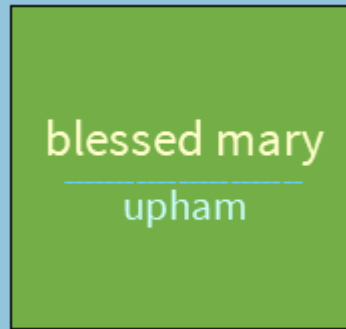


# St Peter's and Blessed Mary

## Sunday 21 November



Welcome to this week's update.

This week we are finishing our series in Matthew's Gospel, but will be returning to hear more in the New Year. From next week we are beginning our Advent journey in preparing for Christmas. Our theme next Sunday will be '*giving to those we don't know at Christmas*' and we are especially supporting Portsmouth Churches Homeless Action. If you can bring next Sunday a **Supermarket Gift Voucher** (say £5 or more) that would be wonderful.

If you would like to come to the **Water into Wine** event tickets are now available.

Please do also think of coming to the **Advent Carol Service** next Sunday at 6:30pm at St Peter's with combined choirs from around the area.

For all that is coming up in the life of our church, please do look through the various items below.

With prayers for the week ahead

Revd James

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## Emma Andersen - News

Emma would like you to know that she has now accepted an exciting opportunity to serve her curacy at Harbour Church in Portsmouth from July 2022. This will provide many opportunities to see how things are done differently in a different context as well as join Robin and the boys at church. The long term plan is to return to the parish after her curacy. She would very much appreciate your continued prayers for the next few years as she completes her training. Emma is still around for coffee and dog walks!



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## Advent Carol Service - Sunday 28 November 6:30pm



Instead of our usual Sung Evensong service, we are having an Advent Carol Service at St Peter's. Joining the choir and readers we will the Bishop's Bells and there will be refreshments as part of the service. All are welcome!

Michael, The Choir and Revd James

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## St Simon's Soup Kitchen

In past years, many of you have been kind enough to provide new socks and pants for the homeless in and around Portsmouth. These go into gift bags which are given out by St Simon's Church in Southsea at Christmas. If you would like to make a donation, please would you give to me by Thursday December 18th? Or I am happy to collect. Thank you very much....I know how grateful they always are.

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## 16 Days against gender based violence and abuse

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28th.

As part of Morning Worship on this day, the Mothers Union will be bringing attention to the 16 Days against gender based violence and abuse. This is a global campaign, supported by the MU.

We ask, if you wish to do so, to wear something purple to church. At the end of the service, cake will be served and we ask for a small donation for this, which will be given to the local Refuge.

Thank you.

Mary Blow on behalf of the MU



**St Peter's Church Christmas Trail**  
Running throughout December 2021

The Nativity characters have escaped from the church!  
They are hiding around Bishops Waltham centre...  
Can you help us find them?



The trail starts at the church where you can pick up a free trail sheet and ends in the town centre.


All are welcome to our Nativity Experience at 3pm 24th December where you can come dressed up as your favourite nativity character and join in with our interactive nativity. Bring your trail sheet along too and you can receive a prize!

For more information please contact Katie Harrison on [stpbn.fcy.katie@gmail.com](mailto:stpbn.fcy.katie@gmail.com)

**Upham Family Nativity Trail**



**Running throughout December**



**Locate all the characters involved in the Nativity around Upham Village**  
Pick up your Trail sheet and Map at Blessed Mary Church porch and return in Nativity Box on completion

Prizes for all those who take part and complete the trail sheet

Contact Kate our Families Worker on 07986009942 or e-mail at [stpbn.fcy.kate@gmail.com](mailto:stpbn.fcy.kate@gmail.com)

## Christmas Messy Church



**The Messy Church Team at  
St Peter's Church  
Bishops Waltham would love you  
to join them!**

**Monday 20th December  
3.30pm—5.30pm**



**Fun  
Crafts  
Songs  
Bible stories  
Activities  
Prayer  
Food  
Community**

**Meet in the church for  
activities & crafts & party  
Food.**

**No booking and no charge!  
Just turn up..**

For more information contact Katie on [stpbn.fcy.katie@gmail.com](mailto:stpbn.fcy.katie@gmail.com)

## 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, Betty Restall, Susan Browne, and Roy King.*

*We pray for the families of those Anniversaries of Death fall around this time, especially **Bill Bellingham** and **Georgie Busher** who we lost during this last year and who are sorely missed at St Peter's.*

**William Bellingham 16/10/2020**  
**Emma Lucy Mitchelmore – 21/11/1989**  
**Phyllis Nicholl Beer – 22/11/2008**  
**Peter James Kirby – 23/11/2005**  
**Georgina Mary Calvert Busher – 24/11/2020**  
**Jean Cole – 26/11/2003**  
**Don Blewett – 26/11/2004**  
**June Mary Granger – 27/11/1996**



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## 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, ham**

**Sugar, small bags**

**Tinned vegetables, all types**

**Tinned Fruit all types**

**Gravy granules**

**Snack bars/muesli bars**

**Toilet Roll**

THE MEON VALLEY FOOD BANK TEAM

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