

St Peter's and Blessed Mary

11th February 2024

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Dear Sam

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

At Blessed Mary it is our **Sunday Funday Service** at **11am** and **Evensong** at **6.30pm**

There will be **Ash Wednesday** services at **Blessed Mary** at **10am** and **St Peter's** at **8pm**.

Please have a good read of all the things coming up as outlined below and please think especially about joining one of our Lent groups being planned.' Christ and the Chocolaterie' which starts this Thursday (for more details contact **Christine Coker** **07960 249830** and Frogmore House Groups Lent Study Group starting 21st February for more details contact **Ray Syrett** at ray.syrett@btinternet.com

With my prayers for the week ahead

Revd James

St Peter's - South and North Aisle Areas

As you will be aware, agreement has been given to improving and enhancing the family and children's area in the North aisle and enlarging the area for choir and musical related-activities in the South aisle, which necessitates the removal of the remaining pews in both aisles.



It is planned to remove the pews on Fri 23 Feb/ Sat 24 Feb and we are hopeful that most of the pews will be sold with the proceeds going towards the overall costs of this project, including furnishings for the North aisle as well as additional chairs for use in both aisles as and when necessary. The cost of implementing the proposals will come from existing legacy monies.

Discussions continue in respect of the final layout of the enhanced facilities in the North aisle, but specific provision will be made for children and young people as well as for an improved milling area for fellowship and refreshments between the Services on a Sunday.

The new chairs will be ordered once we have been through a selection process and will complement the existing décor in the Church. The delivery time is not known yet, but if delivery of the new chairs is unduly delayed, then we will borrow chairs from the Hall & Stables if required. Carpet will be fitted in both aisles, again to complement the existing décor in the Church, and the type of carpet has been agreed with a view to fitting as soon as possible after the pews have been removed.

If you have any queries or questions please do get in touch.

Paul Emmerson, Liz Webb, Mandy Cawood and Revd James

Help Needed MVBB

The Meon Valley Baby Bank needs your help.

We open once a month, usually the first Thursday of each month and we are available for urgent enquiries in between each opening.

We have several wonderful volunteers who help out on an ad-hoc basis.

However, we are desperately in need of regular help on the first Thursday of each month. This would involve being able to commit to the morning of the **first Thursday of each month between 9.30 and 11.30.**

I would love to be able to grow the Baby Bank so we can make sure we are reaching those who need us, but I can only do this with more help.

If you are able to help, please contact

Hannah: hannah@meonvalleybabybank.org

Thank you for your support.



World Day of Prayer 2024



Please come along on Friday March 1st at 2pm at Our Lady Queen of Apostles. St Martin St, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1QX

Bins!



Could you help by putting the church bins out on a Monday and then returning them to the side of the church?
If you are able to help please contact Sam in the parish office on 01489 892197 or email on stpbn.office@gmail.com

St Peter's Clock

At long last the Church clock has been repaired and will be re-installed and commissioned on the 4th and 5th March. Thank you to all who have made this possible and for the clock to move on from only being right twice a day at midnight and midday! At the end of **Mothering Sunday service on 10th March** the new clock will be commissioned with a short prayer of thanks outside the church under the clock. I hope you will be able to join me. Revd James



Homes for Ukraine: Can you help a local family?



A local 2-person Ukrainian family need new hosts or independent accommodation such as an annex, due to a change in the circumstances of their hosts of 18 months. If you may be interested in hosting or can offer any help, please contact James for more information . Thank you.

Blessed Mary Safari Supper



Upham Safari Supper
Saturday 24th February
From 7.15pm
Please contact Nicola Hill on
hills.widlers@outlook.com if you would
like to take part. Everyone welcome!

Deadline is Monday 12th February.

Frogmore House Group - Lent Study

Frogmore House Group have 5 places for its Lent Course. The Study material is taken from a book published by the EMBRACE and each session will consist of the following:-

- Scripture Readings (Pause and Respond)
- Reflection (Pause and Respond)
- Prayers
- Stories of Healing & Hope

Venue:- The Stables
Wednesday 14 February Ash Wednesday Service
There after Wednesday's 7:30pm to 9:00pm

- Week 1 21 February "I will sing to the Lord"
- Week 2 28 February "Where you will go I will go"
- Week 3 6 March "The wedding of Cana"

- Week 4 13 March "The faith of the Centurion"
- Week 5 20 March "Jesus, remember me"
- For more information please contact RAY SYRETT ray.syrett@btinternet.com

The King's School



We warmly invite you to The King's School Open Morning on Saturday 2nd March 2024 from 10.30am to 12noon. This is a great opportunity to tour the school, meet with staff and pupils and ask questions. At 11.15am there will be a short presentation by Mrs Bowden and Mrs Santer, Headteachers, who will share the vision of the school and explain how we can support your child/children through their education in a Christian environment. We would love to see you there - no need to book!

Prayers

R.I.P. Maureen Larkin
R.I.P. Dorothy Askew

Please continue to pray for all those who especially need our prayers at this time, for the family and friends of Maureen Larkin, Bill Tier and Dorothy Askew.

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:

11/2/1993	Geoffrey William Halman
12/2/2009	Peter Albert Graham Strugnell
14/2/2011	Margaret Bunyan
14/2/2013	Gladys Hall
14/2/2014	Elizabeth Anne Houlton

14/2/2008 John Warren Sutherland
15/2/2002 Barbara Elizabeth Price
17/2/1993 Miles Arnott

Meon Valley Food Bank - Food Bank Manager and Trustees

The Meon Valley Foodbank is seeking to appoint new trustees. We are looking for followers of Jesus who share our concern for those suffering from food poverty in the Meon Valley area. Our constitution stipulates that trustees must be committed members of local churches.

We particularly seek people with financial expertise; strong IT skills; HR or team-management experience; and those who may have worked in the charity sector or in social services.

We also wish to appoint a **FOOD BANK MANAGER** and expect this to be a paid role. The successful applicant will have the capacity to manage a small team, strong IT skills and be happy multi-tasking. Expected hours: 15 – 20 per week Expected salary: £25 per hour

See www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk for further information. Closing date: Monday March 04

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

Tinned Rice Pudding

Jars of cooking sauce

Small bags of sugar

Toothpaste

Muesli bars