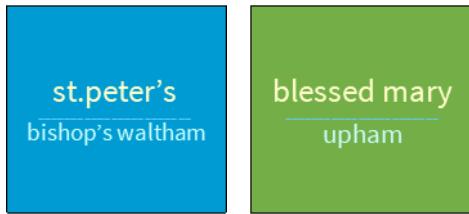


# St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches

## Sunday 11th January 2026



Happy New Year!

Here are the services for this Sunday, the 1st Sunday of Epiphany.

**At St Peter's**

8am BCP

9am Parish Communion

10.30am Sunday Central

**At Blessed Mary**

11am 'Sunday Funday' (Activities start at 10am)

6.30pm Evensong

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

In the coming weeks, please keep an eye out for all that is happening at both our Churches, but at this point, may I especially highlight the Alpha course - please pray for the course and think about who you might encourage to come along.

Revd James

**Bible Quote for the week:**

*"<sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. <sup>11</sup> On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."* Matthew 2v10-11

**Quote of the Week:**

*And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown". And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.*

*That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".  
So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.*

**ALPHA 2026 - Please note change of start date**

Starts January 15th

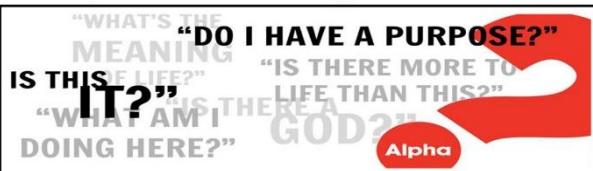


**Starting Thurs 15th  
January 2026**

*To register and more information:*

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

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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.**

**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.



### Prayers

R.I.P. Phyllis Meek  
R.I.P. David Keith

Please pray for the family and friends of Phyllis Meek and David Keith.

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, Jan Hayter, 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:

**11/01/1994 Felix Peter Matthews  
11/01/2007 Elizabeth Emma Restall  
12/01/1998 Alfred Arthur Fox  
13/01/2007 Doris (Ruth) Beechey  
13/01/2010 Ann Dilys Moore  
14/01/1987 Jack Dobbie  
14/01/1996 Margaret Elizabeth Pollard  
15/01/1998 Murry Brian Clarke  
16/01/2003 Nigel Barron Robinson  
17/01/2002 The Revd. Brian Dams  
17/01/2005 Jack Ernest Henry Barnfield**

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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  
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 Meat Meals  
Tinned green beans  
Stock cubes  
Toothbrushes  
Deodorant**

### The week ahead

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

Sunday 11th      10am Choir Practice  
                    11am Sunday Funday (Activities begin at 10am)  
                    6.30pm Evensong  
Monday 12th      8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)  
Wednesday 14th    10-11am Communion at the home of Anne Watson  
                    7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice  
Thursday 15th Jan 10-11.30am Butterflies  
Sunday 18th Jan    10am Choir Practice  
                    11am Village Communion

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

Sunday 11th      8am BCP Service  
                    9am Parish Communion  
                    10.30am Sunday Central  
Monday 12th      8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)  
                    7.30pm Lay Worship Leaders Commissioning Service  
                    7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice  
Tuesday 13th     8am Prayer with 'bible thought and open prayer' (Zoom)  
                    9-11am Teeny Tinies (Church Hall)  
Wed 14th        8.45am Morning Prayer  
                    10-11.30am Garden Gang (*In the Stables just for this week*)  
Thursday 15th    8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)  
                    10am Coffee and Cake with 'Thought for the Day'  
                    7-9pm Alpha Course at the Rectory  
Friday 16th      8.45am Morning Prayer  
                    7-8.15pm Choir Practice  
Sunday 18th      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***

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