday after Trinity

9.15 am at St. Peter's Middle School Hall, Crimp Hill *with Holy Communion*
11.15 am at the Parish Church

10th September - 13th Sunday after Trinity

9.15 am at St. Peter's Middle School Hall, Crimp Hill – '*Back to school*' Service
11.15 am at the Parish Church

17th September - 14th Sunday after Trinity

8 am Holy Communion at St. Luke's Church *which is said worship*
9.15 am at St. Peter's Middle School Hall, Crimp Hill
11.15 am at the Parish Church

24th September - 15th Sunday after Trinity

9.15 am at St. Peter's Middle School Hall, Crimp Hill
11.15 am at the Parish Church

Back to School Sunday – 10th September

*will be held during the 9.15 service on St. Peter's Middle School, Crimp Hill and will be a creative and festive All-age worship time. This service is an opportunity for our church community to pray for, bless and support young people and the local school communities at the start of a new school year. In addition to celebrating and marking this important beginning in the life of our young people, we will continue to pray for local school communities in Old Windsor throughout the year. Please come to this celebration with **your school bag** to be blessed.*

1st October - Harvest Sunday 10.30 am

*Will be a joint service for all the family, followed by **Fun Family Activities and Bring and Share Food**. It would be lovely to see you all there for some or all of our day. Our Harvest Collection will go the **Windsor Foodshare** (tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned puddings, tea and coffee plus other non-perishable foods). If you are unable to attend the service, please send items with a friend or donations may be taken to the Vicarage.*

St Luke's Day Sunday

The 9.15 am Service on Sunday 15th October will be held in the **Parish Church**.

Partnership for Missional Church

Mary Cassidy from WOSEHILL CHURCH, (St Paul, Wokingham) will come to talk to us on Wednesday 13th September at 8 pm in St. Luke's Church. Mary is one of the leaders of PMC in her church and will be able to give a practical insight.

The Pastoral Team

consists of several Church members whose role in the Parish is to contact anyone who is unwell, lonely, bereaved or has other needs including bringing Communion to your home if you are housebound. If you, or anyone you know, is in need of some help or would like a visit, contact Mary Hutchinson Tel. 01753 862347.

'Open Door' - Saturday openings at the Parish Church

The Parish Church opening for visitors has been extended into September. It will therefore be open from 2 pm until 4 pm on Saturdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th of September. An information leaflet is available for visitors, with the Wall Hanging still a special attraction.

Around the Bible

Our Bible Study sessions under the title 'Seeing the Spirit at work', recommence weekly on Monday 11th September. at 1.30 pm and Friday at 7.30 pm. You are very welcome to join either group at the Vicarage, Church Road.

House Group

meets this month on Wednesday 20th September [please note changed date] at Sue Savage's house, 14 Ashbrook Road, Old Windsor, at 8 pm. Andrew Tucker is facilitator. For further details please contact Antony Wood Tel: 01753 855344.

Windsor Foodshare

is now under the charity Windsor Christian Action who also look after the Homeless project and Street Angels. I have been visiting Foodshare recently and witnessed how supplies have dwindled during the summer, although donations recovered a little at the end of August. Regulation of recipients is very robust so we may donate with confidence. There is a greater demand than available supplies of coffee especially and squash is always a popular request. Foodshare welcomes meat, vegetables, baked beans, tinned pasta (spaghetti hoops and similar), UHT milk, sugar, rice and deserts (e.g. tinned custard or rice pudding). I hope our church is able to maintain regular support for this important cause. Thank you.

Day Centre Communion Service – September 8th

There is a Service of Holy Communion in the Day Centre on the second Friday of every month at 11 am to which ALL parishioners are invited. It lasts for about 30 minutes and is a good way of ending the week, especially for those who are unable to attend the Sunday Services. It is nice to meet other members of the Community whom we would not see on Sundays. The next Service will be on September 8th at 11 am.

Manor Care Home Service

held every month by the United Churches group, will be held at 3 pm on 10th September and will be led by our church this time. Everyone is invited to attend.

Coffee Mornings

The Methodist Church, in St. Luke's Road, holds a weekly Coffee Morning every Tuesday from 10 am until 12 noon. They have very kindly invited members of our Church to join them. You are welcome to drop in at any time during this two hour slot. Sean Alexander regularly attends and can be contacted by phone: 864979

Prayer Group

The Old Windsor Churches Prayer Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22nd at 12.00 noon in the Vicarage, Church Road.