

**St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches**  
**Sunday 14th December 2025**

st.peter's  
bishop's waltham

blessed mary  
upham



Dear All

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

**At St Peter's**

8am BCP

9am Parish Communion

10.30am Sunday Central

6.30pm A Service of Lessons and Carols

**At Blessed Mary**

11am Family Carol Service with Sunday Funday

*(Activities start at 10am)*

**Please pray for Evelyn-Rose May and Emilia Spinney who are being baptised this Sunday at St Peter's and Blessed Mary respectively.**

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

Finally, just to highlight we had our PCC meetings last week and the key things we covered are [here](#). If you would like more information please do get in touch:

Discussion about our finances/stewardship and **parish share** to the diocese  
Discussion about the best shape for our **Family, Children and Youth work** going forwards especially for youth

Blessed Mary - Discussion about possible '**small' projects** to do over the next year

St Peter's - Discussion about what process we need to explore possible further phases (with congregation consultation) for the **re-imagining of our church**

St Peter's - Discussion about how to grow/develop/re-shape our **10:30 'Sunday Central' Service**

With my prayers for the week ahead.

Revd James

Bible Quote for the week: **"A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God." Isaiah 40v3**

Quote of the Week: **"Adventures are never fun while you are having them."** C S Lewis

### Christmas at our Churches



**Christmas at Blessed Mary**

23rd November Advent Carol Service  
6.30pm (at St Peter's)

7th December Village communion 11am

14th December Family Advent Carols and Sunday  
Funday 11am

21st December  
Service of Lessons and Carols 6.30pm

24th December Crib Service 3pm

24th December Midnight  
Service 11pm

25th December Christmas Day  
Service 11am



**Welcome to  
Christmas at St Peter's**

**23rd November Advent Carols 6.30pm**

**14th December A Service of Lessons  
and Carols 6.30pm**

**21st December Family Carol Service  
10.30am**

**24th December Crib Service 5pm**

**24th December Midnight Service 11pm**

**Christmas Day Services  
at  
8am and 9.30am**

st. peter's  
Your Church  
Always Welcome  
Helping people experience  
the joy of knowing Jesus

## God and Creation

Saturday 17th January - St Peter and St Paul's Hambledon

St Peter and St Paul's Hambledon is hosting a discussion on God and Creation on Saturday 17 January at 4pm.

The very Reverend David Fergusson OBE is Regis Professor of Divinity at the University of Cambridge will give a talk, which will be followed by a Q and A session. Professor Fergusson has had a long academic career, as well as serving as parish minister earlier in his career. He was recently described as 'the most distinguished theologian in Britain', and his talk is sure to be thought provoking. In 2019 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II appointed him as Dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland and Dean of the Order of the Thistle, both of which he still holds. Professor Fergusson will join us for our Service on Sunday 18 January at 1100. The event is free and is part of the 150th anniversary celebration of the huge refurbishment of the Church in 1876 and our role as a Silver Eco Church.



### **St Simon's Sunday Suppers.**

Yesterday I delivered your very generous donations of socks and pants. I was overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you.

St Simon's has asked me to pass on a big thank you to you all for your kindness and said what a difference this will make. The money donations will be used towards a special supper on Sunday 21st and I'll be helping that evening.

With very best wishes.

Mary Blow.

**Confirmation – we would love to hear from you!**



If you are not confirmed and would like to confirm your Christian faith (or at this stage would just like to find out more) we would love to hear from you!

In the Spring of 2026, it is our intention to hold a 'confirmation class' (3 sessions) for anyone who would like to come along.

In April/May, our Bishop Jonathan Frost will be coming (exact date to be finalised) to hold a deanery confirmation service at St Peter's which will be lovely, and we hope that there will be a number of candidates.

We are already aware of quite a few who would like to be confirmed, but if you haven't let me know, or we might not be aware, please do be in touch.

Revd James, Revd Keith and Revd Rosie

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#### ALPHA 2026

Starts January 22nd

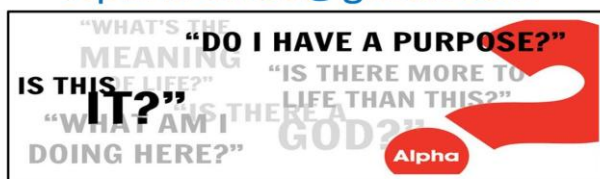


Starting Thurs 22nd  
January 2026

*To register and more information:*

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

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







## 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>14/12/2018</b>	<b>Ronald Denis Whymark</b>
<b>15/12/1993</b>	<b>Muriel Ann Harwood</b>
<b>15/12/2009</b>	<b>Frederick Gordon Barker</b>
<b>16/12/1987</b>	<b>Clifford William Pollard</b>
<b>17/12/1999</b>	<b>Eric Eustace Leesmith</b>
<b>18/12/2005</b>	<b>Ruby Palmer-Hunt</b>
<b>18/12/2022</b>	<b>Susan Alice Browne</b>
<b>19/12/1993</b>	<b>Joan Hope Chandler</b>
<b>19/12/1985</b>	<b>Margit Jensen</b>
<b>20/12/1999</b>	<b>Mabel Frances Phillips</b>

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## 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:

**Squash**

**Cup a Soups**

**Crackers**

**Quick Pasta**

**Kitchen Towel**

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### The week ahead

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

Monday 15th      8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)  
Tuesday 16th      11am Table Talk  
Wednesday 17th   7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice  
Thursday 18th      10-11.30am Butterflies  
Friday 19th        1.45pm Upham School Christmas Service  
Sunday 21st        10am Choir Practice  
                         11am Village Communion  
                         6.30 Service of Lessons and Carols

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

Monday 15th      8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)  
                         7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice  
Tuesday 16th      8am Prayer with 'bible thought and open prayer' (Zoom)  
                         9-11am Teeny Tinies (Church Hall)  
Wed 17th         8.45am Morning Prayer  
                         10-11.30am Garden Gang  
                         2-4pm Warm Space  
Thursday 18th    8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)  
                         10am BCP Service followed by coffee  
                         1.30pm BW Infant School Grandparents' Christmas Service  
Friday 19th       8.45am Morning Prayer  
                         10am BW Junior School Christmas Service  
                         7-8.15pm Choir Practice  
Sunday 21st      8am BCP Service  
                         9am Parish Communion  
                         10.15am Vitalize Christmas Party (Stables Centre)  
                         10.30am Family Advent Carol Service

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

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