

Wardens Wafflɛ

September 2025

What an odd month weatherwise we've had in August, when most people aim to go away for a much-needed rest and relaxation.

Quite a number of us joined St Paul's congregation with a bring & share lunch on 3rd August to celebrate our Rev'd **Steve's 50th Birthday**. Thank you to all who donated to his gift, we bought him two lovely comfy garden chairs with footrests. I normally do enjoy using click and collect, apart from when you arrive to collect, the box is so big, it doesn't fit in the car! Still, I got loads of male attention helping me - always a bonus.

The ladies continued to frantically sew on some more poppies to our netting display, as it was now fast approaching our **VJ Afternoon Tea** day. What an event that was, we fed over 60 people a full afternoon tea, listened to some amazing piano playing by Marion Bartholomew, and privileged to be joined by the Mayor of Wigston. Jan Bryars had supplied some informative history boards, depicting local people and the VJ celebrations from 80 years ago. The church looked amazing, thank you to all who made this happen (including Linda's excellent begging at Costco). Thank you for your lovely comments. A lot of happy people were extremely grateful.

On the property front we have now had the **suspended ceiling** re fitted at St Peter's Centre and are now able to use the main front entrance again.

The bigger issues are the **spire, pesky pigeons and the clock**. We now have quite a few quotes and are looking at booking in a steeplejack to fix the mesh on the spire to stop the ingress of pigeons, then pest control can clear the tower, followed by getting the clock going again.

Shirley has made up another wonderful **Raffle Hamper** please buy your tickets £2 each after any service at the coffee bar. This will be drawn this coming Sunday 31st August.

The **Ride & Stride Day** is on Saturday 13th **September**. I believe that we have a cyclist from St Peter's that will be visiting other Churches and will appreciate some sponsorship. Don will also be asking for people to man the Church on the day to welcome visitors, and provide some light refreshments. Please help out where you can.

The next **Coffee Concert** is on Saturday 27th **September** we will be entertained by Iain Harvey-Ashenhurst giving us an organ recital.

Our next main event will be the **Harvest Supper** on Saturday 4th **October**. We will be having Jacket Potatoes with assorted toppings (yes, I will be doing chilli con carne), scrumptious desserts, and our entertainment is none other than our previous organist John & Marge Nicholls, so please come and support this event. As usual you will need to buy a ticket in advance to help with catering numbers.

Dates for your diary not mentioned above: -

Coffee Concerts - Saturday 25th October, & 22nd November.

Burns Night - Saturday 24th January

Please get all these dates in your diaries, I would hate for you to miss out on anything!

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Many blessings

Angela