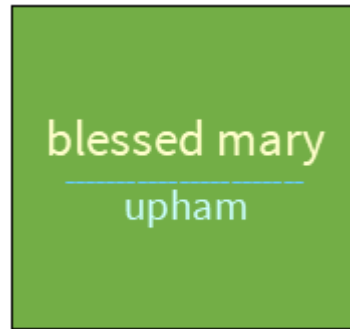


St Peter's and Blessed Mary

28th January 2024



This Sunday at St Peter's there will be the **8am BCP** service followed by **9am Morning Worship** and then our **10.30am Sunday Central** service with communion. At 6.30pm we have **Evensong**.

At Blessed Mary it is our **Informal Worship Service at 11am**

For all that is coming up and key notices please do read through below.

Finally, I would like to highlight and congratulate four from our congregations who have recently completed the Deanery '**Lay Worship Leaders Course**'. At the next Deanery Synod they will all be commissioned to help lead in our Sunday and Midweek services, alongside our ministry team:

Bev Rutter - St Peter's 9am and 10:30am

Celia Morant - St Peter's Thursday 10am

Kate Smyth - Blessed Mary/St Peters Family, Festival and Youth Services

Nick Capon - Droxford and St Peter's 10:30am

Over the coming weeks, you will begin to see them taking part which will be wonderful. There are others who would like to do the course (and the 'Lay Preachers Course'), which will add to the growing team, and everything we seek to do in our services and worship.

Please encourage and pray for them as they continue to grow in their roles.

With my prayers for the week ahead

Revd James

Thank You!

First and foremost, a big “thank you” to all those who have contributed to the life of St Peter’s over the past twelve months through the giving of time, talents and money. It is good to see so many activities thriving and growing and full details will be in the Annual Report which will be presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April. On the financial front, we had budgeted for day-to-day expenditure to exceed income by just over £34,000 but thanks to careful control of costs and increased giving (both planned and one-off) the deficit has been reduced to nearer £6,000. As for the current year, we are budgeting for day-to-day expenditure to exceed income by £22,700 and although at this stage we are not planning a formal Stewardship campaign, you are invited to review your level of giving to help us to address this deficit. Thank you. James

Lent Course - Christ and the Chocolaterie

This course is inspired by the film *Chocolat*, we will therefore be showing the film in its entirety, as a starting point, on: **Thursday 1st February at 7pm** at St Peter's Church, it is just under 2 hours long and certified 12

Bring drinks, snacks and friends! (*The film and course are open to all, from any church or non.*)

Christ and the Chocolaterie presents a lively, stimulating and ‘mouth-watering’ way of studying the Gospel themes of Lent. There are 5 weekly sessions, which will be held in St Peter’s Church. **Week one: Thursday 15th February 7:30-9pm**

If you have any questions please contact us. It would also be useful, but not essential, if you let us know if you planned to attend. Christine and Michael Coker Christine.coker65@gmail.com 07960 249830



Waiting, Worship and Welcoming on Sunday Mornings



On Sunday mornings (St Peter's) we are conscious that time is sometimes tight between our services (8am to 9am, 9am to 10:30am). This means having to wait while a

service finishes, those worshipping not being rushed or disturbed, some people needing to come in and go out, people 'coming in and going out' at the end and people needing to tidy up from the last service and some needing to get ready for the next service. In summary, there is a lot of people to consider and a lot going on. Also on Sunday mornings we are also seeing more people around which is lovely, and so it can be a bit crowded! In light of all this, may we mention a few things:

1. Please wait outside quietly until the service has finished so as not to inadvertently disturb the last parts of the 8am and 9am which are often quieter and noise is easily heard.
2. However, if you would like to go in to the end of the 8am or 9am you are very welcome....because it is raining or you would like to join in the worship to receive communion or sing the last hymn. Please go in to a back pew or under the gallery.
3. Overall, every service is a time for us to be able to focus our time in worship of God, but also an opportunity to welcome all who come in, whether from the next congregation, or the new person for the first time, so please do look out for them.

Thank you

Revd James and The Wardens (Liz and Mandy)

Blessed Mary Church Tidy Up



The churchyard tidy up is now on
February 10th from 10am.

All welcome. Please bring gardening tools - pruners, leaf rakes/blowers etc

We need You!



On Good Friday March 29th 2024 there will be the usual ecumenical walk of witness leaving St Peter's church at approx 10.10am.

This year there will also be a short outdoor play depicting Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane as he is betrayed by Judas.

This tableau will be held outdoors in the churchyard at 10 am. We still need volunteers to play James and John .

Could that be you?

The next meeting to discuss this will be in St Peter's church hall on **Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 7.15 pm.**

Anyone who is interested in helping with costumes, props, sound etc please see either Liz Webb or Mandy Cawood

Do you want to be in the play? If so please contact either Liz Webb or Mandy Cawood on ejw1557@gmail.com or amandaicawood@gmail.com

Next year the churches will be taking this one step further and putting on a passion play on Good Friday !!!

Please pray for this venture, let your friends and neighbours know about it and please volunteer if you can.

Many thanks

Rev Andy Davis

The Licensing of Andy Davis as Priest in Charge of the Meon Valley Parishes is taking place at St Barnabas Swanmore on Monday 19th February at 7:30pm. As you may guess there will be a very good number of people who will be attending and so spaces are limited.

A few of us will be attending to represent St Peter's & Blessed Mary but if you would like to go, please let me know as admission will be by free ticket only & are can be obtained via a QR code which I will send to those who let me know.

These tickets will become available as of Sun 28th Jan at 11am.

The service will also be streamed live onto Facebook -

<http://www.facebook.com/StBarnabasSwanmore/> on the day.

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CYE Cafe Resolute and Land Activities

Friday 16th February
1pm - 5pm

Cafe Resolute
A selection of home-made cakes, soup and rolls.
PLUS
Tea, coffee and marvellous hot chocolate

LAND ACTIVITIES
On the hour and half hour
Ages 6 - 16
Tunneling - £8
Assault Course- £5
Limited Availability
Book on the day

COME AND SEE US FOR THE FIRST TIME OR COME FOR A GOOD CATCH UP - EVERYONE WELCOME!

ALL RAISING MONEY FOR A NEW SAFETY BOAT!

Cye, Chidham, Chichester, PO18 8TE

Craft Market

There will be a Craft Market on **Saturday 16th March in the Church Hall**, with all proceeds from the hire of stalls going to St Peter's Mission Trip to Uganda for WATSAN. If you would like to book a table at the market, or if you would like more information please contact Emma at Emmanash18@hotmail.com



Prayers

**R.I.P. Dennis Lillywhite
R.I.P. Bill Tier**

Please continue to pray for all those who especially need our prayers at this time, for the family and friends of Nigel Mann, Dennis Lillywhite and Bill Tier.

Also pray for 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:

28/1/07	Reginald Edgar Victor Cockle
29/1/99	Constance Vera Barker
29/1/13	Thomas James Nicholas Duke
31/1/10	John Birtles
31/1/20	Revd Martin Hughes
31/1/23	Joan Florence Adams
1/2/06	Benjamin Hewitt
01/2/14	Peggy Batten
1/2/11	Kathleen Marjorie Anne Webb
1/2/18	Mary Doreen Swales
1/2/22	Robert Harry Williams 'Bob'
1/2/23	Raymond Edward Morant
2/2/14	Keith Chester
3/2/02	Sheila Marsh (Mills)
3/2/07	Mavis Dawn Chandler

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
Curdrige - 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
Sugar 500g
Tinned fruit
Tinned vegetables
Jars of pasta/cooking sauces
Tinned tomatoes
