

**St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches
Palm Sunday
Sunday 29th March 2026**

st.peter's
bishop's waltham

blessed mary
upham



Dear All

I hope you have had a good week.

Here are the services for this Sunday and the coming week:

At St Peter's

8am BCP

9am Palm Sunday Service

10.30am Sunday Central

(10am Thursday)

At Blessed Mary

11am Palm Sunday Service

Please see below for all our services over Holy Week

Please don't forget the clocks go forward an hour this Sunday

Finally, this Sunday Yasmin and Claire from the Alpha course are to be baptised/re-

new their baptism promises. They have been attending various services in the last few months (8am, 9am and 10:30am) and have really appreciated the welcome they have received.

Their family, friends and sponsors will be coming to coffee after the 9am Palm Sunday service, and then the first part of their baptism will be in the 10:30am service. Their actual baptism will then follow at Bishop's Waltham pool.

All are welcome to come and support at the 10:30am service and/or baptism at 12noon. After the baptism there will be an opportunity for a church swim until 12:45/1pm!

With prayers for the week ahead.

Revd James

Bible Verse for the week: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of The Lord! peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" Luke 19v38

Quote for the week: "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you." Augustine of Hippo

Tenebrae Service

St Peter's Tuesday 31st March at 7.30pm

The name Tenebrae is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows."
One of the most conspicuous features of the service is the gradual extinguishing of **seven candles** until only a **single candle (the eighth and largest candle)**, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains.



This service of "shadows" emphasizes the suffering of Christ through Scripture readings and concludes in near-total darkness and silence to represent the tomb.

As we move through Holy Week, you are very welcome to join us for this unique service.

Holy Week services

In our Churches

EASTER AT ST PETER'S

Join us as we remember Jesus' death and resurrection before and during Holy Week and on Easter Day

Palm Sunday - 29th March

8.00am BCP Service
9.00am Palm Sunday Service
10.30am Sunday Central

Tuesday 31st March

7.30pm Tenebrae Service

Maundy Thursday - 2nd April

10.00am BCP in Church
11.00am Portsmouth Cathedral Choral Eucharist
8.00pm Remembering the Last Supper followed by Vigil to midnight

Good Friday - 3rd April

10.00am Walk of Witness
10.30-12.30pm Family Activities in the Rectory Garden
1-3.00pm Preaching The Cross

Easter Sunday - 5th April

6.00am Dawn Service
8.00am BCP Service in Church
9.30am Joint Easter Day Service

For more information on St Peter's visit
www.stpetersbw.org



Blessed Mary Church Easter and April 2026

2nd April - Maundy Thursday service in the Upper Room 8pm

3rd April - Good Friday Communion Service 12pm

5th April - 11am Easter Day Service
(There will be a Dawn Service at St Peter's at 6am, to which all are welcome)

12th April - 11am Sunday Funday
6.30pm Evensong

19th April - 11am Village Communion

26th April - 11am Informal Service



**In the Consistory Court of the Diocese of Portsmouth
In the matter of Bishop's Waltham St Peter**

And In the matter of a Faculty petition for the rebuilding of a damaged wall in the Churchyard

Petitioners:

1. PAUL EMMERSON (CHAIR, PCC FABRIC COMMITTEE)
2. AMANDA CAWOOD (CHURCHWARDEN)
3. ELIZABETH WEBB (CHURCHWARDEN)

Please note that the Petitioners propose to repair a damaged section of the churchyard wall just inside the Churchyard on the right as you enter the Churchyard from the Maypole Green direction. These works might disturb adjacent cremated remains but mitigations are proposed including the temporary removal of some memorial stones, and the temporary removal, secure storage and reinterment of ashes where absolutely unavoidable

Any interested person can inspect the formal advertisement of the petition on the notice board inside the Church, on the principal external door of the Church and attached to stakes at either end of the section of the affected wall in the Churchyard

Copies of the Schedule of Works, relevant plans and documents may be examined at the Stables Parish Office, Maypole Green, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1PW during normal Office opening hours i.e 9.00am to 1.00pm Tuesday to Thursday and 9.00am to 12 noon on Friday, excluding Bank Holidays. If these times are not convenient, please contact Paul Emmerson on 07901 842196 to make a special arrangement

Duty warden for the 9am Sunday services

Due to sick leave I am looking to recruit a duty warden for the 9am Sunday services at St. Peter's starting in May.....**Could it be you?**

You'd go on a rota and be duty warden about once every few weeks

The role isn't hard but is vital to the smooth running of the services.

