



St Peter & St Paul's Church, Cranfield

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& DIARY

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“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.”

Ephesians 1:3

On Sunday mornings in January we'll begin to walk our way through the Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians. This letter carries us to some incredibly dizzying heights. In the early chapters, Paul takes us back to before time itself, and reveals to us the wonder and the glory of God's unfolding plan of salvation. He highlights for us some incredible truths, and essentials of the gospel message. Then in the later chapters Paul takes time to show us how these deep truths are to make real changes in our own practical realities. For Paul, *theology* (knowledge of God) should always lead to *doxology* (praise of God).

Ephesians is also a letter that shows us what God's purposes for the church are. The church, which is Christ's body, his building and temple, is now the place where God dwells with his people by his Spirit. It is also through the church that, “the manifold wisdom of God should be made known.”

This makes Ephesians a fantastic letter to read and study right at the beginning of the New Year as we take time to think afresh what it means for us to be the Church.

What is it that makes us the Church? What is our purpose? How are we to live distinctively in this world? And what should our priorities be as a church this year?

I don't know about you, but for me 2021 flew by! It was my first full year living here in Cranfield, and so I'm hoping and praying that as we walk through Ephesians together we'll catch a breather as we stop and marvel at God's amazing grace towards us in Jesus Christ, and also feel revitalised to serve him afresh, with renewed vision and power in 2022.

Happy New Year!

Isaac

JANUARY 2022

Day	Time	Service/Event	Venue
Sunday 2nd	9:00am 10:30am	Holy Communion - 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service (followed by Prayer Meeting)	Salford Church Cranfield Church
Thursday 6th	9:30am 4:00pm 7:30pm	Pitter-Patter Rock Solid Bell Ringing Practice	Village Hall Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Friday 7th	1:30pm 7:30pm	Craft Group Walk House Close Home Group via Zoom – Contact Linda Pearson (<i>l.d.pearson@btinternet.com</i> – Tel. 751358)	Cranfield Church Zoom
Saturday 8th	6:30pm	Bedford Road Home Group	95 Bedford Road
Sunday 9th	9:00am 10.30am	Holy Communion – 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service (with Holy Communion)	Hulcote Church Cranfield Church
Wednesday 12th	10:00am 7:00pm	Holy Communion 3-2-1 : Session 1	Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Thursday 13th	9:30am 4:00pm 7:30pm	Pitter-Patter Rock Solid Bell Ringing Practice	Village Hall Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Friday 14th	1:30pm	Craft Group	Cranfield Church
Saturday 15th	10:00am 6:30pm	Pew Top Sale Bedford Road Home Group	Cranfield Church 95 Bedford Road
Sunday 16th	9:00am 10.30am	Holy Communion - 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service	Salford Church Cranfield Church
Monday 17th	7:30pm	Cranfield Church PCC Meeting	Zoom/Phone
Wednesday 19th	7:00pm	3-2-1 : Session 2	Cranfield Church
Thursday 20th	9:30am 4:00pm 7:30pm	Pitter-Patter Rock Solid Bell Ringing Practice	Village Hall Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Friday 21st	1:30pm 7:30pm	Craft Group Walk House Close Home Group via Zoom – Contact Linda Pearson (<i>l.d.pearson@btinternet.com</i> – Tel. 751358)	Cranfield Church Zoom
Saturday 22nd	6:30pm	Bedford Road Home Group	95 Bedford Road
Sunday 23rd	9:00am 10.30am	Morning Prayer - 1662 Prayer Book Morning Service	Hulcote Church Cranfield Church
Wednesday 26th	10:00am 7:00pm	Holy Communion 3-2-1 : Session 3	Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Thursday 27 th	9:30am 4:00pm 7:30pm	Pitter-Patter Rock Solid Bell Ringing Practice	Village Hall Cranfield Church Cranfield Church
Friday 28th	1:30pm	Craft Group	Cranfield Church
Saturday 29th	6:30pm	Bedford Road Home Group	95 Bedford Road
Sunday 30th	10:30am 6:00pm	Morning Service Evensong - 1662 Prayer Book	Cranfield Church Salford Church

The Friends of the Church would like to thank those who participated in the village Christmas Card delivery, including both the card senders for their donations and the volunteer delivery team for their time. The sum of £462.00 was raised for the benefit of the Bedford homeless charity SMART CJS.