



	St Joseph's	St Peter's	Our Lady's
Sunday masses			
Saturday		5pm Vigil	
Sunday	10:00 5:30pm	11:15 sung	9:15 sung
Weekday masses			
Monday	09:30		
Tuesday	09:30	10:00	
Wednesday			10:00
Thursday	7:00pm	10:00	
Friday	10:00	10:00	
Saturday	09:30	10:00	
Confessions			
Saturday		09:15 > 09:45 4:15 > 4:45pm	



The beginning of the Vigil at St Peter's, with singers, servers, and parishioners from both Our Lady's and St Peter's working together



The Paschal Candle is brought into St Peter's Church



A joyful Easter Morning at Our Lady's

Happy Easter!

Many thanks to all parishioners who gave of their time and talents to make Holy Week and Easter go so well, and to everyone who came to our churches to pray and celebrate. We received Graham and Sylvia into the Church at the Vigil, and they and Marlena and Lily were Confirmed

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Father Stephen

Easter campaign for cards to Prisoners of Conscience

There will be card signing for sending greetings to prisoners of conscience at St Peter's on 27th/28th April and at Our Lady's on 5th May. The website below gives details if you would like to send your own. **Please note that most of these people must not get a religious card as it puts them in further danger**

If you could help support with providing postcards (non-religious, could be cards you collected on holiday for example) or could help people on the day to sign a card please email jenarmstrong@talktalk.net or ring 07906226697

<https://www.acatuk.org.uk>

Jenny Armstrong

Join St Peter's Choir!

Attention Music Lovers!

Are you passionate about singing? Do you enjoy uplifting melodies and harmonies? We invite you to join our vibrant choir at St. Peter's Church!

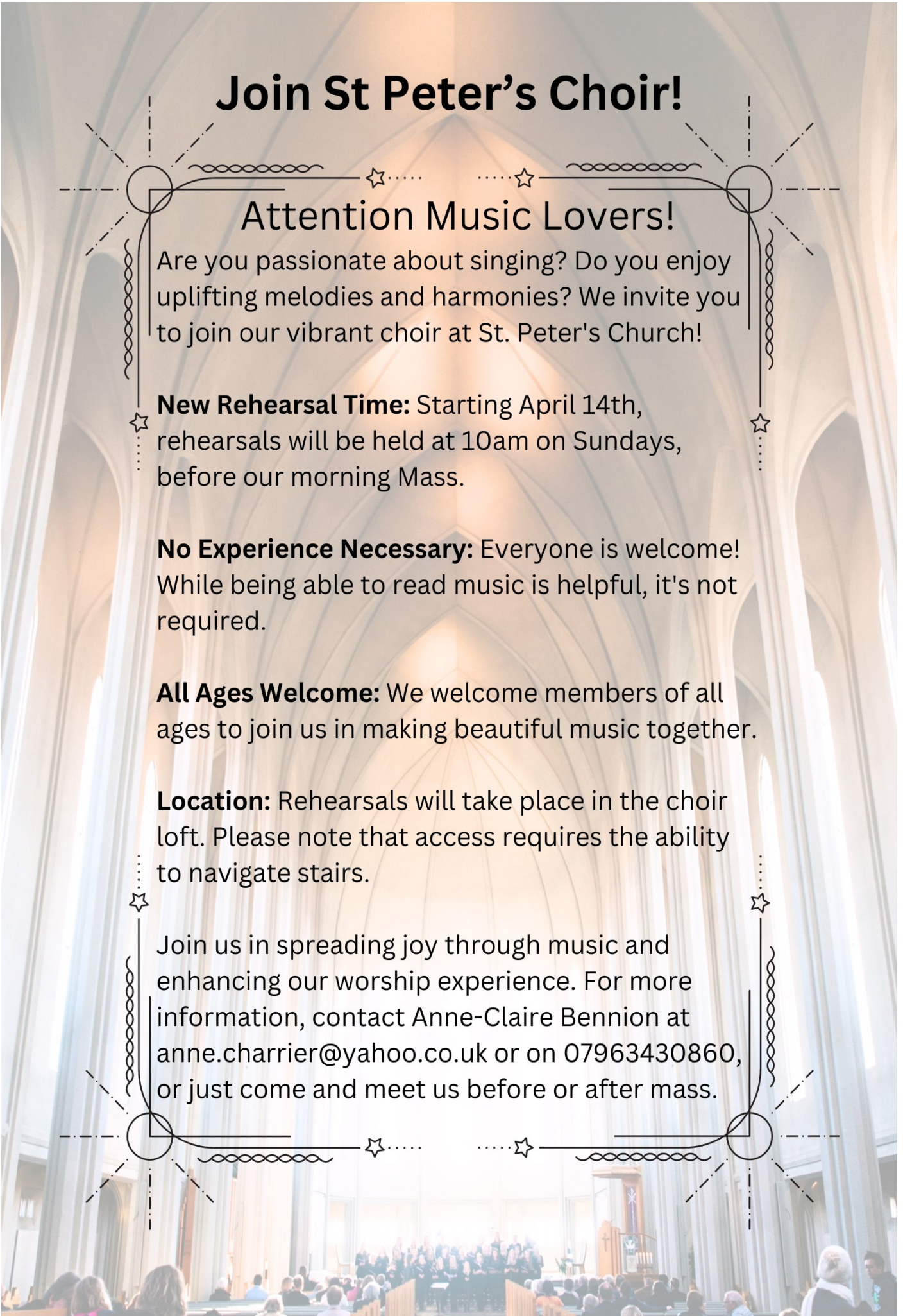
New Rehearsal Time: Starting April 14th, rehearsals will be held at 10am on Sundays, before our morning Mass.

