

September / October 2025



# Speak

St Peter's Church, Elworth  
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# Welcome

Welcome to the September / October 2025 edition of **Speak** magazine.

If you ever need a sandcastle builder then speak to Harry...read all about it in his first Speak article!

If you have any articles for Speak in the future please do not hesitate to speak to myself or contact the Church Office.

*Bethany Jones*  
*Editor*

## Vision statement

We are committed in love to worshipping God:

- **By proclaiming the Gospel in word and action**
- **By encouraging growth**
- **By serving others**
- **By leading people into a personal relationship with Jesus.**

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## Magazine deadline

Articles for the December / January 2025 edition need to be submitted no later than **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**.

November 2025 will be an information sheet.

Submissions by this date are requested via email to  
**[editor@stpeters-elworth.org.uk](mailto:editor@stpeters-elworth.org.uk)**. Thank you.

# Harry Reflects...

In August, my family and I got to enjoy a holiday to North Wales and the delights of Pwllheli beach. Whilst we were there, we undertook our now traditional project of building a line of one hundred sandcastles, which requires some level of family coordination. I was on 'digging a hole and filling bucket' duty, and the children on 'relaying the buckets and placing the new sandcastle at the end of the line' duty. The line advanced considerably before it occurred to me that to speed up the process, I could dig a new hole nearer the front of the line. There is always one who slows things down! After ninety minutes, we had finished, and then came what the children love, destroying all the sandcastles! I must admit I find this moment rather disheartening. There was that great moment of jubilation at completing our task, and we dutifully captured a photo for posterity, but what took ninety minutes to complete, took mere seconds to destroy. The hard work and labour of digging a big hole on a beach, running backwards and forward, placing sandcastles, gone, in an instant.



This moment brought me back to Ecclesiastes 11:7–12:8, which I had recently preached on at a wedding. Yes – it's an odd one for a wedding. 12: 8 reads,

“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Everything is meaningless!”

The word meaningless might better be understood as vapour. The sense that everything we have is slowly slipping away as time takes its toll. No matter how tightly we hold onto something, it will in the end fade away, disappear like vapour. In my case, the sandcastles felt the same, either by the sea, the buffeting of the wind, or jubilant children, they were destined to fade away. The hard work gone. Ecclesiastes is a fascinating book but not necessarily an easy read. It speaks regularly of death and the futility of this life, but it is hard to argue with its conclusions. Life does feel a bit like the sandcastles my family built - a labour of hard work, momentarily enjoyed, and then gone.

# Harry Reflects Cont'd...

As Christians, what do we do? Thankfully, Ecclesiastes does give an answer. 12:1 reads

“Remember your Creator in the days of your youth...”

- don't panic, it is unlikely that it means youth in the sense we do. The writer is simply encouraging us to remember God while we still can. As the summer holidays draw to a close and the fleeting British summer ends, we have an opportunity not to be melancholy but hopeful. For as we remember our Creator, we can remember all that He has done for us. God, our Creator, who still looks with compassion upon humanity, longing that they may be in a right relationship with Him. The God who is not an absent Creator but intimately involved in the life of His people and through the work of Christ bringing more lost people to Himself. There may be many reminders of the fleetingness of things, as the sandcastles illustrated, but let's use this as an opportunity to fix our eyes on Jesus, the light of the world, hopeful and expectant of all that God will do in the next term.

*Harry*

## Home Groups



Home Groups provide an opportunity for people to make friends, grow in their faith and discuss life together in a smaller setting than the Sunday Service.

They are informal, friendly and supportive, providing an ideal setting in which to meet new people and groups run throughout the week.

For further details contact the  
Church Office on **01270 766557**

# Ladies Summer Event

On a warm evening in July, 35 ladies attended a Burgers and Mocktails evening.

The hall was buzzing with chatter as friends old and new played 'People Bingo' as a warmup. The aim of the game is to match descriptions on a grid by asking people if they match. Each person can only be used once. The game soon got us exchanging names and experiences. I never did find someone who "didn't like musicals"!

We then settled down in small groups to complete a food related quiz. Close ups of common foods were shown on the screens and were surprisingly difficult to identify.

