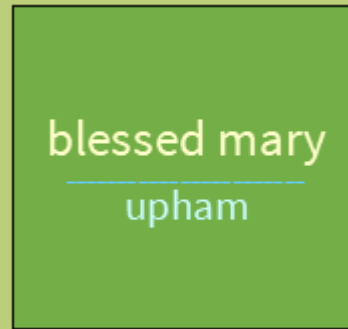


St Peter's and Blessed Mary

Sunday 16 January



I hope you have had a good week.

Please do have a good read of this weeks update which highlights a number of things where we would love to see you: **Sung Evensong** on Sunday 23rd at 6:30pm and **Messy Church** this coming Monday at 3:30pm.

Our **Alpha Online** starts this coming Thursday 20th at 8pm and if you would like to come or bring a friend please let me know. Our invitation Flyer can be found here:
[Alpha Invitation](#)

Please do give some thought to the wonderful range of **Small Groups** and **Connect Groups** we have in St Peter's and Blessed Mary. If you would like to try or join a new group we would love to hear from you! Please just fill out the reply slip or send me an e-mail and I can put you in touch with the right person.

Finally, as we begin this new year you might like to have a read of my Rectors Blog for January;
[New Year New Life](#)

With my prayers

Revd James

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Alpha Online 2022



You are warmly invited to join us for our online Alpha starting: Thursday 20th Jan 2022 8-9:15pm

You are welcome to come yourself or why not think of inviting along a friend?

Alpha is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life, to ask questions and find out more about Christian faith.

Our Alpha will run from 20 Jan to 31 Mar (except 10 Feb)

To book or to find out more please contact James or Kate:

jameshunt1966@gmail.com 07570-042916

stpbm.fcy.kate@gmail.com 07986-009942

Our church websites can be found here:

St Peter's: www.stpetersbw.org.uk

Blessed Mary: www.uphamvillage.org.uk/upham-church/

Small Groups and Connect Groups
Connecting with God, each other and new people...



As well as coming to worship as part of a congregation, being part of a **smaller group** is also really important to help us connect with God, with each other and with new people.

In St Peter's and Blessed Mary, we have a range of smaller groups which many of you are already part of. However, as we move into 2022, you might like to think about trying a small group for the first time, or try a new small group.

You might like to think about being in a Home Group or a group with a particular focus and/or activity. Our range of groups are listed below together with who to contact....joining a small group to help you connect more would be a great start to the year!

1.Connect (Home) Groups (Day/Evening)

Revd James jameshunt1966@gmail.com 892618



2.Alpha/Christianity Explored (Day/Evening)

Revd James jameshunt1966@gmail.com 892618

3.Men's and Women's Groups

G@SPS - Simon Harrison harrison.simon.david@googlemail.com 895748

W@SPS - Hannah Horner hannahhorner@gmail.com 896063

Men's Breakfast - David Williamson williamson.rtd@gmail.com 893524

Mothers Union (Day) - Di Hunt dianahunt6@gmail.com 893372

Mothers Union (Evening) - Mary Blow maryenblow@gmail.com 895958

Ladies Group - Janice Romer janiceromer@hotmail.com 894662

4.Music

Band or Choir (St Peter's) - Michael Coker michalecoker@gmail.com 07494-541078

Band or Choir (Blessed Mary) - Roger Hansford r.hansford@btinternet.com 07970-573893

Bell Ringers (St Peter's) Paula Houlden poulden@talktalk.net

Bell Ringers (Blessed Mary) Kim Gibson kim.gibson2584@gmail.com 895035

Hand Bell Ringers - Sandy Foster mikeandsandy47@gmail.com 890334

5.Midweek Informal Services

Monday 3:30 Messy Church - Katie Harrison stpbn.fcy.katie@gmail.com 895748

Wednesdays 10am (4th via Zoom) - Revd Jane Beloe janibeloe@btinternet.com 860452

Thursdays 10am (3rd Coffee and Cake) - Celia Morant celiajmorant@gmail.com 899068

6.Prayer

Monday/Thursday 9am (Facebook) - Revd James jameshunt1966@gmail.com 892618

Mon-Fri (Thu Zoom) 8am - Wendy Cooper Wendy Cooper wendy@barafundle.plus.com

Mondays 8:30am (Morning Prayer) - Revd Jane Beloe janibeloe@btinternet.com 860452

7.Family Children and Youth

St Peter's

Families and Children - Katie Harrison stpbn.fcy.katie@gmail.com 07825-679746

Families and Youth - Kate Smyth stpbn.fcy.kate@gmail.com 07896-009942

Blessed Mary

Kate Smyth - stpbn.fcy.kate@gmail.com 07896-009942

8. Other Groups

Flower Arrangers

St Peter's - Betty Thompson betty.5southfields@gmail.com 895144

Blessed Mary - Judith Carrie judith.carrie@btinternet.com 860953

MV Food Bank - mvfb2015@outlook.com 07956 375447

MV Baby Bank - Hannah Horner hannahhorner@gmail.com 896063

Knit and Natter - Cathie Passingham cathy@passingham-associates.com 892000

Choral Evensong - Sunday 23rd January

6.30pm at St Peter's



We would love to see as many of our congregations from both Blessed Mary and St Peter's at our joint Choral Evensong on Sunday 23rd January at 6.30pm at St Peter's Church. The service will have an Epiphany seasonal feel which should be very uplifting, so please do come along if you are free.

