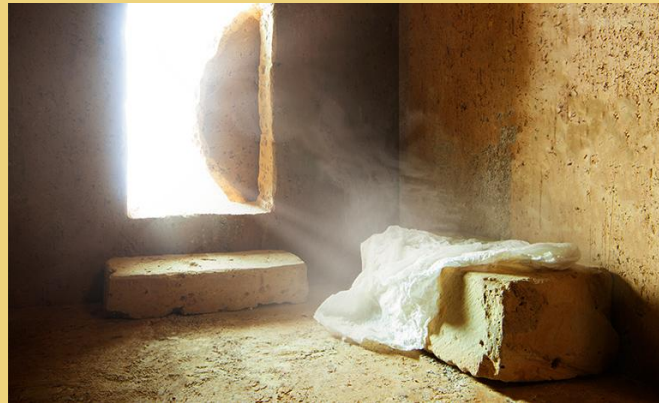


St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches
Easter Day
Sunday 5th April 2026



I hope your journey through Holy Week is going well, and it was lovely to start the week with a Tenebrae service on Tuesday at St Peter's with many coming along.

Over the next few days, we have other wonderful services and activities happening to help us in our journey through Good Friday and onto Easter Day. Please come along to as many as you can and encourage family, friends and neighbours. A full list for Blessed Mary and St Peter's is below:

St Peter's

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

10am BCP Service

8pm Remembering the Last Supper
(please come from 7:30pm for drinks)

Good Friday 3rd April

10 am Good Friday Walk of Witness

1-3pm Preaching the Cross

Sunday 5th April Easter Day

6am Dawn Service followed by refreshments at The Rectory
(please let James know if you hope to come for breakfast
so we can get an idea of numbers: stpbn.lector@gmail.com)
8am BCP Service
9.30am Easter Day Service

Blessed Mary

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

8pm Maundy Thursday Service in the Upper Room

Good Friday 3rd April

12pm Good Friday communion service

Easter Sunday 5th April

11am Easter Day Service

With my prayers your Holy Week and Easter

Revd James

"He is not here; he has risen!" **Matthew 28v6**

"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it". **Hebrews 13v2**

Alpha Course Baptisms



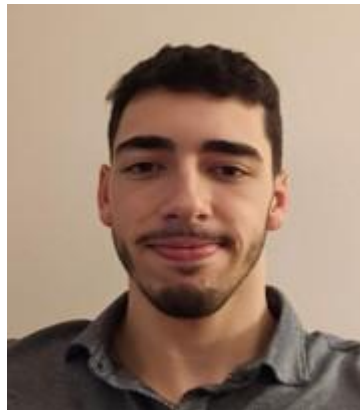


Congratulations to Claire who was baptised last Sunday and Yasmin who renewed her baptism promises. We had a lovely service with their family and supporters in Church, and then the actual baptism took place at Bishop's Waltham Junior School pool.

Thank you to Gill Cooper and Darren Campbell (headteacher) for making it all possible on the day. The water was a lovely warm temperature and many enjoyed a swim afterwards including Rev James!

Faculty Petition for the rebuilding of the damaged wall in the Churchyard

Click [here](#) to view



Joel Phelps and Band Instruments/Equipment

In case some of you have now met Joel yet, please see his picture above or do say hello in person over coffee on a Sunday Morning!

Joel joined us back in February to help lead our 10:30 sung worship and take the band forwards in our next stage of development.

Joel is helping expand what we can do alongside our music director Michael and all our

musicians and singers. Last Sunday, a very successful 'worship workshop' was held (with 10 present) to learn about how we are looking to develop our band led worship.

To support Joel and the band, we are in the process of purchasing various key things to enable the band to operate in an 'up to date' way including: drum kit (already purchased), synthesiser keyboard, tablets (to read music from versus paper based), earphones (to replace the dais floor speakers) and various cabling and other items. All these items are being funded from legacy funds allocated for improvement work.

Overall this is all an exciting and long needed development for our 10:30 service and band.

Revd James, Mandy and Liz

Alpha 2026



As you know we have been running an Alpha course at The Rectory since January and it has been a fantastic group and a wonderful time together! Our last evening will be this Thursday as part of our Passover Supper experience. Please come along to join in and to meet everyone from Alpha and they would like to get to know you!

We have had 30 guests on Alpha, which has been wonderful, and everyone has completed the course which is terrific. After Easter we will be running at least two post Alpha groups, for those who would like to keep meeting and to learn more about what it means to be a follower of Jesus in life today.

Looking forwards, we are planning to run Alpha courses much more regularly throughout the year. In doing so, we might meet and welcome new people into our church family of St Peters and Blessed Mary.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all you who have made Alpha possible by

cooking and helping in the kitchen....there are too many of you to name, but thank you, you have been amazing!

It has been hard work, for the Alpha Team, but worth every minute in terms of the joy seen in serving, and helping other people in their journey of faith and commitment.

A lovely bible verse that sums up the experience of Alpha is this:

"Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it". Hebrews 13v2

Revd James, Simon Harrison and Alice Watkins

PCC meeting of St Peter's

Please click [here](#) for a summary notice of what was agreed at the PCC meeting.


Please Note.....



An Evening Murder Mystery
Saturday 16 May 2026
7 for 7.30 St Peter's Church Hall
Contact Frances: flegget@hotmail.com
In aid of the Churchyard Restoration Project
Meal included - Posh Cruise frocks recommended


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 15 MAY, 2026
HALL FREE STREET 7PM
SO32 1NS BISHOPS
WALTHAM £10

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:

06/04/2009 Lawrence Herbert Pither
06/04/2018 Donald Tom Fordy

08/04/1996 Paul Patrick Gallifant
08/04/2018 Ethel Whymark
09/04/2001 Pauline Carpenter
09/04/2008 Marilyn Madden
09/04/2017 Roger John Parker
09/04/2018 Jocelyn Marjorie White
10/04/2011 Michael John Marshall Plumridge
11/04/2001 David George Restall
11/04/2004 Doreen Ruth Helen Smith

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:

Instant Mashed Potato

Tinned beef meals

Tinned Corned Beef

Cream Crackers

Washing up liquid

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.

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

Sunday 5th 10am Choir Practice
 11am Easter Day Service
Wednesday 8th 10am communion at the home of Anne Watson
 7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice
Sunday 12th 10am Choir Practice
 11am Sunday Funday
 6.30 Evensong

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

Sunday 5th 6am Dawn Service followed by refreshments at The Rectory
(if are intending to come please let James know so we can get an idea of numbers
stpbn.rector@gmail.com)
Easter Day 8am BCP Service
 9.30am Easter Day Service
Monday 6th 7-9pm Bell ringing practice
Tuesday 7th 8am Prayer with 'bible thought and open prayer' (Zoom)
 4pm Church Coffee Team Meeting
Wednesday 8th 8.45am Morning Prayer
Thursday 9th 8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)
 10am BCP Service
Friday 10th 8.45am Morning Prayer
 7-8.15pm Choir Practice
 8.30pm-10pm Worship Band Practice
Saturday 2pm-7pm Bell ringers quarterly district meeting followed by evensong
Sunday 12th 8am BCP Service
 9am Parish communion
 10.30am Sunday Central

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

