

St Peter's and Blessed Mary

Sunday 14th April

st.peter's
bishop's waltham

blessed mary
upham



Thank you for opening up and reading this weeks e-mail.

This Sunday we have our usual **8am BCP** service, our **9am Parish Communion service** and our **10.30am Sunday Central** service at St Peter's.

At 11am it is our **Sunday Funday family** service at **Blessed Mary**, plus at **6.30pm our simple sung Evensong**, *to which everyone is welcome.*

I would like to send a big THANK YOU to all the members of the Men's Shed for their excellent work on the St Peter's pew removal project. The Church looks wonderful, in large part due to their hard work and attention to detail.

For all that is coming up, please have a good read of the various things below. Can I especially bring to your attention the note about distribution of communion.

With prayers for the coming week

Revd James

Distribution of Communion

Thank you for giving time and attention to the proposed changes in distribution of communion. This started well last week, and we will be continuing as outlined below.

We intend to introduce two chalices along the rail as well as the third chalice for those of you who want to have a dipped wafer. If you are receiving a dipped wafer, or having just a wafer, please go to the left hand side and indicate what you would prefer.

Thank you Revd James

As you may be aware or not, over the last few weeks, we have begun to encourage, as asked by Bishop Jonathan, to move back to receiving communion in two separate kinds which is our normal Church of England practice. Many of you have been and are happy to make this move, but we are also conscious that for others this is still a big change and in this regard we need some time to hear what everyone thinks and feels.

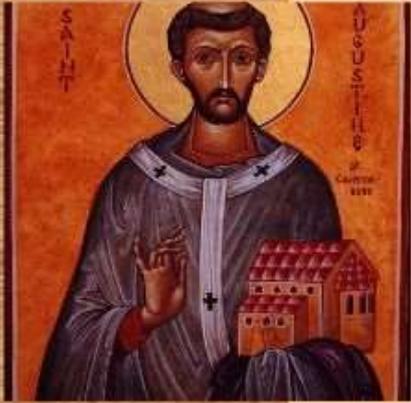
Our proposal over April is begin to make more provision to receive in separate kinds, the bread/wafer and the wine, but also to intinct/dip for those of you who are not ready or able to make the change. In practical terms this means we will distribute communion along the rail from your right to left, first with wafer/bread and then the wine and for those of you would like your wafer dipped or just to receive a wafer, please come to the left-hand end of the rail.

Regarding the wafer being dipped by you, this is not ideal as placing a wafer into your hand and then being dipped by you increases the risk of infection.

In summary, we hope this clarifies things and is helpful and hope you will let us know what you think and feel in the coming weeks.

As always if you have any queries or concerns, please let us know.

The Arrival of Early Christianity



The arrival of Christianity in England

Saturday 1st June 2024
Talk to commence at 7:30pm

**Tickets £10 to include a glass of
wine**

For tickets, please contact:
Stables Parish Office: 01489 892197
Andrea Penter: 02380 693632
Janet Dunford: 01489 860579

Blessed Mary Church
Church Street
Upham
SO32 1JH

Lay Worship Leaders Commissioning

Please come along to support Kate Smyth, Bev Rutter, Celia Morant and Nick Capon as they are commissioned as Lay Worship Leaders at St Nicholas Church, Wickham at 7pm on the 23rd April. There will be refreshments served afterwards in the Rectory.

A prayer for Chris and Kesia Pain in Japan

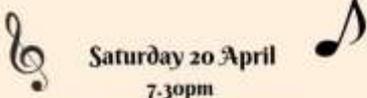
Thanking God for Tim, who recently arrived to run the guest house and for the five new missionaries. Pray that they will settle into life in Japan. For the Easter outreach by Kesia, distributing hot cross buns to neighbours and friends. For the Easter egg hunt for children, and for the encouragement seeing some of the children reading the tracts that were included. Pray for blessing on all the outreach and evangelism that Chris and Kesia do in the name of Jesus. Please remember in your prayers Chris, who



has to attend various meetings this month, visiting other missionaries. This means a heavy workload. We pray that God will bless Chris with strength to meet these challenges.

Singalong!

Singalong Evening

 Saturday 20 April
7.30pm
Blessed Mary Church Upham

Sing along to the greatest hits 70s 80s 90s 00s including Take That Abba & Musicals!
Come along for a jam packed fun night of singing & live entertainment with a hot supper & pudding

Bring own drinks & glasses
Alcohol or soft



This is a fund raising evening to support Watsan Water Charity in Uganda

Kate Smyth Blessed Marys Families worker & volunteer
Liz Cope will be going in August this year to help with a Gravity Flow scheme to help the local people have better water systems.

100% of the evening will support Watsan Uganda 2024 We will give you a short presentation on the night

To book a place please text or call Kate on
07986009942

Suggested donation £15 a head
All are most Welcome

MEON VOICES CHOIR

**SPRING
CONCERT**

Saturday 27th April 2024



Enjoy a showcase of beautiful soundscapes featuring:
Gesherin, John Rutter, Vaughan Williams, music from Cabaret, Adele and many other favourites.

7.30 p.m. St Peter's Church, Bishop's Waltham

This is a free event and everyone is welcome

Refreshments will be provided

A retiring collection will be made in aid of Meon Voices & Church charities and your donation will be appreciated

Prayers

R.I.P. Margaret Johnson
R.I.P. Valerie Dalton

Please continue to pray for all those who especially need our prayers at this time, for the family and friends of Christine Fewings, Dennis Stone, Margaret Johnson and Valerie Dalton.

Also pray for all those whose names are written in our Book of Requests for Prayer, **Alex Rutter** and **Roy King**, and for all those known to us who are currently in hospital.

If you would like to attend Margaret's funeral it is at Wessex Vale on Thursday 25th April at midday



We pray for the families of those Anniversaries of Death fall around this time and whose names are listed in our Book of Remembrance:

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| 14/4/2012 | Joyce Mary Minnard (Joy) |
| 15/4/1994 | Dudley Wallis White |
| 15/4/1999 | Amelia Travers |
| 15/4/2011 | Keith Barry Middleton |
| 16/4/2019 | Peter Charles Ellen |
| 17/4/1949 | Edward Sidney Trigg |
| 17/4/2018 | Nora Mary Azzopardi |
| 18/4/1983 | Robin George Ivamy-Pink |
| 18/4/2009 | Kathleen Nora Pink |
| 18/4/2016 | Averil Diane Leesmith |
| 20/4/2008 | Reginald Bunyan |

Meon Valley Food Bank



Thank you for your continued support. We will be open next Monday between 10 and 12 to receive food donations. Food can also be dropped off at the following places;
Bishops Waltham - Sainsbury's, Coop, St Peters Church and the Jubilee Hall in Little Shore Lane
Curdrige - St Peter's Church
Upham - Blessed Mary Church

Wickham - the Coop and the Community Centre.
Park Gate - Robinson Reade Estate Agents

The items we require for the coming week are:

Tinned meat balls
Tinned pulses
Tinned vegetables
Tinned rice pudding
UHT oat milk
Sweet biscuits
Snack bars
Ketchup
Rice Krispies

