

St Peter's and Blessed Mary

4th February 2024

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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 **Parish Communion Service at 11am**

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.

Finally, if you would like to read a summary of what we discussed at the recent St Peter's PCC on 23 Jan please click here: [St Peter's PCC Summary](#)

With my prayers for the week ahead

Revd 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



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

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

Rev'd James and The Wardens (Liz and Mandy)

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 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

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

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

CYE Cafe Resolute and Land Activities



Prayers

**R.I.P. Maureen Larkin
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 Maureen Larkin, 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:

4/2/1984
5/2/2008
8/2/2001
09/02/2016
10/2/1989
10/2/2013
10/2/2008

Doreen Wilson
Joyce Georgina Norman
George Bladon
Gary Stuart Pole
Gladys Mary Newall
Lucy Mary Barfold Marsh
Barbara Alice Louisa Smith

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
Uptham - 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 minced beef
Tinned chilli
Tinned hot dogs
Tinned rice pudding
Instant mash
Pasta sauces
Ketchup and sauces
