

St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches

Sunday 26th July 2026

st.peter's
bishop's waltham

blessed mary
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Dear All

I hope your week is going well. Here are this week's services

St Peter's

8am BCP Service

9am Morning Worship

10.30am St Peter's at 10:30 with communion

Thursday 10am Communion

Blessed Mary

11am Informal service

6.30pm Taizé Service

Wednesday 10am Communion

Please see below for the links to our weekly online morning prayer times.

With my prayers for Sunday and next week

Revd James

Bible Verse: Exodus 20:7

⁷“You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name”

Women's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 15th August



Starting at 9am ending at 10:30am on Saturday 15th August at Jireh Lodge, Bishops Wood Road, Mislingford, PO17 5AT.

A time for a friendly breakfast, served by some men of the Church, followed by prayer and ministry.

All ladies are invited, bring a friend, it will be great fun.

Registration with Dr. Denise Stone

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St Peter's PCC Update

Church Re-imagining, Youth Leadership

Two weeks ago PCC met to discuss and make decisions on several important matters. Below is a summary of what was discussed and agreed. We hope this helps keep you up to date. If you have any questions or comments, please do get in touch with me or one of the churchwardens.

Revd James

Leadership Structure

St Peter's is a larger and growing church family, which is a real encouragement. As we continue to grow, the PCC agreed that we need to develop a stronger and more defined leadership structure so that leadership, oversight and responsibility can be shared more effectively and sustainably.

Areas we are looking to strengthen include:

- **The 10.30am service**
- **Oversight of our 8.00am, 9.00am and 10.30am services**
- **Youth work**
- **Pastoral care**
- **Communications**
- **Faith in later life**
- **Prayer**
- **Outreach (including events and Alpha)**
- **Discipleship**

Please pray that God will call, equip and guide the right people into these important leadership roles.

Youth Leadership

Our families' and children's ministry continues to go well. However, our youth work

has reached a point where we need to restart with fresh leadership and new ideas. To help with this, a group consisting of Revd Larry, Kate Smyth, Joel Phelps, Liz Webb, Graham Perrott and Revd James is taking part in the diocesan Myriad Pathway, exploring what an effective and sustainable youth ministry could look like in our area.

Alongside this, the Deanery is bid for funding to develop youth leadership and projects across the area. As part of this ongoing work, the PCC has agreed that appointing a Youth Leader should be a priority over the coming months. We are now moving forward with this process and hope to be interviewing soon. Any appointment will be funded through the church's restricted funds, together with Deanery funding if our application is successful. This means the post will not for the next few years need to be funded from our general church funds which are stretched.

Church Re-imagining

As you may remember, we recently held two consultation meetings to hear your thoughts and feedback on the church re-imagining project. Thank you to everyone who took part. the questions and summary of responses are below:

Q1. What do you think about the re-imagining so far?

- Good – 86% (26 of 30)
- In between – 10% (3 of 30)
- Not good – 3% (1 of 30)

Q2. What do you think we should do next?

- Continue with further work – 83% (25 of 30)
- Not sure – 10% (3 of 30)
- Stop – 3% (1 of 30)
- No response – 3% (1 of 30)

Q3. If you feel we should continue, what further changes would you like to see?

A wide range of helpful ideas and suggestions were shared, covering several different areas of church life and the building.

In light of all the discussions and feedback received, the PCC agreed to proceed with Stage 2 of the overall re-imagining project (we have in mind a Stage 3 in a few years when we might have funds to do this) . The Archdeacon, our architect and the Diocese are all supportive of this next stage. We will shortly be meeting with them to agree the detailed plans and specifications and to begin the faculty application process. Once these details have been confirmed, we will share a fuller outline of the proposed work together with the reasoning behind each element of the project.



If you were in church on 21st June you will recall that Mary Blow is being amazingly brave and with other members in the diocese is taking part in a sponsored Abseil down the Spinnaker Tower on 8th August.

