

St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches Sunday 23rd November 2025

st.peter's
bishop's waltham

blessed mary
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Dear All

Here are the services for this Sunday.

At St Peter's

8am BCP

9am Morning Worship

10.30am Sunday Central with communion

6.30pm Advent Carol Service (See below for details)

At Blessed Mary

11am Informal Service

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: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds and to him who knocks the door will be opened." Matthew 6v33-34

Quote of the Week: "The great thing to remember is that though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not."

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!

Pews for sale

Following the work at the rear of the North Nave, we now have 2 pews for sale, one is approximately 4 metres long and the other 3.3 metres long, with complete ends. They can be viewed in Church and if anybody is interested in purchasing, please let me know. Thank you. Paul Emmerson 01489 895079/07901 842196
paulemmerson46@gmail.com

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.



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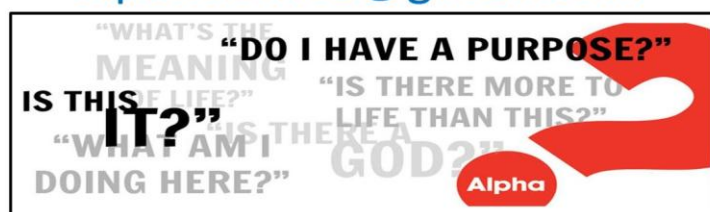
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Starting Thurs 22nd
January 2026

To register and more information:

www.stpetersbw.org.uk
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New Appointment at Swanmore

Bishop Jonathan has appointed the Revd Sandra Matthews , currently Rector of Whippingham with East Cowes and Priest in Charge of Wootton, as interim Priest-in-Charge of Swanmore, Soberton, Hambledon and Newtown, and the Meon Bridge Benefice.

Prior to her work on the Isle of Wight, Sandra lived and worked in Israel for just under two years, where she ministered as cleric and headteacher, to the local community through her role as Director of the Anglican International School in Jerusalem. She was attracted to that role due to her commitment to reconciliation ministry, and her pastoral desire to help people in conflict connect through respect and greater understanding.

Her long standing commitment and work with children has not ,however, been to the exclusion of other age groups, as seen by her voluntary work as chaplain with hospitals and residential care homes.

Sandra has a great passion for multi-generational ministry, and for discerning new ways of 'being' church, but as a strong believer in balance, she also enjoys the

richness of tradition and the sense of timeless stability this brings to many worshippers.

Although sad to be leaving the caring and supportive congregations in her current parishes on the Isle of Wight, she is looking forward to serving with the ministry team in the Meon Valley.

Sandra will be licensed by bishop Jonathan on Wednesday 25th February 2026 at St. Barnabas, Swanmore.

For more information please click on the link

<https://www.portsmouth.anglican.org/news/2025/11/17/island-priest-take-charge-meon-valley-parishes/>

Request for Mince Pies!



Vanessa Emmerson and Bev Rutter will be serving mince pies and mulled wine following the Lessons and Carols service on the 14th of December at St Peter's.

If you feel are happy to make or donate some pies to their efforts, it would be much appreciated.

Contact Vanessa for information Vanessaemmerson@hotmail.co.uk

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.

Mary Blow.

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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

R.I.P. John Fewings
R.I.P. Yuan Xiang Wu

**Please pray for the family and friends of John
Fewings, Yuan Xiang Wu, Jennifer Shatford and Stanley
New.**

*Yuan's family are grateful for our prayers for her and wish to
send their thanks to 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, Sheila Boyes, 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:

23/11/2005	Peter James Kirby
24/11/2020	Georgina Mary Calvert Busher
26/11/2003	Jean Cole
26/11/2004	Don Blewett
27/11/1996	June Mary Granger
28/11/1990	Charles Tatton-Brown
29/11/2009	Martin Smith Berry
29/11/2015	Iris Daphne Burkett

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:

Cheese crackers
Squash
Tinned Vegetables
Peanut Butter
Stock cubes
