

St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches Sunday 21st December 2025

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bishop's waltham

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Dear All

Here are the services for this Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Advent.

At St Peter's

8am BCP

9am Parish Communion

10.30am Family Advent Carols

At Blessed Mary

11am Village Communion

6.30pm A Service of Lessons and Carols

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

The Church Office will be closed for Christmas from 12pm Friday 19th December until 9am Tuesday 6th of January, so this will be the last complete Update until then.

With my prayers for the week ahead and a very Happy Christmas and New Year

Revd James

Bible Quote for the week: ***"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned."*** Isaiah 9v2

Quote of the Week: ***"Jesus is the reason for the season!"***

Christmas at our Churches

A poster for Christmas services at Blessed Mary. The background is a warm, golden-brown image of pine branches with lights and a small Christmas tree. The text is white and yellow.

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

A poster for Christmas services at St Peter's. The background is a light grey image of pine branches with lights and a small Christmas tree. The text is red and black.

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**

at peter's
always welcome
helping people experience
the joy of knowing Jesus

ALPHA 2026
Starts January 22nd

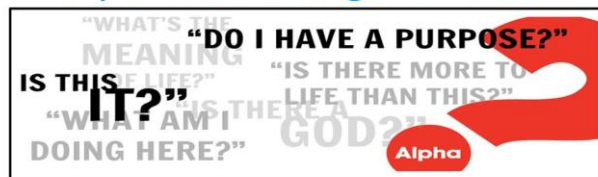


Starting Thurs 22nd January 2026

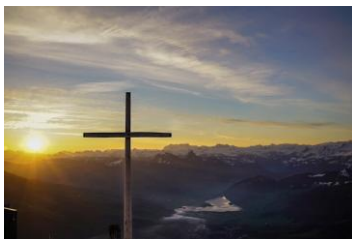
To register and more information:

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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

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.



Prayers

R.I.P. David Keith

Please pray for the family and friends of David Keith 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, 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:

21/12/2015	John Charles Watts
22/12/2006	Margaret Goddard
24/12/2003	Catherine Eileen Williams
25/12/1944	Edward George Crump
26/12/1997	Richard Barrington Stephens
26/12/1987	Eric John Sillence
27/12/2008	Maurice Fisher
28/12/1965	Charles George Morris
29/12/1989	Stanley Wallis Chandler
29/12/2008	Leslie Ward "Jan" Gayler

29/12/2019	Violet Kate Bishop
30/12/1988	Vera Elizabeth Dore
30/12/1989	Lilian Hale
30/12/2009	Keith Robert Stephens
31/12/1976	Charlie G.R. Cannings
31/12/2015	John Ernest
01/01/2003	Ken Langford
02/01/1975	John Robert Jones
02/01/1979	Sibylla Crump
02/01/1982	Mattie Nash
06/01/2012	Hugh de Crespigny Cartwright
07/01/2016	Miriam Jenny Lodwig
08/01/1970	Ellen Scott
08/01/2006	Kenneth Arnold Cooper
09/01/2018	Joyce Patricia Channon
10/01/2002	James Blair Gillies

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:

Squash

Cup a Soups

Crackers

Quick Pasta

Kitchen Towel

PCC Minutes

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***

The week ahead

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

Monday 22nd 8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday 24th 3pm Crib Service

11pm Midnight Service

Thursday 25th 11am Christmas Service

Sunday 28th 10am Choir Practice

11am Informal Service

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Sunday 4th 10am Choir Practice

11am Parish Communion Service

Monday 5th 8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)

Wednesday 7th 10-11am Home Communion

7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice

Thursday 8th Jan 10-11.30am Butterflies

Sunday 11th Jan 10am Choir Practice

11am Sunday Funday!

6.30pm Evensong

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

Monday 22nd 8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)

7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice

Tuesday 23rd 8am Prayer with 'bible thought and open prayer' (Zoom)
Wed 24th 5pm Crib Service
11pm Midnight Service
Thursday 25th 8am BCP Service
9.30am Joint Christmas Day Service
Saturday 27th 3.30pm Wedding service for Justine Dornan and Daryl Arding
Sunday 28th 8am BCP Service
9am Morning Worship

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Thursday 1st 8am BCP Service
Friday 2nd 7-8.15pm Choir Practice
Saturday 3rd 6-7pm Band Practice
Sunday 4th 8am BCP Service
9am Parish Communion
10.30am Sunday Central
Monday 5th 8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)
7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice
Tuesday 6th 8am Prayer with 'bible thought and open prayer' (Zoom)
9-11am Teeny Tinies (Church Hall)
Wed 7th 8.45am Morning Prayer
10-11.30am Garden Gang
2-4pm Warm Space
Thursday 8th 8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)
10am BCP Service followed by coffee
1.45pm Funeral Service for the late David Keith
Friday 9th 8.45am Morning Prayer
7-8.15pm Choir Practice
Sunday 11th 8am BCP Service
9am Parish Communion
9.30am-12pm Vitalize (Stables Centre)
10.30am Sunday Central

This list only represents services and events linked to the Church