This is the main 150th Anniversary fundraising appeal for Portsmouth Diocese, Mothers' Union, in support of the projects and campaigns you heard about in the presentation*. If you would like to encourage Mary in this venture, your sponsorship will be much appreciated

Opportunities to sponsor Mary will be available between services on Sundays from 5th July, and at Mothers Union meetings on 10th or 15th OR to Mary in person using **option b or c**

The following are options for donating.

- a. By Debit Card using the Church Card Reader
- b. In Cash
- c. By Bank transfer into the Mothers Union Account – details from Mary or Di.

If you would like to Gift Aid, the donation needs to be in the name of a taxpayer in your household whose address, including post code, must appear on the form.

If a cheque payment is your only way of donating, please talk to Di.

Thank you on behalf of all who will benefit

Mothers' Union Members

*St. Peter's Website Youtube 21st June

Prayers

R.I.P. Colin Perrott

Please pray for the family and friends of Colin Perrott and Elizabeth Newton-Ember.

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: Cathie Passingham, Janet

Stacey, Simon Haines, Sheila Boyes, Jackie Suter, Maureen Thornton 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:

27/7/1994	William James Lodwig
27/7/2003	Fiona Claire Shaw
27/7/2004	Joan White
28/7/2014	Sally Virginia Curzon Farmiloe
01/8/2010	Judith Ann James

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:

Breakfast Cereal

Biscuits

Tinned Tuna

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Vegetables

The Meon Valley Foodbank

The trustees of the foodbank are seeking to recruit three new members to join our existing trustee body. As a Registered Charity, our role is to oversee the governance of the foodbank and to support the work of our Foodbank Manager, Theresa Pratt, and our team of volunteers. We meet as a governing body six to eight times a year to fulfil our legal responsibilities as a charity, to ensure our finances are secure, and to maintain the Christian foundations of our work in the community.

We urgently need to recruit a trustee with accountancy skills and/or experience of being a treasurer to work alongside our bookkeeper. We would also welcome someone with experience as a trustee for a charity or has been involved in the charity sector. This is an opportunity to make a significant difference to our community.

If you would like to meet and learn more then please contact me by mobile 07888838427 or by email at davidproud56@gmail.com We can also arrange a visit to the food bank to meet the team at work and get an idea of what we are about.

Rev. David Proud,
Chair of Trustees

Prayer Meetings

Tuesday St Peter's Zoom 8am

(Bible Reading, Reflection and Open Prayer)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72781729786?pwd=bgeewDmcSbm9kzhsZaSwHxX8bmAji.1>

Meeting ID: 727 8172 9786

Passcode: mrB801

Thursday Zoom 8am

(Celtic based prayers)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71416398016?pwd=UbyiKmTc0HUgSPRiaaxHBH6s0aUuSC.1>

Meeting ID: 71416398016

Passcode: 7KyGsU

Please do come along to pray for our churches, communities and world:

The Week Ahead

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

- Sunday 26th 10am Choir Practice
 11am Informal Service
 6.30pm Taizé Service
- Wed 29th 10am communion at the home of Barney and Janet Dunford
 7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice
- Sun 2nd August 10am Choir Practice
 11am Village Communion

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

- Sunday 26th 8am BCP Service
 9am Morning Worship
 10.30am Sunday Central with communion
- Monday 27th 7-9pm Bell ringing practice
- Tuesday 28th 8am Prayer with 'bible thought and open prayer' (Zoom)
- Wed 29th 8.45am Morning Prayer
- Thurs 30th 8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)
 10am BCP Service
- Friday 31st 8.45am Morning Prayer
 7-8.15pm Choir practice
 8.30pm-10.30pm Worship Band practice
- Sat 1st August 9.30-10.30am Visiting Bell Ringers
- Sunday 2nd 8am BCP Service
 9am Parish Communion Service
 10.30am Sunday Central

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