

St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches

Sunday 16th August 2026

ECO Church

st.peter's
bishop's waltham

blessed mary
upham



Dear All

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

St Peter's

8am BCP Service

9am Parish Communion

10.30am St Peter's at 10:30

This Sunday we have a one off special theme around being a 'ECO Church' and Mandy Cawood our church warden is giving the talk

Thursday 10am Communion

Blessed Mary

11am Village Communion

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

Revd James

Bible Verse: Genesis 1:26

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground"

Morning Prayer at St Peter's - Wednesday and Friday
8.45am-9am



*A gentle reminder that **Morning Prayer** takes place in church from 8:45 to 9am on Wednesdays and Fridays and no meetings or informal gatherings should take place during this time, as quiet is necessary for those who attend. The church is open and free over most of the rest of the day, but if you are not sure, please check with the church office. Thank you.*
Revd James

Youth Leader Appointment

We are very pleased to announce, that Joel Phelps, our current Sung Worship/Band Leader for the 10:30 service has now also been appointed as our new Youth Leader. We are truly blessed to have him, as youth leaders are hard to find and Joel is great! Joel has been a youth leader at his home church as well as a Sung Worship Leader.

Many of you already know Joel, but if not, he would be delighted to say hello and share what he'll be starting this autumn, as well as plans and projects through into 2027. As things are confirmed, we will share more details. We very much hope that some of you will feel called to help and join in with our youth activities and groups.

Joel will be working for us for 2.5 days per week in term time. In holiday periods his time will be more varied depending on events/activities and planning needs for the next term.*

Joel is joining us in an 'apprenticeship/trainee' capacity and so will in the rest of his time (outside the 28 hours) will be taking part in relevant training and courses.

Over 2027 we are aiming to develop the youth work into something that covers the wider area, not just Bishop's Waltham and Upham.

As Joel focuses on youth work, Kate will be focusing on families and children.

A 'Family, Children and Youth' 'Core Team', led by Revd James and Liz, will oversee our vision and plans.

If you would like to know more, or have any questions, please do be in touch.

Revd James – Rector

Liz Webb – Warden for Families, Children and Youth

**As previously mentioned, this role is not being supported from our general funds which continue to be under pressure, but from 'restricted' funds that we now hold from the previous BWEI charity. To make youth work sustainable, which is so important for the church now and in the future, we will be looking to raise additional giving and funds in the next few years. If you would like to give specifically towards enabling our Family, Children and Youth work, we would love to hear from you and please be in touch with Paul Emmerson paulemmerson46@gmail.com*



Mary's Abseil for Mothers' Union

I did it! It was definitely the most terrifying, never to be repeated, unforgettable experience, but I felt a great sense of achievement and honour to be raising the flag for the wonderful Mothers Union in such a way.

So many people from St Peter's and Blessed Mary came down to support me. That was absolutely amazing and it really helped hearing their shouts of support. I have raised nearly £2500..... absolutely incredible.....and all of this will go towards supporting Families both in the UK and worldwide. There were four MU members from the Portsmouth Diocese doing the Abseil at midday and three more later in the afternoon. We did Mary Sumner proud. She started this wonderful organisation 150 years ago in Arlesford.

I want to say an enormous THANK YOU to everyone for all your support, both emotionally, spiritually and financially. It has meant such a lot to me.

With my love and thanks,

Mary xx





New Alpha Course Starting 24th September

This coming Autumn we are hosting another Alpha Course, starting on Thursday 24th Sep 2026 7:30-9:00pm.

Alpha is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life, to ask questions and find out more about Christian faith.

Please pray for the course and also give some thought to who you might invite to come along.



To book or to find out more please
contact Revd James
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More information can be found on our
church website: www.stpetersbw.org.uk

**Revd James
Michael and Christine Coker**

Coffee on Sunday Opportunities for you to help!!



The commitment of the Weekly Coffee Teams is appreciated by many in our congregations

Currently space is limited but ideally, we need three people for each Coffee team so that:

- we always have at least two Servers available and perhaps one can have a break
- there is an extra person when a team member is on holiday or numbers are high
- The later team members who wash up don't miss part of the Service that starts by 10.40am.

Currently we don't have reserves who are not already committed to something else.

Please, would you be prepared to join a team or offer to help with the clearing up on a particular Sunday?

If you - male or female - can help in some way, please speak to Di Hunt with your early-session offer or Steph Kelsey for the 10.20 – 10.40am time – or directly to any of the team members if you wish to volunteer on a particular Sunday or time or to find out more,

Your help would be very welcome - the more offers we have - the easier for all!

Thank you!

Prayers

Please pray for the family and friends of Patrick Silvester, Colin Perrott, 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: Julia and Stephen Latham, Terry Tizzard, Rick and Jacquie, 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:

17/8/2005	Margaret Emma Gamblin
18/8/2010	Margaret Anne Gillies
19/8/1979	Phyllis Josephine (Jo) Folger
19/8/2010	Charles Thomas Henry "Chas" Cooper
22/8/1981	Owen Perdue Beechey

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 Rice Pudding
Tinned Custard
Tinned Potatoes
Granola
Toothpaste

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)

Sun 16th August 10am Choir Practice
 11am Village Communion
Wed 19th 7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice
Sun 23rd August 10am Choir Practice
 11am Informal Service

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

Sunday 16th 8am BCP Service
 9am Parish Communion Service
 10.30am 'The 10.30'
Mon 17th 7-9pm Bell ringing practice
Tues 18th 8am Prayer with 'bible thought and open prayer' (Zoom)
Wed 19th 8.45am Morning Prayer
 10am Youth event in the Rectory Garden
 2-4pm Warm/Cool Space
Thurs 20th 8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)
 10am 'Thought for the Day' with coffee and cake.
Fri 21st 8.45am Morning Prayer
 5pm Wedding rehearsal
 8.30pm-10pm Worship Band practice
Sat 22nd 1pm Wedding ceremony for Oliver Massey and Lucy Jonas
Sun 23rd 8am BCP Service
 9am Morning Worship
 10.30am 'The 10.30' with communion

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