


St Peter's and Blessed Mary

3rd March 2024

st.peter's
bishop's waltham

blessed mary
upham

Psalm 24:1



The earth is the Lord's,
and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;

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 **Village Communion**.

Next week, it's Mothering Sunday and following the 8am BCP service there will be a **joint (9am and 10.30am Congregation) Mothering Sunday service at 9.30am** at St Peter's. At Blessed Mary it will be a **Mothering Sunday Funday at 11am**.

With my prayers for the week ahead

Revd James

Lent Lunch at Durley Church Hall

Tuesday 12th March

Please join us for our Lent Lunch at Durley Church Hall on the 12th March. Home made soups, with bread, cheese, and pickle will be served from midday to 1pm (Gluten free and vegetarian options will be available).

A donation of £3.50 is suggested and all profits will go to the Bishop's Lent Appeal 2024.

Please call Gill on 01489 860587 or email gill_mulley@hotmail.co.uk so that she has some idea of numbers attending.



St Peters - Chairs - Feedback

Many thanks for your feedback on the chair options to help the PCC decide. The criteria we have in mind are: **Design, Comfort, Safety, Weight, Stackability, Colour** (and in relation to other parts of the church), **Cleaning, Storage, Proportion, with or without Arms and Facility for a Bible/Hymn Book/Kneeler.**

With regard to the floor, the PCC has considered the option of 'carpet or parquet floor' (sand and polish what is there already). However on balance, we think that despite the need for vacuuming/cleaning, it will be better to have carpet in terms of welcome, colour, warmth and acoustics. It is our intention to remove the plinths at some point at which time the carpet can be lifted and re-laid. Overall, the objective is to give us more useable space on Sundays and during the week, both for our current needs and over the next 2-3 years as the congregation grows.

In due course, along with our new Church Architect, we will be clarifying an overall plan, in consultation with everyone, and what further stages of work we might want to do.

We hope this is helpful, but as always if you have any concerns, thoughts or suggestions please do get in touch.

Revd James, Paul Emmerson, Liz Webb and Mandy Cawood

WATSAN Uganda Team



A number of you have kindly asked who is on the team to go to Uganda! Currently we have 21 on our team comprising 15 young people and 6 young at heart! We have a number from other churches as well as from our own church family. Please pray for the team as they prepare and raise funds in the coming months.

St Peter's and Blessed Mary: Revd James Hunt, Claire Alcock, Nick Alcock, Kate Smyth, Liz Cope, Samuel Hunt, Lydia Hunt and William Hunt.

Other Churches: Sarah Ashford, Ian Bensted, Luke Bensted, Freddie Boase, Henry Dixon-Clegg, Isobel Humphrey, Abby Hunnings, Trevor Pritchard, Ruby Smyth, Ella Wheelock, Dan Fiox, Edward James

Cakes required!



Fundraiser for WATSAN trip

As you may know, a fundraising craft fair is being held on March 16th in the church hall.

Refreshments are being served and we are asking if folk might be able to make cakes that can be sold during the day. They can be dropped off at the hall which will be open from 08:00.

Please let myself or Emma know if you can help with this.

Many thanks as ever!

Emma Nash (07972223138) & Liz Webb (07743921561)

The Children's Society

If some of you have received strangely addressed newsletters from the Children's Society, please accept my apologies. Explanation to follow, but I can only say that we have received two with our correct address, but not our names and two with our correct names, but completely the wrong address. If this happens to you.....I have been in contact with the head of Supporter Services and this is obviously an ongoing problem. Apparently there has been an issue with the sorting of their mailing list.

While they apologise for any inconvenience caused, I am assured that " your personal information remains safe and secure"

Thank you to all who support the vital work of The Children's Society and again apologies for any inconvenience. Mary Blow.

Prayers

R.I.P. Christine Hardwick

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 and Maureen Larkin.

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:

02/2/2009 Kevin Griffiths

04/3/1976 Ellen Elizabeth Morris

07/3/2022 Michael Anthony Hall

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 chicken meals

Tinned vegetables

Plain biscuits

Cous cous

Sponge puddings

Toiletries - 2 in 1 shampoo, shower gel, deodorant
