

St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches

Sunday 6th September 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 Village Communion

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

Revd James

Country Fayre

st peter's church, bishop's waltham

Saturday 19th September 2026
11am – 4pm

Appeal for items for stalls

Country Fayre Saturday 19 September 11.00 am to 4.00 pm

As usual, we require bottles for the bottle stall (please check that they are **in date**) and these can be bottles of any type e.g toiletries, soft drinks, food related etc and not just alcoholic drinks. If you can help, please collect a bottle carrier from the back of Church and return the carrier to the car port at The Old Pound on Maypole Green by **Thursday 17 September**

We already have a good stock of books for the book stall, so we are appealing for **paperback novels only**. These can be brought to the Stables Parish Office during normal Office opening times (Tuesday to Thursday, 9.00 am to 1.00 pm and Friday 9.00 am to 12 noon) between **Friday 4 September and Thursday 10 September-but not Monday 7 September as the Office is closed**

New for 2026! We are having a **vinyl record** stall beside the book stall, so this is your opportunity to get rid of those old vinyl records gathering dust at home! Please drop them in to the Office during the above opening times and dates

We also need **good quality, saleable antiques and collectables** for this popular stall and again these can be brought to the Stables Parish Office during the above opening times and dates

All PCC members have raffle tickets to sell so please support this major financial contributor to the Fayre and give yourself the opportunity to win the first prize of £150! For more information generally, please contact Paul Emmerson, 07901 842196 or e-mail: paulemmerson46@gmail.com

Finally, please come along on the day to enjoy this important fund raising and community outreach event

DO YOU LIKE BAKING?!

If so, could you please make a tray bake, a cake, some buns or biscuits for the refreshment area at the country fayre?

We love to serve a sweet treat with a cup of tea or coffee.

If you can help please contact Bev Rutter on rutterbev@gmail.com to arrange delivery and to confirm what you will be bringing along.

Many thanks for all your contributions.



Chris and Kesia's Update from Japan Click [here](#) to read.



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

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.

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

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:

06/09/2015	John Alfred Grover
08/09/1953	Anthony (Tony) Pink
09/09/2016	John Christopher Walker
10/09/2025	Norman Chatfield
12/09/2011	Michele Everest

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 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=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 6th	10am Choir Practice
	11am Village Communion
Wed 9th	10am Home Communion at the home of Judy Benham
	7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice
Thursday 10th	10am-12pm Butterflies Community Cafe
Sun 13th	10am Choir Practice
	10am Sunday Funday/Pet Service
	6.30pm Compline

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Sun 6th	8am BCP Service
	9am Parish communion
	9.15-12pm Vitalize in the Stables
	10.30am 'The 10.30'
Mon 7th	7-9pm Bell ringing practice
Tues 8th	8am Prayer with 'bible thought and open prayer' (Zoom)
	9.30-11.30 Teeny Tinies in the Hall
Wed 9th	8.45am Morning Prayer
	10-11.30am Garden Gang
	2-4pm Warm Space
Thurs 10th	8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)
	10am BCP
Fri 11th	8.45am Morning Prayer
	7-8.15pm Choir Practice
	8.30pm-10pm Worship Band practice
Sat 12th	Ride and Stride visitors during the day
	3.15-4pm Visiting Bell Ringers
Sun 13th	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
