St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches Sunday 17th August 2025







Here are the services for this Sunday.

At St Peter's

8am BCP 9am Parish Communion 10.30am Sunday Central

At Blessed Mary

11am Village Communion

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

With prayers for the week ahead

Revd James.

God, the Bible & Everything (in 60 minutes) A date for your diary - Sat 18th October at St Peter's A brand new live one-man evangelistic comedy show by BBC Sitcom Writer, James Cary

In *God, the Bible and Everything, BBC* comedy writer and 'stand-up theologian' James Cary explains the whole Bible, in one hour, with jokes and a big screen. And maybe even a song or two.

In this fast-moving show, written and developed for audiences of all ages, all faiths and none, James Cary shows how familiar Bible stories still in our culture like Adam and Eve, Noah's Ark, the Tower of Babel, David and Goliath and Jesus all fit together.

Can he really get through all that in 60 minutes? It will be fun finding out!

Ticket information to follow.....

Not long now!....

Saturday 20th September
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Saturday 20th September 2025 11am – 4pm

A great day out for the whole community



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Church Recording Project

You may recall reading in the update sometime ago about a team of volunteers coming into St Peter's on a monthly basis to record/ log all the fixtures & fittings within the building itself. They are part of a project that was set up in the '70s by the V& A museum & it is now called the Church Recording Society. The team lead here is Valerie Archibald.

The recording will include woodwork/ fabric/ documents & books/ metal/ silver & & glass/ graffiti/ toys/ furniture etc etc.

They will start on 26th August (familiarisation visit) & will then come in on a monthly basis. They are happy for folk to drop in from September onwards.

https://www.churchrecordingsociety.org.uk/

If anyone might be interested in coming along to help or visit them or has information/ history etc please do let me or Mandy know. Liz Webb.

Autumn Music Concert and Art Exhibition Saturday 27th September

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The Blessed Mary Church, Upham SO32 1JH



Saturday 27th September 2025 6.00 p.m.

'ECHOES OF EDEN'

'Sublime' Music and Art inspired by the Creation of the World featuring:



'The Lowry Girls'

Organ, Piano and Recorder solos

Anthems sung by the Combined Choirs and guests Including:

'Rutter: 'Look at The World' 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' 'For the Beauty of the Earth'

Fauré 'In Paradisum'

Soprano Soloist: Tamsin Withers will sing:

'The Fuchsia Tree' Roger Quilter

'The Sky above the Roof' Vaughan Williams.



'Audience Participation Hymns'



Organist: Dr Roger Hansford
Conductor: Michael Coker

Tickets £10.00 including refreshments and a glass of wine

Free Art Exhibition: Saturday: 10am - 3pm and Sunday: 1pm - 4pm

Available from: The Parish Office: Free Street Bishops Waltham Hampshire SO32 1PW

Tel: 01489 892197 stpbm.office@tgmail.com or Janet Dunford pine.end@gmail.com

Rosemary Bickle rabickle@gmail.com or Mandy Cawood amandajcawood@gmail.com

Or scan the QR Code

PUDDING EVENING Progress Update



Following the successful fund-raising in May, we have purchased two new compost bins to replace the previous sprawling heap.

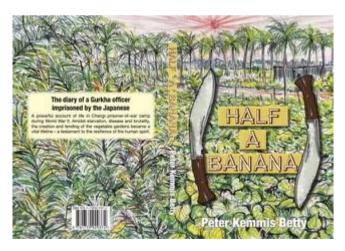
The Community Payback Team have been working hard over recent months to clear the more overgrown areas of the churchyard and these bins will provide us with sufficient capacity to continue that work well into the future.

The site of the old compost heap will be seeded this autumn and returned to close mown grass.

Our next expenditure will be on stone chippings to augment those already provided by the PCC for graves which have been overwhelmed with grass in recent years.

We are continuing with our working parties on most Tuesday mornings from 10 am and everyone is very welcome to join us. No previous experience is necessary – just enthusiasm and gardening gloves.

A Fascinating Book about the life of Upham Resident Peter Kemmis-Betty



To find more about the life of Peter Kemmis-Betty during WW2 please click here

Your 100 Word Story

If you were at church on Sunday, we had a great talk from Revd Neil Smart from the diocese who is lead for 'Revive'.

Neil talked about how we are all called to be witnesses in our Christian lives, and the most important part of being a witness, is to know, and be able to tell, our story of faith!

He mentioned three ways in which we can be prepared:

1. My story in 100 words...write it down and practice sharing

2.What is God doing in my life at the moment?....write something down and practice sharing

3.Gods Story https://www.the4points.com/uk/index.phpknow the key points of the Gospel message with pictures, words and bible verses

As we head into August, could I encourage you to have a go at this over the summer

Please click on this link to see some notes to help you: click here

James

and then share with a friend?

Prayers

R.I.P. Tony Woodsford

Please pray for the family and friends of Tony Woodsford and Noah Withers



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, Jackie Suter, 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:

17/8/2005	Margaret Emma Gamblin
18/8/2010	Margaret Anne Gillies
19/8/1979	Phyllis Josephine (Jo) Folger
19/8/2010	Charles Thomas Henry "Chas" Cooper
22/8/1981	Owen Perdue Beechey
23/8/1980	David Phillips

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
Curdridge - 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