St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches Sunday 12th October 2025

st.peter's bishop's waltham

blessed mary upham



Here are the services for this Sunday.

At St Peter's

8am BCP

10.30am Harvest Service (Joint 9am and 10:30am)

At Blessed Mary

11am Harvest Service

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

I hope some of you will be able to make the Blessed Mary Harvest Supper on Friday, please see below.

Also, please don't forget to come along to the Table Top sale on Saturday at the Church Hall from 10am - 12pm.

For all that is coming up please see all the items below.

With my prayers for the week ahead

Revd James

"Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish." John 6v11

"Capitalism is that commercial system in which supply immediately answers to demand and in which everybody seems to be thoroughly dissatisfied and unable to get what he wants.".

G K Chesterton

Table Top Sale - Church Hall, Sat 11th Oct, 10am to 12 noon

As was the case last year, we have quite a few books and items of bric-a-brac left over from the Country Fayre so we are holding a post-Country Fayre sale in the Church Hall on Saturday 11 October from 10.00 am to 12 noon

There will be coffee/tea and cakes etc to sustain you whilst browsing!

So please put this date in your diary and come along to help top up the overall funds received from the Fayre.

Paul/Country Fayre Planning Committee





Sat 18th Oct, St Peter's Church 7:30pm

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 'standup theologian' James Cary explains the whole Bible, in one hour, with jokes and a big screen. And maybe even a song or two.

This fast-moving show, has been 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! Tickets £10 inc refreshments

For Tickets scan the QR code or call the office on 01489 892197



St Peter's - Gift Week - 5th to 12th October

Thank you so much to all who took a sheet about Gift Week home to read & consider. If you feel you can support this, please return the tear off slip in an envelope either to the office or into a basket on Sunday morning at the Harvest Festival.

There are more sheets in church if you have not taken/ received one

With thanks as ever, James, Nigel, Paul, Mandy & Liz

On Sunday mornings, we are very blessed to have a range of style of services which gives a home for worship for all. However, as you will be aware, this does mean that time can be tight between services: between the 8am and 9am; and between the 9am and 10:30am.

We have looked at all the timing permutations and continue to feel that these are the best timings of services.

Those who lead work hard (and are continuing) to ensure we are not rushed, but also to 'keep to time':

- the 8am to finish by 8:35/8:40am

- the 9am to finish by 10:05/10:10am

- the 10:30am (start/arrival time for coffee/fellowship is 10:15am) to finish by 11:45am/12 noon

We aim for any baptisms to start at 12:30pm

To help, we would be very grateful if you could come before each service so we can always start on time.

For the 10:30 service, as we have 'cross over coffee' it would be really good if you could think of this service as 'The 10:15am service' and arrive for then as a time to gather for coffee and conversation which is a key part of the service. We aim to start the service itself by 10:30/10:35am. Finally, if you would like to come into the end of the 9am service, please join in with the worship and/or receive communion if you would like that.

<u>For the 9am service</u>, if the service finishes at 10:05/10:10am there will be 20-30 minutes for coffee and fellowship before it is time to move towards home so the service can begin.

In summary, we hope this all makes sense and is clear but as always please let us know if you have any queries or thoughts.

Revd James, Liz and Mandy

Blessed Mary - Harvest Supper 10th October



Prayers

R.I.P. Norman Chatfield R.I.P. Jane Louise Foster

Please pray for the family and friends of Clive Springer and Maureen Hamilton

Our prayers are also with Janet and all dear Norman's family. Norman's service will be held on 16th October at 1pm at St Peter's.

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, Yuan Xiang Wu, 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:

07/10/2006	Lilian Ida Robertson
09/10/2010	Brian Hayman Thornton
11/10/1968	Eric Charles Hunt
11/10/1988	Sarah Lovina Matthews
12/10/2003	Gordon F. Limbrick
12/10/2021	Charles Keith McAndrew
13/10/2015	Patricia Rosemary Barnfield
14/10/2020	Jean Mary Hammerton
15/10/1997	Kenneth James Thompson
16/10/1987	Geoffrey Haylett
16/10/2004	Joyce Muriel Duncombe
17/10/2002	Iris Victoria Cope
18/10/2005	William Albert Nash
18/10/2011	Emma Neville-Towle
18/10/2017	Antony Rowland Palmer

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:

Tinned Beef Meals Tinned Green Beans Instant Coffee Instant Mash Shower Gel