

**St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches  
Sunday 7th December 2025**

st.peter's  
bishop's waltham

blessed mary  
upham



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

**At St Peter's**

8am BCP

9am Parish Communion

10.30am Sunday Central

**At Blessed Mary**

11am Village Communion

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

With my prayers for the week ahead.

Revd James

***If you would like a copy of last week's sermon, please contact Sam in the office.***

Bible Quote for the week: ***"A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his***

*roots a Branch will bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—<sup>3</sup> and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.”* Isaiah 11v1-3

Quote of the Week: *"It is when we notice the dirt that God is most present in us; it is the very sign of His presence."* C S Lewis

## Christmas at our Churches



### Thank you!

There are so many names but we would just like to extend our thanks to all who have worked towards making our church building so beautiful, welcoming & inviting.

Trees/lights being set up & decorated/ refreshments being & to be served/ advertising of services on the website & in the parish news delivered by the army of volunteers/ posters planned & printed in the office and encouraging words /conversations!

Let's be excited for Christmas!  
James, Mandy & Liz

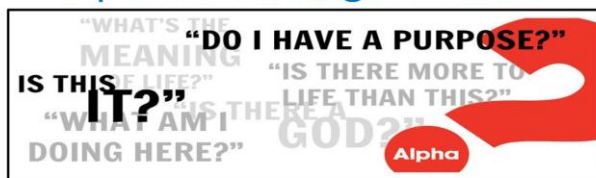
ALPHA 2026  
Starts January 22nd



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)





### 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

### Next Week at Blessed Mary



## Prayers

**R.I.P. Dorothy Marsden-Jones**

**Please pray for the family and friends of John Fewings  
and Dorothy Marsden-Jones**

**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, Sarah Pain, Fred and Sylvia  
Dickenson, 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>07/12/2004</b>	<b>Irene Phoebe Bellingham</b>
<b>08/12/1999</b>	<b>Doris Parry</b>
<b>08/12/2004</b>	<b>Alec George Edward Cliff</b>
<b>08/12/2020</b>	<b>Fiona Stevenson</b>
<b>08/12/2020</b>	<b>Eddie Hunter</b>
<b>10/12/2015</b>	<b>Arthur Garthwaite Randell</b>

---

**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.

---

## 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 rice pudding**

**Tinned Custard**

**Tinned fruit cocktail**

**Instant mash potato**

**2:1 shampoo & conditioner**

---

## The week ahead

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

Monday 8th      8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)  
Tuesday 9th      Rest Day  
Wednesday 10th 10-11am Home Communion (at the home of Judy Benham)  
                         7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice  
Thursday 11th    10-11.30am Butterflies  
Sunday 14th      10am Choir Practice  
                         11am Family Advent Carols Service and Sunday Funday!

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

Monday 8th      8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)  
                         7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice  
Tuesday 9th      8am Prayer with 'bible thought and open prayer' (Zoom)  
                         9-11am Teeny Tinies (Church Hall)  
Wed 10th        8.45am Morning Prayer  
                         10-11.30am Garden Gang Christmas Party  
                         2-4pm Warm Space  
                         6.30-9.30pm Advent Course  
Thursday 11th    8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)  
                         10am BCP Service followed by coffee  
Friday 12th      8.45am Morning Prayer  
                         7-8.15pm Choir Practice  
Sunday 14th      8am BCP Service  
                         9am Parish Communion  
                         9.30am-12pm Vitalize (Stables Centre)  
                         10.30am Sunday Central  
                         6.30 Service of Lessons and Carols

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

---

---

---

---