

St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches

Sunday 30th August 2026

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

'The 10.30am' at 10:30

Thursday 10am Communion

Blessed Mary

11am Matins

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

Revd James

The Church office is now open as usual:

Tuesday - Thursday 9am-1pm

Friday 9am - 12pm



SWIFT BOX UPDATE

Thank you to all those who want to sponsor a swift nesting box.

We have room for 12 more boxes and now have at least 12 sponsors.

Ady, our swift expert, has been busy being a firefighter recently, but will make the 12 boxes as soon as he has time.

Once we have received the schedule B permission from the diocese and Ady has made the boxes we will be in touch to ask for your £25 sponsor money.

Sam, in the office, can accept your sponsorship and give you the payment details.

Many thanks for your sponsorship and your patience. Mandy

RE - IMAGINING UPDATE

As many of you have mentioned, it has been some time since we last communicated about the re-imagining process and the specific proposals being developed.

We are sorry for the delay and the resulting lack of information. Unfortunately, we have not previously had anything sufficiently definitive to share with you.

To bring you up to date, we have been having ongoing discussions through the PCC, our working group, and with the Diocese and Architect about what would be both appropriate and achievable.

We can now confirm that the proposals are beginning to take shape, and we hope to be in a position shortly to share these with everyone — including the Congregation, Church User Groups and Community Groups — and to invite your further feedback, comments and questions.

Over the autumn, we plan to make available a fuller description of the work, including plans and details covering:

- **The Big Picture** — our overall vision, including short- and longer-term needs, stages and processes.
- **Examples and Evidence** — relevant examples and the evidence informing our thinking.
- **Cost/Benefit Analysis** — the anticipated costs, benefits and implications.
- **Options Considered** — the different possibilities that have been explored and assessed.
- **Proposal Details** — the emerging proposals and what they would mean in practice.

Our intention throughout is to keep you informed and, importantly, to involve you in the process by providing opportunities to share your thoughts, questions and feelings.

We will therefore also arrange a series of meetings over the coming months, including presentations on the proposals and opportunities for questions, discussion and feedback.

We hope this update is helpful for now. As always, please do be in touch if you have any questions or comments in the meantime.

Re-Imagining Team: Revd James, Liz Webb, Mandy Cawood, Paul Emmerson, Charles Crossley, Simon Harrison, Nigel Hyde

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



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.

Prayers

R.I.P Mark West
R.I.P Michael Scruse

Please pray for the family and friends of Michael Scruse (Marion Mason's father), Mark West and Patrick Silvester. 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:

30/8/1989	Beryl Law
02/9/2009	Percy Frank George Smith
03/9/1985	Alice Georgina Leesmith
03/9/2015	Peter John Kelsey
04/9/2020	Maureen Ann McAndrew

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:

Tinned Tomatoes
Tinned Fruit

Cream Crackers Jam

Prayer Meetings

Tuesday St Peter's Zoom 8am

(Bible Reading, Reflection and Open Prayer)

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72781729786?pwd=bgeewDmcSbm9kzhsZaSwHxX8bmAjj.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 30th	10am Choir Practice
	11am Matins
Wed 3rd	7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice
Sun 6th Sept	10am Choir Practice
	11am Village Communion

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

Sun 30th	8am BCP Service
	9am Parish communion
	10.30am 'The 10.30'
Mon 31st	7-9pm Bell ringing practice
Tues 1st	8am Prayer with 'bible thought and open prayer' (Zoom)
Wed 2nd	8.45am Morning Prayer
Thurs 3rd	8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)
	10am BCP
Fri 4th	8.45am Morning Prayer
	7-8.15pm Choir Practice
	8.30pm-10pm Worship Band practice
Sun 6th	8am BCP Service
	9am Parish communion
	9.15-12pm Vitalize in the Stables
	10.30am 'The 10.30'

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