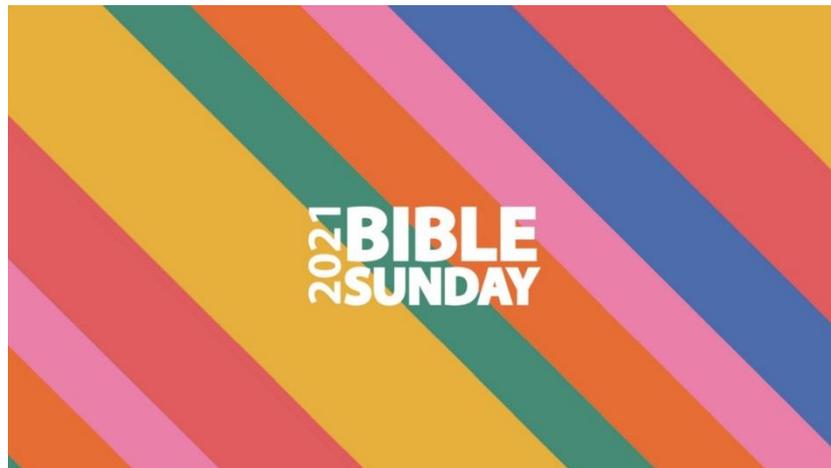
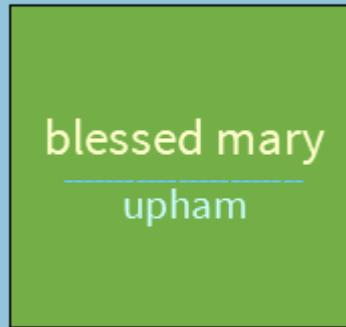


St Peter's and Blessed Mary

Sunday 24 October



Dear Sam

Welcome to this week's update.

Please find below highlights of all that is coming up which I hope you will find helpful.

May I especially highlight the Westbrook Youth Camp taking place this weekend. There are 70 going including 15 of our own youth group and 3 leaders (Kate Smyth, Robin Andersen and Nick Alcock) which is very exciting! May I also highlight some key events for your diary including the Light Party, The Felt Beaters event and Water into Wine event.

Finally, may I please encourage you, while infection rates are higher, to be as safe as you can for yourself and for those around you. The key things to do are to wear a face mask on arrival/going/moving around, wash/gel your hands frequently and to allow some space between you and others. This way we can minimise risk whilst carrying on as normally as possible. At the St Peter's crossover coffee, it would be helpful if we take our coffee and spread out a bit throughout the church.

For our current guidance please click here: [Stage 4 Covid Guidance](#)

Revd James

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Westbrook Youth Camp



Kate Smyth, Robin Andersen and Nick Alcock are taking 15 GWNN youth to Westbrook christian camp on the Isle of Wight from 22rd to 25th October to meet up with 70 youth and 20 leaders from around Hampshire.

The camp is action packed with many activities and games and crafts. We look forward to swimming, laser quest and slip sliding down the slip slide plus the masked Ball on Saturday night! Each day the youth will come together for a time of Christian teaching to explore who Jesus is and why we follow him today.

Please pray for good spiritual conversations and to see many follow Jesus or have their faith strengthened. Pray for safety and many happy memories made.

Choral Evensong

Choral Evensong is a Church of England Service traditionally held near sunset and focussed on Bible readings, Hymns, Psalms, Anthems and other Biblical canticles. Most English Cathedrals, where Choral Evensong originates, hold regular Services. Evensong is enjoying a great resurgence and attracting widespread support, particularly in University Cities and has always had a great following in English Parish Churches.

This **Sunday, 24th October**, is **Bible Sunday**. St Peter's and Blessed Mary will host (at St Peter's) a **Choral Evensong Service** at **6.30pm** led by Revd Moray Thomas with the

combined choirs and joined by singers from other Portsmouth Diocese churches. The Readings, Hymns, Anthems and a glorious setting of Mary's Magnificat will all provide a representation the Bible Sunday theme. The choirs are gathering for a practice at **4.30pm**, followed by tea, cake and fellowship time, prior to robing for the **6.30pm Choral Evensong**.

There is an open invitation welcoming all to join the congregation for this wonderful Service. If you would like to sing with the choir, please contact Michael Coker, Music Director – **07494 541078**.

Longer term, we are hoping to hold a monthly Evening Service each 4th Sunday at 6.30pm.

The Felt Beaters at Blessed Mary Church



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**water
into wine**

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BBC sitcom writer & stand-up theologian

**St Peter's Church, Maypole Green, Free Street,
Bishops Waltham, Southampton SO32 1PW**

A black silhouette of a chalice filled with red wine, set against a background of faint, repeating text.

A Date for your diary.....



