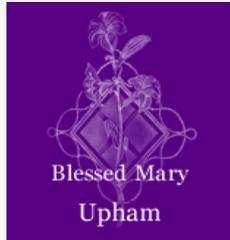


St Peters Church

Bishops Waltham



St Peter's and Blessed Mary Update

13 September 2020



This Week 13 September

Thank you for taking a moment to open up and read this week's update to keep you in touch with all that is happening in the life of St Peter's and Blessed Mary.

This Sunday you would be very welcome to join us at our St Peter's 9 am service(which will also be streamed online), our Blessed Mary 11 am service at Blessed Mary when we will be thinking about the theme: **The Way of Jesus - Accepting His forgiveness.**

Anyone who has been joining in with '10:30 Online' (St Peter's and Blessed Mary and others from the area) are very welcome to come to The Rectory for 10:30 am when we will

be starting a different journey for the next 8 weeks (13 Sep to 1 Nov) - taking time to go on a journey together in different ways and groups to explore 'The Way' of Jesus for our lives. We very much hope you can come along to hear what this is all about which will be good!

With regard to church life looking forwards, my special communication sent last week (Wed 2nd Sept) outlines the next steps for us over September and October. If you can take a moment to read it through, I hope you will find it helpful and answer questions about what we are doing and can't do at the moment.

With regard to the recent government announcement about family or friends social gatherings, I can confirm that the restrictions around places of worship will remain as they were up to this point. On this basis we can continue with our church plans (with social distancing) for Sep/Oct: prayer groups home groups, small activity groups, community activities and services/gatherings.

Just to confirm that all are welcome in Church, but please note the required social distancing measures (2 meters) and the wearing of face coverings are both mandatory for inside services.

If you have any queries or questions please do let me know.

With my prayers

Revd James

Services this Sunday

Exploring 'The Way' of Jesus



You are very welcome to join us this Sunday at any of our services at St Peter's and Blessed Mary or are run for both communities.

St Peter's Church Sunday 9 am - 'The 9 am'

I am pleased to announce that (replacing Sunday 4 pm and 9 am Live) we have re-started back in our wonderful church of St Peter's. We are aiming to run the service as

normally as we can focusing on 'what we can do' not 'what we can't' - it is lovely to be back!

The things that we have to do for the moment are: to wash hands as we arrive and sign a register; to wear face masks throughout (except to receive communion); to be 2 m from each other (unless in a husband/wife or family pod); to sing and to receive communion wine. However, the choir will be present and sing for us; we can enjoy fellowship with those that we are sitting near; and I hope that we can have some fellowship time outside (maintaining 2 m distancing) by bringing our own flask of tea/coffee and some biscuits or cake to eat!

The service will be streamed on face book and you tube for those who are unable to come back to join us yet. (Please see links below). The toilets will be available for use, one person at a time, but please ensure you use gel on entry and wash your hands on exit.

Blessed Mary Sunday 11 am - 'Village Service'

We are aiming at each Sunday being a 'village service' engaging to all. We are moving our emphasis for families to festival services, a Coffee Morning/Preschool Group; a Post School Activity/Group; Holiday Clubs; and a new Youth Group. Our new FCY Worker once appointed will help us with this. For those who enjoy regular informal worship and/or need more weekly family input, St Peter's and Blessed Mary will be offering a mixed programme across both churches to support families.

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St Peters and Blessed Mary 'The 10:30'

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The proposal is to take the 8 Sundays over September and October as a time to 'explore' what life and Christian faith is all about:

6th September - 10:30 Online - the big picture 'Come follow me'

13th September - 10:30 The Rectory - come to hear about the way ahead

20th September-1st November - to take time in 'Way Groups' to explore in different ways what it means to be a follower of Jesus on the Way of the Christian life...

There will be shape to these times, but also freedom to explore. It is proposed that Way Groups be run with 6 people initially and maybe more later. During this time we will talk with each other about ideas for the future and the medium/longer term. What we do will be

'inter generational' so all can join in, including families, children and young people.

We hope to continue to stream some parts of our what we do so keep an eye out on the St Peter's **Facebook page** [@StPetersBW](#) or St Peter's Church Bishop's Waltham **YouTube channel**. You can access both these direct or via the St Peter's website home page www.stpetersbw.org.uk

There are no weddings or funeral services this week in either Church.

