

# St Peter's and Blessed Mary

## 18th February 2024

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bishop's waltham

blessed mary  
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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 **Village Communion service**.

Finally, I especially highlight the note below about Sunday Services.

With my prayers for the week ahead

Revd James

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### St Peter's - Sunday Services

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 into 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)

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## 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

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## Can you help?

Next week we need a **WORK FORCE** from St Peters Church members, to assist the local **Men's Shed Group** to remove the North and South Side Aisle Pews from St Peters Church, on **Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 9am.**

This should take most of the day, but any help (even for a few hours) would be welcome!

**If anyone is able to help to provide cups of tea, coffee and refreshments for the workers, that would be appreciated also**



be appreciated.

**This is going to be a Community project and one that will encourage us to get to know some of those involved in the Men Shed and what they do.**

If you can help please bring crow bars, Saws and pliers etc. so either turn up on the day, or for more information contact David Williamson 077301 48920

## Flowers!

**Sadly, the Church flower funds are very low again. The weekly flowers are paid for by the team**

**member on the rota each week but the flowers for Festivals have become increasingly expensive and after Christmas were non-existent.**

**Easter is expensive with the Easter Garden and Church decoration . The PCC have been very generous**

**but we were wondering if any of you would like to help with a donation towards Easter and the future.**

**Thank you, Betty and Hazel.**



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## Bins!



Could you help by putting the church bins out on a **Sunday** 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](mailto:stpbn.office@gmail.com)

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## Latest Heartstart Event

MEON VALLEY  
**HEARTSTART**

**COULD YOU SAVE A LIFE?**

Thursday 22nd February at 7pm  
King's Church, Bishop's Waltham  
SO32 1AA



**FREE** life saving skills training sessions.  
**BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!**

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07730 148920  
[info@heartstartmeonvalley.co.uk](mailto:info@heartstartmeonvalley.co.uk)



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## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

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## Blessed Mary Safari Supper



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

**Deadline is Monday 12th February.**

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## **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

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**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. Christine Hardwick  
R.I.P. Helen Hills  
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 Christine Hardwick, Helen Hills, Maureen Larkin 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:

<b>18/2/2005</b>	<b>Dora May Emmerson</b>
<b>18/2/1986</b>	<b>Frederick Henry Beer</b>
<b>18/2/2009</b>	<b>George Henry Hall</b>
<b>19/2/2003</b>	<b>Kathleen Joan Pope</b>
<b>19/2/2006</b>	<b>Diane Roberts</b>
<b>21/2/2007</b>	<b>Joan Cooper</b>
<b>22/2/2016</b>	<b>Barbara Jones</b>
<b>24/2/2003</b>	<b>Arthur Percival Millier</b>
<b>24/2/1999</b>	<b>Yvonne Frances Margaret Gallant</b>

## 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 Rice Pudding**

**Jars of cooking sauce**

**Small bags of sugar**

**Toothpaste**

**Muesli bars**

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