

**St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches**  
**Sunday 30th November 2025**

st.peter's  
bishop's waltham

blessed mary  
upham



Here are the services for this Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent.

**At St Peter's**

8am BCP

9am Parish Communion

10.30am Sunday Central

**At Blessed Mary**

11am Matins

For all that is happening in our Churches, please see the bottom of this update.

With my prayers for the week ahead.

Revd James

Bible Quote for the week: ***"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths."*** Isaiah 3v3

Quote of the Week: ***"Impartiality is a pompous name for indifference, which is an elegant name for ignorance."*** G K Chesterton

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## Crib Service



It's that time of year again & this year the story @ St Peter's will be based around an Advent Calendar.

If families/children or folk would like to be part of this very simple story- (no lines to learn) then please do let us know. Only 7 or 8 Advent characters needed but there will be plenty of room for angels/shepherds etc to join in at the allotted moments.

Notices will be going out on social media & children will be encouraged to come along dressed as a bible story character.

Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 3pm @Blessed Mary with Kate & Yuliya & 5pm @St Peter's with Michelle & Liz

### **Pews for sale - Last opportunity to buy!**

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](mailto: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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### **Confirmation Services**

The next confirmation services at Portsmouth Cathedral are:

31<sup>st</sup> Jan 26

4 April 26

For more information please contact me

James

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### **ALPHA 2026**

Starts January 22nd

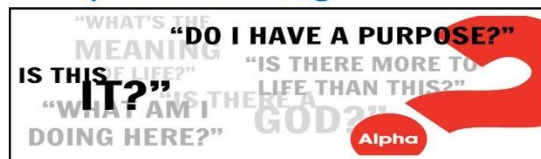


Starting Thurs 22nd  
January 2026

*To register and more information:*

[www.stpetersbw.org.uk](http://www.stpetersbw.org.uk)

[stpbn.office@gmail.com](mailto:stpbn.office@gmail.com)



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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](mailto:Vanessaemmerson@hotmail.co.uk)

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### Christian Festivals 2026

A number of people at St Peter's and Blessed Mary attend Christian Festivals that take place over the year, and they are great to go to! If you have been in the past and would like to start going again, or haven't been, it is a wonderful investment (and fun) for own your Christian life and for your family. If you would like to find out more, [click here](#) and then get in touch with those that are going in 2026! Revd James

### Prayers

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



**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:

<b>1/12/1992</b>	<b>Annie Tombs</b>
<b>1/12/1994</b>	<b>Ivor John Charles Wilson</b>
<b>1/12/1994</b>	<b>Edna Margaret Davies</b>
<b>4/12/2015</b>	<b>Esther 'Betty' Dobbie</b>
<b>4/12/2023</b>	<b>Janet Lavin</b>
<b>5/12/2006</b>	<b>Christopher Alan Smith</b>
<b>5/12/2023</b>	<b>Freda Dunne</b>

### 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 Baked Beans**

**Tinned meatballs**

**Tinned Vegetables**

**Tinned Fruit**

**Toilet Rolls**



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.

[maryenblow@gmail.com](mailto:maryenblow@gmail.com)

07745 462389 / 895958

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### Christmas Wreath Workshop - Can you help?

6th December

If you have some evergreen foliage or  
pheasant feathers you would be happy  
to donate to this course, please call  
Kate Rickwood and she will happily  
come and collect it -

07800 514540



## The week ahead

### **What's on at Blessed Mary (All to be held in Church unless specified)**

Monday 1st	8.30am Morning Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday 2nd	11am-1pm Table Talk (Barn/Manor House)
Wednesday 3rd	10-11am Home Communion (at the home of Revd Jane Beloe) 7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice
Thursday 4th	10-11.30am Butterflies
Friday 4th	Rest Day!
Saturday 5th	Rest Day!
Sunday 6th	10am Choir Practice 11am Village Communion Service

### **What's on at St Peter's (All to be held in Church unless specified)**

Monday 1st	8.30am Morning Prayer (Zoom) 7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice
Tuesday 2nd	8am Prayer with 'bible thought and open prayer' (Zoom) 9-11am Teeny Tinies (Church Hall)
Wednesday 3rd	8.45am Morning Prayer 10-11.30am Garden Gang 2-4pm Warm Space 6.30-9.30pm Advent Course
Thursday 4th	8.45 am Morning Prayer (Zoom) 10am BCP Service (Church)
Friday 4th	8.45am Morning Prayer 7-8.15pm Choir Practice
Saturday 5th	Rest Day!
Sunday 6th	8am BCP Service 9am Parish Communion 9.30am-12pm Vitalize (Stables Centre) 10.30am Sunday Central 4.30-6.30pm GWNN (Church Hall)

***This list only represents services and events linked to the Church***