If anyone is interested please contact me, Mandy

Cawood Amandajcawood@gmail.com and I can send you the details of the role and have a chat.

Many thanks

Mandy

Sponsored Walk to raise funds for Kate's trip to Uganda
6th April

Kate our Families children and youth worker is leading a small team to Uganda this July for 3 weeks to focus mainly on Young peoples ministry and Families.

As part of her mission preparations, she and her children Edward and Ruby, and Jon and Aysher Day will also be going and we hope you can join us too!

Either for the walk or part of it and donate or raise funds to help us! 10% raised will go to Watsan Water which we shall visit and encourage when there.

Please get in touch with Kate to find out what we will be doing!

Kate has said Going to Uganda is much needed to recharge her spiritual batteries when working in UK which at times is a lot harder!

Text Kate if you can pledge or want to. find out details for walk..

**KATE RUBY & EDWARDS SPONSORED
10 MILE WALK FOR UGANDA MISSION
WHEN-APRIL 6TH
ALL WELCOME TO JOIN & HELP US
RAISE FUNDS**




**FROM JULY 1ST TO 21ST JULY 2026 WE ARE
JOINING UP WITH KANUNGU KINKIIZI
DIOCESE AND RUKUNGIRI DIOCESE TO
SPEND TIME WORKING IN SCHOOLS
ORPHANAGES CHURCHES SHARING &
TEACHING GODS LOVE WITH OUR FRIENDS.
PLEASE WILL YOU JOIN US ON THE WALK &
TO HELP RAISE FUNDS OR KINDLY DONATE
MANY THANKS KATE SMYTH**

A date for your Diary!

RAISING SPONSORSHIP FOR
OUR UGANDA MISSION

**AN EVENING OF
POP & JAZZ**

WITH JOEL PHELPS



QUIZ WITH EDDIE SMYTH

ST PETERS CHURCH
HALL FREE STREET
SO32 1NS BISHOPS
WALTHAM

15 MAY, 2026
7PM

BRING A BOTTLE

FOR TICKETS TEXT: 07986009942

Prayers

R.I.P. Theresa Savage

Please pray for the family and friends of Teresa Savage. 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: Simon Haines, 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:

30/3/1972	Josie Mary Tredre
31/3/1999	Frederick James Scott
31/3/1992	Jonina Ingibjorg Tomasdottir
01/4/2006	Kenneth A. Day
01/4/2009	Robin Vivian Cartwright

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 Meat Meals
Tinned Custard
Biscuits
Toilet Rolls

Just a quick reminder that the Food Bank AGM is

on Monday April 13th at the Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham PO17 5AL. Doors open at 6.30 and the meeting will begin at 7.15. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Week Ahead

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

Sunday 29th 10am Choir Practice
 11am Palm Sunday Service
Monday 30th 8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday 1st 10am communion at the home of Jan and Barney Dunford
 7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice
Thursday 2nd 8pm Maundy Thursday Service in the Upper Room
Friday 3rd 12pm Good Friday communion service
Sunday 5th 11am Easter Day Service

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

Sunday 29th 8am BCP Service
 9am Palm Sunday Service
 9.30am-12pm Vitalize (Stables Centre)
 10.30am Sunday Central (Including Baptisms)
 5pm Worship Workshop
Monday 30th 8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)
 7-9pm Bell ringing practice
Tuesday 31st 8am Prayer with 'bible thought and open prayer' (Zoom)
 7.30pm Tenebrae Service
Wednesday 1st 8.45am Morning Prayer
Thursday 2nd 8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)
 10am BCP Service
 6-7.30pm Alpha Course in Church
 8pm Remembering the Last Supper
Friday 3rd 10 am Good Friday Walk of Witness
 10.30am-12.30pm Good Friday Activity in the Rectory Garden
 1-3pm Preaching the Cross
Sunday 5th 6am Dawn Service followed by refreshments
Easter Day 8am BCP Service
 9.30am Easter Day Service

This list only represents Christian services and events linked to worship at St Peter's and Blessed Mary
