

# A new service: 'The Four.00' at St Peter's, Henleaze

## Questions and Answers...

Here are 10 questions and answers about the new 4.00 – 4.45pm service being held at St Peter's on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 17<sup>th</sup> October and 21<sup>st</sup> November:

### 1. Who is this new service for?

These services are both for those currently attending St Peter's and especially for those who have not yet attended. It is for people who would like to experience a less formal, shorter service than the current 9.45am Sung Eucharist / Family Communion

### 2. Is any age group being catered for particularly?

This service will appeal to everyone, of any age group, whose faith in God will be encouraged by a relaxed, inter-active form of worship. In particular this service will appeal to young families. It aims:

- a. to last for 45 minutes, with tea and refreshment provided immediately after
- b. to engage the minds and imaginations of both children and adults
- c. to provide opportunities for attenders to get to know each other before, during and after worship (hence Tea following the services – for the benefit of children and adults alike).

### 3. Is 4.00pm the best time for a new service to be held – or would some time e.g. on a Sunday morning be better?

4.00pm has been chosen for these 3 Taster Services because it is:

- a. convenient for and doable by the current organising team (Churchwarden, Young Seekers Co-ordinator and Ministers Team)
- b. a time which other churches in the Diocese says works for them (e.g. Emmanuel@Bristol, Holy Trinity Westbury-on-Trym and Malmesbury Abbey)
- c. distinctively different from our 9.45am Service.

### 4. How will feedback and ideas for the future re this new service and congregation be gathered?

Feedback and suggestions will be gathered after each service via e.g.:

- a. feedback forms distributed to all as they leave church
- b. a graffiti board close to the tea area
- c. email / comments board

### 5. Who will lead and resource these Taster services?

Members of St Peter's Ministers Team with support from Alwyn Pereira and a small group of Trinity College students.

**6. How will these 45 minute services be structured?**

- 4.00pm Introduction, Song and Prayer
- 4.10pm Congregation breaks into different age groups around the church for bible input and reflection: e.g. Adults in Lady Chapel, Secondary and Primary School aged children in Information and Young Families Areas, Toddlers and Babies in Choir Vestry crèche.
- 4.30pm Groups return to main body of the church
- 4.35pm Song, Prayer and Song
- 4.45pm Service ends – tea for all served in Hall
- 5.30pm All have departed - Hall empty!

**7. Who will provide the music for these services?**

Alwyn Pereira, Trinity students and anyone from St Peter's offering their services!

**8. What happens to Young Seekers Sunday morning meetings on these days?**

Young Seekers will not meet on these Sunday mornings in order to give both the services and the Young Seeker personnel the best chance to experience and benefit from mutual involvement

**9. Will this new service include Holy Communion?**

Programming for 45 minutes of worship and biblical input and reflection needs to be tight. Holy Communion will not be included in these three 'Taster' services in September, October and November. It could be included occasionally as the service develops in future.

**10. What might this congregation and service look like in two years time?**

A mixed congregation with a high proportion of young families, meeting for a weekly service; clearly differentiated biblical reflection - short, focused sermons for adults able to listen without children with them and appropriate activities elsewhere on site for children and young people. Holy Communion might be celebrated monthly within the usual time span of the service.

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