

St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches

Sunday 27th July 2025

st.peter's
bishop's waltham

blessed mary
upham



Here are the services for this Sunday.

At St Peter's

Sunday 27th - 8am BCP, 9am Morning Worship, 10.30am Sunday Central with communion

At Blessed Mary

Sunday 27th - 11am Informal Service
6.30pm - Choral Evensong

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

St Peters: Giving In Grace



Finally, thank you so much to all of you who have responded to our recent '**Giving in Grace**' stewardship appeal. Overall we have had about 31 responses which has been lovely, but we have yet to hear from about 100 of you who kindly support. If you can let us know a response (that you can increase your giving, or not at this time) that would be really helpful so we can plan ahead.

So far we have pledged about £6,500pa of additional giving, but which leaves us £20,000pa to go to our target £25,000pa. Between us all, and new people, we hope that this target is achievable and might be pledged, so we can continue to run all of our ministry and mission into 2026. To achieve this would be £200 per person, with some able to give more and some less....we do hope this might be possible across us all, so please do think and pray and give what you can.

With prayers for the week ahead

Revd James.

Mothers' Union AFIA - August 6th



AFIA(Away From It All) is the holiday initiative run by the MU & is available for families who are in need or have not got the luxury of regular holidays. It takes many forms from residential holidays with teams of volunteers to enabling disadvantaged families to take a holiday to days out etc.
In our Diocese we do fund family holidays but we also have an annual day trip to Lee on Solent for families who are affected by Domestic Violence & this year the day is on Aug 6th.

If you might be interested in coming along to help with setting up or helping generally or see what it involves please do contact me.
On line safeguarding training can be completed via the Portsmouth Diocese as needed.

It is a long day but just so great!
Liz Webb

For more information about Away from it All please click on the link
<https://www.mothersunion.org/projects/afia>

Tea and Coffee



If you are able to, please donate what you can for refreshments in Church at service times. The rising cost of living affects us all, and a small donation can mean we are at least covering our costs. With thanks





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, to just receive communion in one kind i.e., 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

Prayers

R.I.P. Eileen Horne

**Please pray for the family and friends of Noah Withers,
Maureen Fordy, Pam Hayter and Eileen Horne**



**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, John Fewings, 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:

27/7/1994	William James Lodwig
27/7/2003	Fiona Claire Shaw
27/7/2004	Joan White
28/7/2014	Sally Virginia Curzon Farmiloe
01/8/2010	Judith Ann James
02/8/2002	William Henry Smith

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:

Pasta Sauces

Tinned Chicken in White Wine Sauce

Toilet Roll

Tinned Potatoes
