

St Peter's and Blessed Mary

Sunday 19th November 2023

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Welcome to this weeks Update.

This Sunday at St Peter's there will be the 8am BCP service followed by the 9am Parish Communion and then our 10.30am Sunday Central service.

We especially welcome Danny Stupple, our mission speaker, who will be with us to encourage us in prayer and to tell us about the 'Eternal Wall' prayer project.

At Blessed Mary it is our 11am Village Communion service.

Please pray for Felix Crockett who is being Baptised at St Peter's on Saturday.

With prayers for the week ahead.

James

Prayer at St Peter's and Blessed Mary



At St Peter's and Blessed Mary we have a number of opportunities to pray together (in addition to Sundays and in Connect/Home Groups) and we would love you to come along to enjoy prayer and grow in your fellowship with God and others. When we pray, we bring change in ourselves, community and world which is what we really need.

A number of you already come to pray, but we would love more of you to join in. On Sunday you will be given a leaflet to consider and do let us know one group in the week you might like to try. It would be lovely if you might want to give something a go.

Revd James

Family, Children and Youth Groups - we need your help.....



At St Peter's and Blessed Mary, we have a great range of Family, Children and Youth Groups, and we are hugely grateful to Kate and other leaders and helpers that currently enable them week by week. Currently our groups are growing which is really encouraging, but in order to maintain and grow these groups, we really need your support to help in any way you can....***could you help with one group each week or on a periodic basis?***

We have such a wonderful opportunity to serve, build friendship and share our Christian faith with those who come. If would like to find out more, please do let us know via the leaflet you will be given this coming Sunday.

Kate Smyth, Liz Webb and Revd James

Making more room on Sunday Mornings.....trial period



On Sunday morning we are seeing more people and in particular families, children and young people all that we do and so which is lovely. In light of this, we are planning (as previously communicated) to create more space to the north and south aisle areas, hopefully by Easter. Once this work has been done, there will be more space for 'spreading out' with some more comfortable seating, children's activity areas and areas for coffee and conversation.

In the meantime, we do need to try to make the most of the space we have and especially to include our Sunday Club. The only current areas suitable for use are under the gallery and the choir vestry, but are too small on their own. In this regard, from Sunday 26th November, we are proposing to trial some screens (see photo) behind which our Sunday Club can take place. We very much hope we can continue with some comfortable seating as indicated. When it comes to conversation and coffee, once you have collected your coffee/tea, please spread out down the aisles and/or into the pews.

In summary, this will mean some change for us all from what we are used to, trust that you will bear with this as we try this and work out some new ways of operating on a Sunday morning.

As we go forwards please do let us know how it is working so we can adjust as needed and might be better. With thanks

Revd James, Liz Webb and Mandy Cawood

Incidents at Church and in the Churchyard

If you become aware of any incidents in the Church or Churchyard (such as theft, vandalism, suspicious activity generally) please report these to a Churchwarden as soon as possible. We have CCTV coverage so we can report the incident to the police and the CCTV film may help identify the offender

Information Sharing

If you receive news that a member of our church family has been severely injured, is poorly, or in hospital - **with the family's permission** - please can you let Sam know?

As the office is an intrinsic part of how we communicate with the ministry team and with each other, it's helpful if Sam is kept up to date with the **correct** information regarding our church family's welfare. The office is often the place people ring for updates on the health and progress of members of the congregation to avoid disturbing their families.

All information will be discreetly handled and only given out when necessary. If you don't feel comfortable sharing directly with Sam, please let James or Di know who can then deal with any incoming enquiries.
Many thanks



Bread & Starlight Saturday 9th December

Blessed Mary Church
Click on image below for details
Tickets available from James and Kate

The Nativity

The BBC's popular four-part drama series *The Nativity* brings the familiar story in a fresh and contemporary way. Writer Tony Jordan transforms a classic tale with familiar characters into a gripping human drama with an all-star cast.

In order to prepare for Christmas we will be watching a half hour episode **each week for 4 weeks** followed by discussion and Bible Reading. All are welcome to join us.

Starting: Thursday 30th November, 7:30pm to 9pm in The Stables.

(14th December session will be held in the church)

For any further information please contact Christine and Michael Coker
In order to give us an idea of numbers, it would be useful, but not essential, if you could let us know if you are planning to join us.

07960 249830

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Prayers

Please continue to pray for all those who especially need our prayers at this time especially the family and friends of Elizabeth Weeks, Kenneth Wright and Robert Bolton.

All those whose names are written in our Book of Requests for Prayer, **Sheila Boys** and **Roy King**, 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:

Susan Talman – 19/11/2014

The Revd. William Ufelgwyn Maundy Phillips – 20/11/1996

Emma Lucy Mitchelmore – 21/11/1989

Phyllis Nicholls Beer – 22/11/2008

Peter James Kirby – 23/11/2005

Georgina Mary Calvert Busher – 24/11/2020

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

Curdridge - 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 meat meals

Tinned vegetables

Tinned fruit

Cooking sauces, pasta, curry etc

Tinned rice pudding

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