

## Month Ahead- March 2022

Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Communion followed by refreshments
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Coffee and Chat- Church Servery
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Lent 1	8.00am	Communion
	10.00am	Communion followed by refreshments
	7.30pm	Poetry and Prayer
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.15pm	SPH Youth Group Give it up for.....Lent
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Mothers' Union – speaker Ian Perry
	3.00pm	Board Games in Church
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	2.30/7.30pm	'Living in love and Faith' Lent Group
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Communion followed by refreshments
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Coffee and Chat- Church Servery
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Lent 2	8.00am	Communion
	10.00am	Communion followed by refreshments
	7.30pm	Julian Meeting
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.15pm	SPH Youth Group – Generosity
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm	Ladies Guild in Hall– Great Western Air Ambulance
	2.30/7.30pm	'Living in love and Faith' Lent Group
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Communion followed by refreshments
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>		Planting Day in Wild Garden
	10.00am	Coffee and Chat- Big Brew Event for Traidcraft
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Lent 3	8.00am	Communion
	10.00am	Communion with Healing Prayer
	7.30pm	Taizé Service
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.15pm	SPH Youth Group – Inclusion
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.30/7.30pm	'Living in love and Faith' Lent Group
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Communion followed by refreshments
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Coffee and Chat- Church Servery
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday	8.00am	Communion
	10.00am	Family Communion followed by refreshments
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Iona Evening Prayer and Meditation
	2.00pm 7.15pm	Home Instead Film Club in Hall – 'Twelve Angry Men' SPH Youth Group- Faith
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	2.30/7.30pm	'Living in love and Faith' Lent Group
Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Communion followed by refreshments

Further information is available [www.stpetershenleaze.org](http://www.stpetershenleaze.org) or from the Parish Office Tues, Wed & Fri 9.00am-12.00pm tel 0117 962 4524

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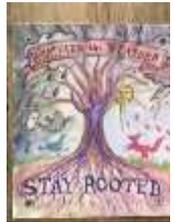
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## SPH YOUTH TAKEOVER

Rooted - Being rooted in Christ means **establishing strong roots or a strong foundation in Christ**. Rooting yourself to Jesus means establishing a strong faith and reliance on Jesus so that you will not fall or be tossed around during difficult times.



Last term we followed the season of Epiphany: studying the wedding at Cana, the calling of the disciples and the transfiguration. A highlight was watching an episode of The Chosen dramatizing the Wedding at Cana.

Check it out on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tDhpGbKPJSk>

Try out this chat mat about John 2: 1-11 <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/ministry/children-young-people/bible-chat-mat/>



### Jokes of the Month:

How does Moses make his tea?... Hebrews it!  
 What's the difference between Jesus and a pizza?... Jesus can't be topped!  
 Who's the best comedian in the Bible?... Samson, he brought the house down!  
 Where did the Galileans buy their dairy products?... Cheeses of Nazareth!  
 Why was Joseph good at tennis?..... He served in Pharaoh's court!



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# The Big Rooted Interview: SPH youth meets...Mr Elliot George

You might know him as 'the guy on the piano' or 'that student fellow', or even 'Megan's husband', but who is the real Mr George? We ask him the tough questions to get to the man behind the myth!



## How long have you lived in Bristol, and what brought you to the city?

We've only been in Bristol since September 2019 so we've spent most of our time here either in winter or in lockdown! We moved in order to go to Trinity College for my vicar training, but have really loved it here, both the energy of the city but also tranquillity of walking across the Downs every day (depending on the weather!). It's a city with a real heart for justice in spite of its sketchy past, and I'm proud to have seen the Colston statue come down on my 30th birthday - what a present!

## What is it that you like about being at St Peter's church?

As someone who likes to throw myself in at the deep end(!), I've found an incredible amount of freedom to do that at St Peter's, everyone has been incredibly welcoming and helped us feel like we're at home here, for which we're really grateful! Also, that grand piano is an absolute beauty!

## Can you tell us a little about your journey to faith?

I was something of a mischievous teenager! My friends and I would occasionally bump into trouble with authorities. But one summer I was at a Christian camp up near Newcastle and I felt the Holy Spirit meet me in my mess, wake me up from the autopilot of adolescence and fill me afresh with his love and grace. I've had a bumpy life, particularly in past relationships and mental health, but God has always been present with me through the ups and downs, showing me a light when I could only see darkness. I trust God to see me through when I can't see a way!

## We've heard you're a bit of a film fanatic, what are your top 3 fave films?

Only three?! I adore The Lord of the Rings trilogy, pushing the boundaries of technology to portray this enormous narrative while at the same time focusing on character relationships - "even the smallest person can change the course of the future" is quite an empowering tagline too and reminds me that God loves to achieve wonders through those society overlooks! I also love the classic Star Wars and Indiana Jones trilogies.

## We've heard you are training to be a vicar, tell us more about this calling on your life.

I'm not someone who enjoys attention, and this calling is not something I would choose for myself! I used to think vicars were people who liked the attention on Sundays, standing at the front and telling people how to live their lives! Although this might be true for some, but actually vicars are about working with others to lead people to God and share his love with

everyone. I believe the gifts God has given me are to be used for his glory and furthering his kingdom, not for my own gain. And, going back to the first question, if Jesus came to live among us, teach us, show us the way to the Father, and give his life to love us, so will I! There's no greater thing than having relationship with our creator, and I believe God is calling me to lead people to him, wherever that may take me. Even if it's daunting at times I shan't be afraid because I don't need to have confidence in myself when God is with me every step of the way!

## Do you have a favourite worship song, and if so, what is it and why?

My absolute favourite worship song is a recent one called "So Will I" by Hillsong, which speaks of God as creator, controller and redeemer, but also challenges us to live our lives in worship and obedience to him by loving one another as he does.

### From 'So Will I' by Hillsong

God of creation  
There at the start  
Before the beginning of time

For once You have spoken  
All nature and science  
Follow the sound of Your voice

With no point of reference  
You spoke to the dark  
And fleshed out the wonder of light

And as You speak  
A hundred billion creatures catch Your breath  
Evolving in pursuit of what You said  
If it all reveals Your nature so will I

And as You speak  
A hundred billion galaxies are born  
In the vapour of Your breath the planets form

I can see Your heart in everything You say  
Every painted sky  
A canvas of Your grace

If the stars were made to worship, so will I  
I can see Your heart in everything You've made  
Every burning star  
A signal fire of grace  
If creation sings Your praises, so will I

I can see Your heart in everything You've done  
Every part designed in a work of art called love  
If You gladly chose surrender, so will I  
I can see Your heart, a billion different ways  
Every precious one, a child You died to save  
And if You gave Your life to love them so will I

God of Your promise  
You don't speak in vain  
No syllable empty or void