

# St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches

## Sunday 6th July 2025

st.peter's  
bishop's waltham

blessed mary  
upham



Here are the services for this Sunday.

### **At St Peter's**

Sunday 6th - 8am BCP, 9am Parish Communion, 10.30am Sunday Central

### **At Blessed Mary**

Sunday 6th - 11am Village Communion

We also have our regular midweek 10am services on Wednesdays (various locations) and Thursdays at St Peter's.

Please see below the proposed programme for Bishop Onesimus and his wife Florence, who would love to meet as many of us as they can!

Finally, can I please highlight the important note below about communion and please get in touch with me if you have any concerns or questions.

***Please pray for Valerie Perrin and Daniel Pearce who are marrying at St Peter's on Saturday and Brandon Scott and Charlotte Bisson who are also marrying on Saturday 5th at Blessed Mary.***

**With prayers for the week ahead  
Revd James.**

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## Communion - Proposed Changes from August



### Distribution of Communion

This note is to let you know that after discussion with the Diocese, we have been advised that it would be good to move back to a more normal distribution of communion by receiving the bread and wine **separately**, without dipping the wafer in the wine, by the priest, or by ourselves as communicants.

Covid and other infections are now an ongoing part of life, so we will need to be responsive to whatever develops. Most churches are doing likewise, and have already made this move. The Cathedral moved back to receiving bread and wine separately in 2022.

We do understand that how we receive communion is very personal, and there might be specific reasons that mean you don't feel able to receive in separate kinds, (in the short or longer term), and if this is the case, please let us know. **We don't want anyone to feel that they can't join in public worship or receive communion.**

With this change, you may consider only receiving bread, but not wine. If you decide to do this, perhaps for a period, **you do not need to worry that you are receiving a 'lesser' Communion.**

The divine nature of the communion sacrament means, that you receive the full benefits of

Jesus' Passion and sacrifice when you receive in one kind only, or if neither bread or wine were available to use. **Sacraments are outward signs of an inward truth, that is unseen but real.**

In summary, we would suggest that if you are unwell, or vulnerable, for a particular period of time, just receive communion in one kind i.e., just the wafer/bread. or come for a blessing.

We would propose that we start from the beginning of August for a trial period of August and then review for the Autumn.

Revd James - Rector  
Liz, Mandy and Frances - Wardens  
St Peter's and Blessed Mary PCC's

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## **Children's Society**

We were recently able to bank £312 for the children's Society as a result of the annual box opening. Apologies if you gave us your box a while ago, but it has taken time to collect all the boxes. This is a wonderful amount and we also know that a lot of you now donate through a Direct Debit.

On behalf of the Children's Society, THANK YOU for supporting this very worthwhile charity. Our young children need support and protection.

Mary Blow and Team [ Richard, Malcolm, Gaynor]



**Bishop Onesimus and his wife Mama Florence will now be with us from Thursday 10th to Sunday 13th July. Below is the programme while they are with us so please come along to meet them:**

**Thursday 10th July**

**7:30pm The Rectory - Welcome Reception with Interview/Talk  
(Drinks and Nibbles)**

**Friday 11th July**

**8:45am St Peters - Morning Prayer**

**Saturday 12th July**

**8am The Brickmakers - Men's Breakfast**

**4pm Church Hall - Mother's Union**

**Sunday 13th July**

**The Bishop will be at all the St Peter's services**  
**8am - BCP Communion**  
**9am - Parish Communion**  
**10:30am - Sunday Central**

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## Prayers

**R.I.P. Noah Withers**  
**R.I.P. Pam Hayter**  
**R.I.P. Maureen Fordy**  
**R.I.P. George Woolford.**  
**R.I.P. Alice Bright**



**Please pray for the family and friends of Noah Withers, Maureen Fordy (Sam's mum whose funeral will be held at St Peter's on Thursday 17th July at 3pm), Pam Hayter, George Woolford, and Pam Luff's mother Alice Bright.**

**We pray for all those whose names are written in our Book of Requests for Prayer.**

**Please also pray for the names of those who have asked for public prayer, Mavis Bruce, Mike Berry, and for all those known to us who are currently in hospital.**

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

**08/07/1991    William Charles Frederick Hindmarsh**  
**10/07/1988    Matthew James Hewitt**  
**10/07/2006    Edwin Bryan Collins**  
**10/07/2016    Fleur Wainwright**  
**11/07/2020    George Adams**

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## 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 Meatballs**

**Pasta**

**Washing up liquid**

**Squash**

**Tinned peaches**

**Tinned sweetcorn**

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