If you would like to add something to these updates, please email Sam in the Parish office bwuoffice@tiscali.co.uk or call on 01489 892197

The Church can be used for small gatherings, if you would like to book the space, please contact Sam as she looks after the diary.

*The Hall and Stables can be booked by contacting Margaret Barmby barmbys@uwclub.net
01489 895071*

We are getting booked up quickly, so please don't delay!

MEMORIAL SERVICE - CANCELLED

The MEMORIAL SERVICE at West Hoe Cemetery, Bishop's Waltham on Saturday 19th September 2020 at 2.30pm has been cancelled.



Thursday 10am Service - Transport

Distancing in a car is difficult so our arrangements for church transport have to change. We think a Driver with one passenger in the back will be safe for a short journey as long as masks are worn, a window is open and the person is able to get in and out of the car independently.

Please if you are able to help with this ministry by picking up an older church member at 9.40am and taking them (ladies at the moment) to the church door, staying for the Service if you wish and /or collecting them at 10.45am. (11.15 am once we can have refreshments) please could you let Di Hunt know dianahunt6@gmail.com. Those needing the transport and who have missed church so much would be very grateful. Currently the service is fortnightly starting this Thursday, but I am hoping that just once a month driving commitment would be possible.

We will ask you to be DBS checked - but please don't let that put you off!

Thank you in anticipation Di



STREET PASTORS

With continued social distancing it's been much more challenging to tell people about the wonderful work the Street Pastors have been doing over the last six months.

But if you would like to know who the Street Pastors are, what they do and how you might join their team please watch the video link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p_w0Kx0zh4E



MEON VALLEY FOOD BANK



Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

The Items we require this week are:-

Small jars of coffee
Small bags of sugar
Angel delight
Tins of spaghetti and spaghetti hoops
Peanut Butter
Marmite

Please note that Budgens in Bishops Waltham is now closed.
Please drop of your donations at The Youth Hall opposite Budgens on Tuesday between
10 and 1pm.
Many thanks

The MVFB Team

Meon Valley Foodbank
07956375447 www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk
Follow us on twitter @MeonValleyFB

PRAYER



There are lots of ways to pray at the moment and it would be lovely if you might join in with something

Start the Day 9-9:05 am (Mon-Fri) - please join me on the St Peter's Facebook page to hear a simple thought for the day and a prayer

Prayer and Meditation 8-8:45 pm (Wed) - please contact Revd Moray Thomas
moraythomas@btinternet.com 01329-833174

Morning Prayer

St Peters 8:45-9am (Mon to Fri) - please contact Wendy Cooper
wendy@barafundle.plus.com 01489-896186

Blessed Mary 8:30am (Mon) and 10am (Wed) - please contact Revd Jane Beloe
janibeloe@btinternet.com 01489-860452

Prayer Group 6 pm (Tues and Weds)

This is a facebook prayer group to connect with each other and God in a more informal way

For more information and about how to join in please contact:

- Emmie Kerby emma.kerby@hotmail.com 07940323483
- Emma Andersen emma-simply-flowers.org 01489-890291

Prayer Diary

Revd Tom Johns creates a daily monthly prayer diary for us to use which is really helpful and valuable. If you would like a copy please click here: [Prayer Diary](#)

RESOURCES



There are lots of outside resources that we can use to help us grow in Christian faith...why not give one or more of these a try?:

Daily Hope - offers music, prayers and reflections at the end of a telephone line. The FREE line is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** and has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

Explore Bible Notes - app for teenagers or adults to help read through the Bible:
[Explore](#)

Desiring God - resources answering questions in 10 minutes: [Desiring God](#)

UCB Word for Today - Thought for the Day [Word For Today](#)

Lectio 365 - Daily Devotional [Lectio 365](#)

Brian Draper - Thought for the Day [Brian Draper](#)

Please Pray

Please pray for those who especially need our prayers at this time:

Alan and Jane Inder, Roy King and all those whose names are written in our Book of Requests for Prayer

Please hold before God in your prayers the family and friends of those who have died during this time:

Blessed Mary, Upham

Sue Lowe

St Peter's, Bishop's Waltham

Jane Lawrence, Ian Havelock Stevens, Maureen 'Maud' McAndrew

Anniversaries of Death falling around this time, who are recorded in our Book of Remembrance:

Vera May Stacey - 13/09/2003

Peggy Doreen Dugmore - 15/09/1996

Bruce Cope - 18/09/2017

Phillip Leslie Parry-Morris - 19/09/1996

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