Messy Church Dates for Spring

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

3rd or 4th Monday of each month 3.30pm–5.30pm

Dates for Spring Term 2022

**January 17th
February 28th
March 21st
April 25th**

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

Free hot meal provided

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

**Meet in the church for activities & crafts
Then move to the hall for food**

For more information contact Katie on stpbfm.fcy.katie@gmail.com

AIM - Thank You Service for Carrie Pither's Ministry



AFRICA INLAND MISSION *INTERNATIONAL*

You are invited.... AIM Europe (Nottingham) and St Peter's Church Bishop's Waltham are hosting a Thank You service for my AIM ministry on Sunday 30th January. It will be a small way of saying a very BIG thank you. I'd be delighted if you would join me at any of these events or all three! It would be lovely to see you.

There are two church services and I will also be hosting an informal coffee, cake and chat time after the second service on the same day (30th January).

SUNDAY 30th JANUARY 2022

St Peter's Church, Bishop's Waltham
9 am church service
10.30 am church service

St Peter's Church Hall, Free Street, Bishop's Waltham
11.30 am coffee, cake and chat

The hall is a large airy space and therefore very good for keeping to the Covid rules. We will be Covid wise about serving coffee and cake.

Do bring your own mug if you wish.

Carrie

Welcome Team



The 10.30am service at St Peter's is looking for a couple of extra recruits to be on the welcome team.

If you feel you could help, please contact David Williamson on:

893524 or williamsonrtd@gmail.com

Help needed! Parish News Advertising Manager



We are seeking somebody who brings sound administrative skills, has a grasp of finances (creating invoices and monitoring advertising income) and enjoys being part of a supportive, enthusiastic team.

The time involved is about 3-4 hours each month (except August) with extra time in November and December when renewals are due.

If you are interested and would like to offer your time to this role, or ask questions about what is involved, please email bwuparishnews@gmail.com and we will be happy to hear from you.

Covid Update - January 2022

In light of the current Omicron Covid spike, our recommendation is for the following approach over January.

On the one hand, 'to carry on' with as much as we can both for others as well as ourselves....our worship of God and witness to others is important.

On the other hand, to go on 'taking personal responsibility' for minimizing the risk of rapid infection spread ...we need to do all we can to play our part to help manage unnecessary risk that causes people to be infected, get unwell and be out of circulation.

In terms of small groups/meetings, we would suggest that each decide whether it is still possible and right to meet in person e.g., suitable/larger room, or to go online e.g., via zoom. Some groups/meetings can wait or be done in another way, whilst others will be important to keep as planned.

In terms of services, we would suggest that current arrangements continue e.g., hand washing, but with the additional measures during the current spike:

1. that coffee/refreshments be suspended until the end of January.
2. that we are mindful of the need to keep suitable social distancing in given context.
3. that we consider wearing our masks whilst singing if we are close to people.

As things develop we will keep things under review. Our church is a large space with good ventilation and spacing which helps to minimize risk when we gather together.

Hopefully within a few weeks we can revert to our previous arrangements. If you have any queries please do ask.

James and the Wardens

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: **Bob Williams, Mark and Chrissie Bacon, Ian Cooper, Betty Restall, Susan Browne, Roy King and Chris, Kesia Pain and family in Japan.**

We pray for the families of those Anniversaries of Death fall around this time and whose names are listed in our Book of Remembrance

Nigel Barron Robinson – 16/1/2003
The Revd Brian Dams – 17/1/2002
Jack Ernest Henry Barnfield – 17/1/2005
Mary Jane Clay – 19/1/2004
Ann Denancy – 19/1/2012
John Russell – 20/1/2007
Olwyn Ann Restall – 20/1/2021



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. Blessed Mary Church Upham. St. Peter's Church, Curdridge. The Jubilee Hall, Little Shore Lane, Bishops Waltham, Pre-loved Treasures, Swanmore.

The items we require for the coming week are:

Tinned meat meals including meatballs, Mince beef, meat pies
UHT Milk, all types
Tinned spaghetti
Savoury Biscuits, crackers, crispbreads
Porridge

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