No Experience Necessary: Everyone is welcome! While being able to read music is helpful, it's not required.

All Ages Welcome: We welcome members of all ages to join us in making beautiful music together.

Location: Rehearsals will take place in the choir loft. Please note that access requires the ability to navigate stairs.

Join us in spreading joy through music and enhancing our worship experience. For more information, contact Anne-Claire Bennion at anne.charrier@yahoo.co.uk or on 07963430860, or just come and meet us before or after mass.



Cursillo Encounter Day

The day for our area of the diocese is to be held at St Joseph's Whitnash on Saturday 20th April and will be led by Canon Michael Leadbetter and his team. You can come to find out more and maybe be encouraged to take part in one of the weekends being run by them in our diocese

I was involved in this movement in my earlier days in the Catholic Church in Oxford area and have seen the ways it can help people to articulate their faith and through regular small groups be able to review their spiritual lives and discern the Lord's guidance in our lives.

Here is some information based on the Wikipedia entry..

Cursillos in Christianity (Spanish: *Cursillos de Cristiandad*, "Short courses of Christianity") is an apostolic movement of the [Catholic Church](#). It developed in Spain between 1940 and 1949 and began with the celebration of the so-called "first course" from January 7 to 10, 1949 at the Monastery of Sant Honorat, Mallorca

The *Cursillo* focuses on showing Christian laypeople how to become effective Christian leaders over the course of a three-day weekend. The weekend includes fifteen talks, which are given by priests and by laypeople. The major emphasis of the weekend is to ask participants to take what they have learned back into the world, on what is known as the "fourth day." The method stresses personal spiritual development, promoted by subsequent group reunions after the initial weekend

You are very welcome to come along, Mass as usual at 9:30am followed by the morning sessions with the Cursillo team, and stay for lunch if you can

Father David

Supporting the Diocesan Vision

Cursillo Encounter Event

Saturday 20 April 2024

at ST. JOSEPH, WHITNASH, CV31 2JJ

9.30 am Holy Mass followed by

10.00am Welcome refreshments

Two talks, with sharing and prayer

ADORATION in the church, LUNCH (provided)

The event ends after lunch. Thank you to Fr. David Hartley for hosting the event.

Information: stjoseph.whitnash@rcaob.org.uk

Cursillo England and Wales: cursillouk.org

KINDAID SPRING SUPPER

Share a lovely meal and enjoy some
relaxed fun and games with us at

**Our Lady's Church Hall,
Valley Road, Lillington**

6:30 pm Saturday

11th May 2024

Tickets £10 Adults and £5 Children

Kindaid

Since the last edition of Extra we have been able to send donations to the orphanage in Kenya, Warwick District Foodbank and Helping Hands. Also following the appeal we had in church a few weeks ago regarding Vulnerable Children Uganda, we have decided to sponsor a child through EVC Uganda. Once we have details we will update the notice board

We had an email from Sr Mariapia telling us that last year



they opened a technical school for girls who are unable to go to secondary school because they lack the school fees and other basic needs to attain their education. They learn knitting, dressmaking, hairdressing and computer. They also starting to give opportunity to boys with plumbing, electrical and mechanical classes

