

St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches Sunday 23rd August 2026

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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

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

Please pray for Oliver Massey and Lucy Jonas who are marrying at St Peter's on Saturday

Revd James

Bible Verse: Matthew 16:18

And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.



THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all who donated to our collection last Sunday for the local Bishop's Waltham firefighters.

You raised an amazing £522.

Liz and I went shopping and bought them a large selection of drinks, cereal bars, biscuits, tea, coffee and treats as a thank you for all their hard work during the recent heat waves and fires.

There is some money left over and the fire service are going to let us know what they would like it spending on.

We also presented them with a poster not only saying grateful thanks but also letting them know that we, as a congregation, were praying for their safety.

Thankyou again

Mandy Cawood and Liz Webb

St Peter's Church wardens.

LADIES PRAYER BREAKFAST

We had a very successful ladies prayer breakfast on Saturday 15th August. 19 ladies came, 4 men cooked and served.

Much prayer was lifted up!

We have the first men's prayer breakfast on Saturday 26th September at Jireh Lodge, Bishops Wood Road, PO17 5AT.

Arrive by 08:45, ends at 10:45.

All men welcome, if you'd like to come, let Rev Larry know

ldstone1234@gmail.com



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

Thank you note from Cathy Passingham

Following my recent serious cycle accident, I have been overwhelmed with love and support from St Peters Church Community and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed in visits, prayer ...and especially sustenance! This wonderful support has been an enormous morale booster for Rod and myself, and I'm sure has helped my recovery rate. It'll be a slow process but I do hope to back with you all in September. With love, Cathy

Ride and Stride for Churches 12th September



On Saturday September 12th, the annual Historic Churches Ride and Stride event will be taking place. This is when many churches across the country will be open and sponsored walks and cycle rides will also be raising money to support these churches. Jackie Tyldesley has organised a group of cyclists to ride on that day. There will be a sponsor form at the back of the church over the next few weeks, if you would like to sponsor us. If you would like to cycle with us, please let Jackie know by emailing jackietyldesley@hotmail.co.uk Half of the sponsor money goes directly to St. Peter's and the other half goes to benefit other historic Hampshire churches. Many thanks for your support. Thanks, Jackie

P.S. Mandy and Liz have agreed to put some refreshments out for those who visit our church.

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
stpbn.lector@gmail.com

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!

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 have 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



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:

23/08/1980	David Phillips
24/08/2019	Bernard Harding
25/08/2014	Margaret Frances Cochrane
26/08/2025	Donald Beechey
28/08/2020	Jane Lawrence
29/08/1995	Doris May Harding

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:

Small bags of rice

Cup a soups

Biscuits

Tinned Spaghetti

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 23rd	10am Choir Practice
	11am Informal Service
Wed 26th	7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice
Sun 30th	10am Choir Practice
	11am Matins

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Sun 23rd	8am BCP Service
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	9am Morning Worship
	10.30am 'The 10.30' with communion
Mon 24th	7-9pm Bell ringing practice
Tues 25th	8am Prayer with 'bible thought and open prayer' (Zoom)
Wed 26th	8.45am Morning Prayer
Thurs 27th	8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)
	10am 'Thought for the Day' with coffee and cake.
Fri 28th	8.45am Morning Prayer
	8.30pm-10pm Worship Band practice
Sun 30th	8am BCP Service
	9am Parish communion
	10.30am 'The 10.30'

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