Then to the serious business of food and drink! There were mocktail stations around the room, where we mixed our own non-alcoholic cocktails, and the beef and veggie burgers were brought from the kitchen with a good choice of fillings.

It was a lovely, relaxing evening. Good food, fun and fellowship.

Thank you to the planning team for another very successful event.

The next Ladies Event is on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

*Glenys Smith*





# Sunday Series



This term during our Sunday services we will be looking at the book of Philippians together. You may already know some verses from this book as they are very memorable, and one of the creeds we say at St Peter's is based on chapter two of this book. Paul wrote this book to the church in Philippi from prison in Rome. He writes as the church was beginning to experience disunity and struggling against opposition as they witnessed for the gospel; helpfully, this is made clear in some key verses (1:27–28a). The letter itself is a warm and friendly letter indicating that Paul had a deep love for the church in Philippi. This letter is still relevant to us today, and I have entitled this series 'Striving together for the Gospel.' Now, I do not believe that St Peter's is currently experiencing disunity! But this letter will hopefully continue to draw us closer together, united around Christ, and with a renewed passion for sharing the Gospel even in the face of opposition.

I am praying that it will remind us of the absolute value of Christ above all things and the role of the church as a beacon of light for the world.

*Harry*

# Services for September and October

	<b>9.00am St Peter's Church</b>	<b>10.30am St Peter's Church Hall</b>	<b>6.00pm St Peter's Church</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	No Service	Morning Worship	Holy Communion
<b>14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Evening Prayer
<b>21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	No Service	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer
<b>28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Evening Prayer
<b>5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	No Service	All Age Harvest Service	Holy Communion
<b>12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Evening Prayer
<b>19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	No Service	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer
<b>28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Holy Communion	Morning Worship	Evening Prayer

**The Prayer Room in the Church Hall  
is open for prayer at 9am on**

Sundays 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> September

Sundays 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> October

# Gardening Team

Since September 1994, I have been part of a small team keeping our churchyard clean and tidy. I have done this on average 48 weeks of the year, and at times single handed.



It is with sadness that due to ongoing health issues, I must call it a day. Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August was my last day.

I would ask that people prayerfully consider if they could come and help on a Saturday morning, even if just a hour or two.

You will get a great deal of joy out of this, as I have over the years.

In Christ

John Stables





# Fundraising FASHION SHOW & SHOPPING EVENT

**YOUR FAVOURITE BRANDS AT UP TO 75% OFF**

DOROTHY PERKINS WHITE STUFF RIVER ISLAND NEXT  
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**SIZES  
6 TO 30**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September  
2025

**Tickets are now available!  
£7 each.**

Show starts at **7:30pm**

## Could you be a model?

- Models would need to be here by 6:45pm.
- Wear a pair of comfortable shoes that would go with most outfits.
- You can choose your own outfits
- All shapes and sizes needed!
- No experience necessary!

## Cake Sale



THE PANTRY@SANDBACH HUB

There will be a Cake Sale during  
Coffee and Company on

**Friday 12th September**

All money raised will go to the  
Sandbach Pantry

Come and join us for  
'Coffee and Company'

Every Friday  
9.00-11.30am  
St Peter's Church Foyer



Coffee,  
tea, bacon  
baps, cakes  
and more...

# Sewcial Saturday

Join us for a full day of sewing



**At St. Peter's Church Hall**  
**From 10am - 4pm, on 4th October 2025**

Cake, Tea and Coffee Provided  
Please bring your project, sewing machine & lunch  
Contact Libby Frobisher Smith to book via the Church Office

# From the registers

We join in sadness with the family of the late:

**Brian Newton**

**Christine Williams**

## Editorial disclaimer

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*Bethany Jones, Editor*

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## Big Concert

*Brereton Handbell Ringers warmly invite you, your friends and family to our exciting concert.*

*Refreshments will be available after.*

**Saturday 27th September @ 7pm**

**St. Peter's Church Hall, Elworth**



*Join us for a fun, family-friendly evening of live music entertainment.*

*A wide variety of music will be performed from traditional hymns to modern pop.*

*Entry is free, but we would appreciate any donations. Money raised will be shared between St. Peter's Church and ourselves.*