Last year they had floods that destroyed all the crops in the garden. Our donation meant

that they could buy maize and bean in "a good quantity" before the prices increased. Sr Mariapia sends her love gratitude to everyone for their love, prayers and donations. The photos show just how well the girls are doing



We also received a beautiful handmade



thank you card from the Sreepur Village in Bangladesh thanking us for a donation we made to them before Christmas

Thank you for all the support you've given us over the past year. Our next fund raiser is a Spring Supper on Saturday 11th May in Our Lady's hall. Tickets available soon

Sue Sugars



Kindaid



Events Planned for 2024

Family Brunch: Saturday 3rd February

**Spring Supper with Fun Games & Activities
Saturday 11th May**

Afternoon Tea with Our Lady's Choir: Sunday 23rd June

Quiz Night: Friday 27th September

Just Desserts: Saturday 19th October

Christmas Crafts: Saturday 7th December



Kindaid





Thank you for your donations to the SPAN appeals this year. We focussed on the Holy Land with appeals to Friends of the Holy Land helping in Gaza and House of Light and Hope in Lebanon. We also supported local families through our Lenten Alms supermarket vouchers

Every month SPAN donates:

- ◇ £ 100 to the Foodbank – Leamington
- ◇ £ 100 to the NWS Night Shelter - Leamington
- ◇ £ 83 House of Light and Hope in Lebanon
- ◇ £ 37 to Fr Mayele to educate vulnerable children in Uganda
- ◇ £ 100 to Young People First helping local young people - Leamington
- ◇ £ 100 to Hope House Babies Home in Nairobi
- ◇ £ 100 New Chapters to providing an affordable drug and alcohol recovery programme in the Leamington area - Leamington

SPAN is grateful to those who give via our collection boxes, yellow envelopes or by Gift Aided Standing Orders. Donation forms can be found in booklets at our churches or at www.catholicleamington.org.uk/span After these donations each month we give: 20% of the amount left to St Francis Leprosy Hospital in Uganda; 20% to Ortum Mission Hospital in Kenya; with the remaining 60% being available for our monthly meeting to allocate between the several appeals received. Our meetings are held on the second Monday of the month. We are looking for new members, please join us any month, everyone is welcome

We send around £ 350 annually to Fr Kasozi in Uganda and Fr Mwanza in Zambia (supporting their local needy) and periodically amounts to Kiirua Mission Hospital in Kenya. Additionally we oversee the funds of the Frank Garvey Legacy 2 four beneficiaries

Help us celebrate SPAN's fifty years on the evening of Friday June 7th. We are planning entertainment (maybe Indian dancing and African drumming) and various food treats. Any other suggestions? Contact Jenny Armstrong at jenarmstrong@talktalk.net

Paul Hayden

Called to Serve – Altar Servers' Retreat

We heard His call... and three altar servers answered!

In the beginning was the Diocesan Vocations Office and the Kenelm Youth Trust and they planned the **first ever** get together for young altar servers (in School Years 5 – 13) with a Parish Leader from across our Archdiocese. As Catholic Leamington, we were thrilled to *unite* with over 100 young altar servers from 26 different parishes and for everyone to get to know each other. There was a mixture of different activities (biking was brill!), talks, prayers, and liturgical celebrations for young people and leaders to enjoy. A highlight was participating in a candlelit procession but perhaps the top of a hill wasn't the best place to start! It was great for our young people to have something especially for them and to have the chance to get involved. Rose from St Peters was one of the Acolytes for the Saturday Mass, and David from Our Lady's read a bidding prayer for the concluding mass presided by Bishop David Evans. Meals were held communally in the Alton Castle Dinning Hall, with a rather unconventional but youthful way of saying Grace! One of our parishioners commented, "these young people show such maturity and commitment. Great examples to younger members of our parish families". It was amazing to see so many young servers together and this was a real encouragement. Hopefully, there shall be new opportunities for young people in our parishes with talk of a new youth group set to **Spark** off youth ministry! To help enable future parish youth work to happen in our Catholic Leamington community, come to the meeting at 7:30pm on Thursday 18th April at Dormer Conference Centre. **Support the now of our church!**

Adrian & Rosemary Pauling

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hathawayfamily@aol.com by 30 April for the May edition**

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