A Tearfund quiz is to be held on Saturday 27th November in the church hall. Details to follow.

Blessed Mary Churchyard Clear Up

Saturday 27th November at 9.30am

If you could spare the time, many hands will make it lighter work!



Tasks required include:-

Cutting back hedges around the churchyard

Picking up fallen branches

Removing ivy from the shed and cutting back a few overhanging yew branches

Staining the shed (Simon I understand has stain)

Picking up leaves

Removing ivy from some headstones

Perhaps planting daffodil bulbs if not already planted

Please bring gardening tools e.g. pruners, secateurs etc

Faces of Faith



It has been lovely to have had Lydia Hunt's 'Faces of Faith' exhibition in church for the last few weeks. The display will be coming down soon, but if you have not had time to look around, don't worry, because it will now be online and can be found here: www.lydiahunt2001.wixsite.com

Carrie On Africa Mission Event *Thank You*

Thank you so much for your support at the mission event last Thursday. It was lovely to see you there and also to receive many kind messages from those who could not attend. I was grateful for the opportunity to share my thoughts and reflections on the last five years of ministry with Africa Inland Mission. Most importantly, it was good to say a huge thank you to so many who have supported through funds, time, encouragement and of course prayer. Asante Sana (Thank you very much in Swahili)

You may wish to review my past newsletters and photos at my blog page...
<https://carrieonafrika.home.blog/>



Christian Youth Enterprises Quiet Day



*Saturday 27th November
£29 pp including lunch & refreshments*

*Schedule in a day to pause.
Allow God to speak into an uncluttered mind.
Step back from the hectic.*

This is a day for anyone who could do with a pause button! There'll be prayer stations to help guide your thoughts and an optional walk along the sea wall. But you're also welcome to bring your own things - perhaps the prayer journal you haven't written in for a while, or that book you've been meaning to read, or a sermon series that you never quite get around to listening to. This is a day to help anyone connect or reconnect with God in the stunning location that CYE has to offer.

To book:

<https://my.cye.org.uk/?BookOntoEventID=1604>

General Synod



Last week the C of E General Synod Elections took place and congratulations to Rebecca who was elected together with five others from the diocese:

Clergy: Revd Paul Chamberlin, Revd Andrew Hargreaves and Revd Canon Bob White

Laity: Rebecca Hunt, Dr Ian Johnston, Canon Lucy Docherty

They will represent the Diocese over the coming 5 years as the national church discusses, debates and prays about all the important matters coming up including: mission and ministry that will engage with people today; church/diocese/deanery re-structuring (the future of the parish), racial justice and Living in Love and Faith (relationships in society and how these relate to marriage).

For information about General Synod please click here: [General Synod](#)

Come and pray.....



Prayer is at the heart of our Christian lives isn't it. It is good to pray on our own, but it is also encouraging to pray with others. If you would like to join us for prayer, there are a few opportunities over the week and it would be lovely to see you. It has been a real joy to be praying in recent times and we don't want you to miss out!:

Online

Thought for the Week - Facebook Monday's 9am - Revd James
Morning Prayer - Zoom Monday's 8:30am - Revd Jane Beloe
Thought for the Weekend - Facebook Thursdays 9am - Revd James
Morning Prayer - Zoom Thursdays 8am - Wendy Cooper

In Person

Morning Prayer - St Peter's Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri 8:45am - Wendy Cooper

If you would like to find our more do give us a call.

Revd James

People for Prayer

*Please pray for those who especially need our prayers at this time and all those whose names are written in our Book of Requests for Prayer: **Ian Cooper, Susan Browne, Marilyn Gamblin and Roy King***

RIP Stuart Jones

We pray for the families of those Anniversaries of Death fall around this time, especially Jane Inder and the family and friends of Diana Bennett who passed away only a year ago.

Herbert Thorne – 24/10/1970
Sandra Griffiths – 25/10/2008
Audrey Dobson – 25/10/2018
Betty Clamp – 26/10/1990
Ronald Leslie George Norman – 26/10/2010
Frederick Charles Horace Fryer – 27/10/2002
Diana Mary Bennett – 27/10/2020
Alan George Inder – 28/10/2020
Norman William Cole – 30/10/1977
Victor Charles William Restall – 30/10/2010



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...

Marks and Spencers Whiteley, Wickham Coop, Wickham Community Centre, Sainsburys
Bishops Waltham. St Peter's Church, Bishops Waltham.

The Jubilee Hall, Little Shore Lane, Bishops Waltham, Pre-loved Treasures, Swanmore.

The items we require for the coming week are:

Tinned cold meats such as spam, corned beef, and ham
Soft drinks orange juice, orange, and other fruit squashes
Jams and spreads
Part-baked bread
Ketchup and brown sauce
Crisps

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