



Speaking on behalf of others: Creating safer places for all

Safeguarding Sunday - Sunday 6th October

Hearing God's Voice in the Busyness

God speaks in the busyness of life.

His instructions to Joshua are clear and purposeful - *Joshua 6:4*

Hearing God's Voice in the Quiet

God also speaks in the stillness when we least expect it - *1 Kings 19:11-13*
Sometimes we need to go through the challenges to understand the call.

Hearing His voice is not always easy.

Raising our Voices – Speaking on behalf of others

King Lemuel's mother knew the importance of being counter-cultural and deliberate in the way we behave to demonstrate

God's justice to those around us - *Proverbs 31:8-9*

How do we use the opportunities and platforms that we have to communicate God's heart for vulnerable people?

Words into Action - Creating Safer Places

Safeguarding people requires us to understand how much God loves us - *Matthew 13:46*

Jesus has strong words for those who cause others to stumble in their faith - *Matthew 18:6*

Can His Church be a place of refuge for those that are hurting and a place of safety for those who are vulnerable?



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GRAPEVINE for this week... Sunday 6th October 2019!

Today Johnny is preaching at 0830, Justin Humphreys preaching at our 1030 and later at our 8pm overflow congregation. Pray also for the Tolhurst family in the 1230 Christening of their son, Luke. Tonight at 1830 at St Paul's Johnny is leading our Harvest Celebration as we continue in our Marks gospel series. *Foodbank will be the recipient of the food gifts and monies across today's Harvest collection.*

Our PCC mtg was full of progress, unity and agreed action-steps: painting the back hall, replacing all remaining windows in the old school house, along with grant applications for heating were agreed. We recognise the scale of faith, favour and finance needed in the completion of the Annexe, & have commissioned a Christian fundraiser following due diligence, to assist us in this. Pray for breakthrough!

The Amazing 2019 conference tickets for Women are available via our church website:- www.stph.org.uk/post/amazing-conference-2019

Sue reopens the office after her annual leave tomorrow. Go kindly!

Volunteer caretaker at St Peter's – If you'd like to assist in this important way, circa 8-10hrs pw then do speak to Sue or Johnny for more details.

Study notes & spotify resources are online at www.stph.org.uk/post/the-big-story

Wednesday 7am early prayer: join with us in these significant times!

Thank you to Andy & Di, and the many others that made last night's Harvest Supper so special... ..

A newcomers event is being planned, speak to Johnny & Julie about this.

A Men's night, with BBQ & Beer at Andy & Liz's home 44 Home Hill, on Monday 14th October is planned. £10pp. Get your ticket with cash payment from Johnny.

We've launched bookings for our Annual Light Party, Thursday 31st October, book in at <https://www.stph.org.uk/post/light-party-2019> or talk with Emma-Jane.

Thank you for an encouraging start to this year's Operation Christmas Child, bringing love in a shoe-box to oppressed and impoverished children in Eastern Europe and Africa. Please do still drop off any empty shoe-boxes you have - so far we have 40+ out of the 60+ we will need. Now, the task of filling them. The familiar yellow gift lists are available, at the back of church. Any questions, see Lesley Pull.

Advance Dates for your diary, Paul Harcourt is with us on Sunday 3rd November at our 8pm Overflow congregation, and also plan to be with us for Saturday 16th November for our morning conference special: 9am-12noon.

Andy & Margaret Hammond have updated us with their decision to regrettably leave our church family here at St Peters. In their words, "We both feel that God is moving us on and now is the time to take that step." We are prayerful for their future and thankful for all their input and service over the last twenty years.

Resources and talks are now up to date at www.stph.org.uk

We'd welcome your generosity in giving to God's work in our community!

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