

St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches

Sunday 16th November 2025

st.peter's
bishop's waltham

blessed mary
upham



At St Peter's

8am BCP

9am Parish Communion

10.30am Sunday Central

(Please note Morning Prayer will be in Church next week on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8.45am)

At Blessed Mary

11am Village Communion

We also have our regular midweek 10am services on Wednesdays in Upham and Thursdays at St Peter's.

With my prayers for the week ahead.

Revd James

Bible Quote for the week: "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and all these things will be added to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough worries of its own." Matthew 6v33-34

Quote of the Week: "The stamp of a Saint is that he will waive his own rights and obey the Lord Jesus."

Advent Course - Unwrap Christmas!
St Peter's Church 7:30-9.00pm



As you prepare for Christmas, please join us for an Advent course based on three documentaries filmed in the Holy Land by Dr Peter Walker (author of *In the Steps of Jesus*). He will take us on a journey to Nazareth and Bethlehem on 3 Wednesday evenings:

**26 Nov – Nazareth
3 Dec – Bethlehem Part 1
10 Dec – Bethlehem Part 2**

Others from our Deanery and local churches have been invited to join us, so it will be a great opportunity also to meet new people!

It would be lovely if you can come.



Storage of Church Equipment - *we need you!*

For many years David Williamson has been responsible for the Church Equipment stored in the Stables Garage and now he deserves a well earned rest! A huge THANK YOU to David for looking after this aspect of St Peter's for so long.

The main task involved is arranging the stowage, and removal of **Christmas Trees at the beginning of Advent to the Church, the putting up of the trees, and in**

February returning the trees to the Stables.

The same for the Easter Garden equipment before and after Easter.

David always recruited a small team to help him, so he was never alone.

Is there is someone reading this who might able to take this on before this Advent,
this year?

David is happy to give any advice to someone who might be interested. Please
contact Sam in the office if you feel you could help

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St Peter's Advent Carol Service

Sunday 23rd November at 6.30pm



You are very warmly invited to attend our annual **Advent Carol Service** at **St Peters**. The Service will be led by Rev. Rosie Greenlees with the combined Choirs of St Peters & Blessed Mary, Upham leading the singing of some rousing Congregational Carols and some beautiful, haunting Advent Anthems. The Service will combine the Festival of Christ the King, marking the end of the Churches year with the excitement of the season of Advent, as we look forward expectantly for the coming of Jesus' birth at Christmas. Please join us for this joyful celebration of Advent, as we sing messages of love, hope and peace and listen to readings of light, the future kingdom and coming glory!



Mike and Wendy heard about the Churchyard Restoration Project from the neighbours when they moved into their new home in Free Street and offered us the old block paving when they had their drive resurfaced.

A “bucket chain” from the Congregation and other friends met up one Saturday morning to move the blocks to the Church and, with generous funding from someone in the village, we were able to engage Gerald Vivian to lay the blocks at all the benches in the Churchyard before the weather turned. They have already attracted much praise from everyone who uses the Churchyard to meet friends, have lunch or just sit and enjoy the beautiful, peaceful surroundings.

Coffee on Sundays at St Peter's

The coffee between 10.10am and 10.30am on Sundays is an important part of our welcome and hospitality but we need more coffee makers!

From January, we will definitely need one person for the Second Sunday each month but it would be good to have a third person on each team so that there is flexibility ie two of each team present for each duty or to provide reserves if someone on the rota is away or unwell. You would need to arrive at 8.40am to set up and we aim to make 3 jugs of coffee before 9.00am. At the end of the Service you would serve the coffee until the second team takes over about 10.20am. Extra or Reserve coffee makers to help from 10.20am would also be appreciated to enable as much clearing up as possible to be done before the 10.30am service starts. Serving the coffee is a good way to get to know members of our church family. If you don't already have a commitment



and are able, male or female, please consider offering to join the team.
Please speak to Di or Vanessa if you can help and would like to know more.
Thank you

St Simon's Sunday Supper Appeal



Well, it's that's time of year again and Sunday Supper Team would be very grateful for any donations of socks and pants to give at Christmas.
Thank you. Donations will be very much appreciated, before the 5th of

December.

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Christmas Wreath Workshop

Raising Funds for the Flower Team at St Peter's
6th December

Saturday 6th December at the Church
Hall from 10am-1pm

All materials and friendly, expert tuition provided, to create a beautiful Christmas Wreath for your own front door!

There will also be light refreshments .

Cost £45 . To reserve your place

Hazelroddis@icloud.com



Prayers

Please pray for the family and friends of Jennifer Shatford, Stanley New and Norman Chatfield.



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, Sheila Boyes,
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:

16/11/1995	John Edward Kelsey
16/11/2004	Jean Mary Vince
16/11/2014	Roy Stanbrook
16/11/2020	William Bellingham
17/11/2002	Ronald Eric Bright, B.E.M.
19/11/2014	Susan Talman
20/11/1996	The Revd. William Ufelgwyn Maundy Phillips
21/11/1989	Emma Lucy Mitchelmore
22/11/2008	Phyllis Nicholls Beer

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 Chicken in White wine sauce

Tinned Potatoes

Washing up Liquid

Large Tins of Ham

