

Our Appeal: We are currently running a 'stewardship appeal'. We are asking all of our supporters to join in helping ensure the financial viability of St Peter's for many more years to come. At the moment about 25 regular givers bear the burden. We invite all those who value their parish church to contribute towards its upkeep. For the cost of 'a pie and a pint' each week you could really help your parish church. We are hoping that

A pie and a pint for St Peter?



A small regular donation to your local church will ensure its survival. Can you help us?



"On this rock I will build my church"



Your gifts mean St Peter's will be open when you need your church

the equivalent of 25 people will gift £20 per month, or 100 could give £5 per month. This regular extra income will mean we can serve our community long into the future. St Peter's is for YOU. www.spfb.org.uk

St Peter's Church of England – who to contact?

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The Parish of St Peter's Field Broughton



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Technological World

I wonder if you are fearful when thinking of things technological. There are many ways in which we can now communicate with all manner of devices. It was not that long ago that if you saw someone speaking to himself or herself while walking, you would question their well being. We now think nothing of it – they are speaking on the phone!

The high streets now offer plasma televisions that are large and clear for the telling of stories in High Definition. We can travel and engage with 3D Cinema technology and feel as though we have stepped into the filmmaker's scene.

There have been unbelievable advancements in the development of computer games from the first that I can remember when you controlled a white bar and your opponent the same and hit a white dot across the screen. Your opponent no longer needs to be in the same room, house or country if you have access to the Internet.

We can sit in front of screens all day and all night watching and working. We can communicate and be in touch with family and friends who no longer live close by.

I believe that communication is an integral part of our design as humankind. We have an innate need to interact with one another. In our formative years this interaction must happen for us to develop.

I do think that technology has the potential for amazing good. Families and friends can be in constant contact regardless of where they live. But, could our draw to the screens in the rooms of our houses and the limitless possibilities of new virtual realities take us away from the one physical reality we have the privilege to be alive in?

There is something truly wonderful about community physically coming together growing real bonds of friendship. For our parish, St Peter's Church offers an opportunity to meet together as community. As a church we are seeking to reach out to offer ways for us to be community. Meeting on a Sunday morning as church is one way.

meet on a Sunday morning in our amazing Paley and Austin church building at 9.30am. You are invited to meet as community, building relationships, getting to know each other as we share something of our own story and the Jesus story. You are most welcome.

Thank you for reading. Blessings to you. Nick Devenish

What's been happening in the Parish?



Valentine's Sunday: On 17th February we held our special Valentine's Sunday service to celebrate God's Love in the world. The service is a slightly shortened version of Holy Communion with appropriately themed readings. We were delighted to welcome two couples who were married at St Peter's in 2018. It was so encouraging that these couples felt that they wanted to return to St Peter's to share in our celebrations. Thank you so much! We encourage the whole community to come and join in our Valentine's celebrations next year!

[left—cover of Valentine's Sunday pew sheet]



Mothering Sunday: March 31st was Mothering Sunday. Our 'Service of the Word' included the distribution of posies to the mothers attending; posies were also delivered to Mums in the parish who support the church, and to other friends of St Peter's who we thought would like this 'touch of Spring'. Many thanks to those who put in the work to prepare the posies. Well done to the daffodils which survived the cold snaps!

From the pew sheet: *In the 16th century, people returned to their mother church for a service to be held on Laetare Sunday. One's 'mother church' was the church where one was baptised, or the local parish church. Anyone who did this was said to have gone 'a-mothering'. Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants*

were given a day off to visit their mother churches. It was often the only time that whole families could gather together, since on other days they were prevented by conflicting working hours, and servants were not given free days on other occasions.

The Parish Walk: This year there were six 'boundary walks' which took in other parishes on the Cartmel Peninsula between May 16th and April 13th. Ours took place on 23rd March, and many new faces were added to the happy band of pilgrims beating the bounds.

