



# NEWSLETTER

## 2025



### December Services

- 7th 9.30am Holy Communion  
Revd Jenna Dearden
- 14th 10.00am Carols for All  
All Age Worship  
Helen Bardell (LLW)
- 21st 9.30am Holy Communion  
Revd Jenna Dearden
- 6.00pm St. Peter's Carol Service
- 24th 4.00pm Nativity  
Revd Jenna Dearden and  
Helen Bardell (LLW)
- 11.30pm Midnight Mass  
Revd Amanda Ferris
- 25th 9.30am Christmas Holy Communion  
Revd Jenna Dearden
- 28th 9.30am Holy Communion  
Revd Amanda Ferris

### Our Regular Services:

- 9.30am 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday
- 10.00am 2nd Sunday -  
All Age Worship
- Morning Prayer Every Wednesday at  
9:15am

St. Peter's Church, Arlesey

**Christmas Tree Festival**

**13th & 14th December**

**11:30am to 5:30pm**

Admission: Adult £2.50  
Children up to 16 Free  
Card payments accepted

Seasonal Refreshments  
Homemade Preserves, Jams, Jellies and Pickles  
Small Gift Stall

Face Painting (1pm to 5pm)  
Children's Crafts  
Christmas Hamper Raffle Prize

For information Contact Bernadette on 07850 572984 Email: arleseytreefestival@aol.com

Please sign up if you are able to help out in any way on either serving refreshments, manning the door or donating items for the hamper or cakes/biscuits. Tree entries to be submitted by 1st December. Tickets for the evening concert are available from Helen Bardell.

### Contacts - Weddings, Baptisms,

### Funerals etc, contact:

Revd Jenna Dearden -

E: revjennadearden@gmail.com

T: 07708 666612

### Church Wardens:

Helen Bardell 07967 144571

Helen Frost 07367 927104

If you would like anything included in the newsletter, please contact Bernadette:  
[stguthlacastwick@aol.com](mailto:stguthlacastwick@aol.com) by the 20th of the month.

# St Peter's PCC

(Parochial Church Council)



The PCC met on 17th November 2025 and here are a few headlines about what was discussed:

**Buildings** – Significant roofing works have been carried out to prevent any access from the local squirrels and to repair the vestry roof. This was funded by the Elizabeth Viney Trust. Repairs to the organ have also been carried out and the annual fire extinguisher inspection has taken place. Thanks to our Churchwardens, Helen and Helen for organising and facilitating this.

**Fundraising** – Thanks to Mike and Tanya and everyone else who helped

at the Quiz in November. Thank you to all our volunteers for help at Coffee Morning, Afternoon Tea, impromptu book sale and all our other events.

**Churchyard** – Maintenance work to the trees is due to take place in the new year.

**Mission Action Planning** – We have now created our Mission Action Plan which is our plan and strategy about what we want to do as church. Much more information to follow in the new year! We are currently working on our provision for children and new ways to pray.

**Hymn books** – They have arrived and we are just inserting the book plates then we can begin to use them at services.

**Christmas Tree Festival** – all hands to the deck! Please get involved or visit, if you are able to for this wonderful Christmas event.

## The Jesse Tree

This year there will be a **Jesse Tree** in church for Advent.

*'A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots' Isaiah 11.1*

The Jesse Tree is a way of preparing for Advent by journeying through the stories on Jesus' family tree. Each day in December, we read a Bible story about someone on Jesus' family tree. In church



we will also be hanging an ornament symbolising the story on the church Jesse Tree.

As we decorate the tree through December, we'll see how God prepared for Jesus to be born through many generations. Look out for us on St Peter's Facebook page every day in Advent and pick up your Advent reading (and colouring) calendar in church.

Find out more, including information about how to make your own Jesse Tree at:  
[The Jesse Tree: A Guide to the Advent Tradition | Faithward.org](http://The%20Jesse%20Tree%3A%20A%20Guide%20to%20the%20Advent%20Tradition%20%7C%20Faithward.org)

# A Time of Waiting

A four-session course for Advent based upon the book, *Do Not be Afraid* by Rachel Mann  
Meeting on Wednesdays

19 November - The Joy of Waiting  
26 November - The Discomfort of Waiting

3 December - Using the Waiting  
10 December - Jesus in the Waiting

**7.15 pm for refreshments  
7.30 pm to 8.30 pm**

at Stondon Baptist Church Hall,  
27 Station Road, Lower Stondon, SG16 6JL



For more information contact Revd Jenna Dearden  
07708 666612 or Ruth Gray 07717 746505



The Parishes of Gravenhurst, Shillington,  
Stondon and Arlesey with Astwick



# NATIVITY

Wednesday 24 December  
at 4.00 pm

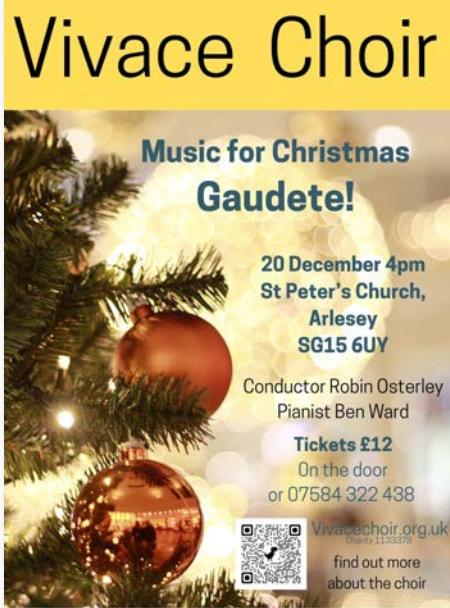
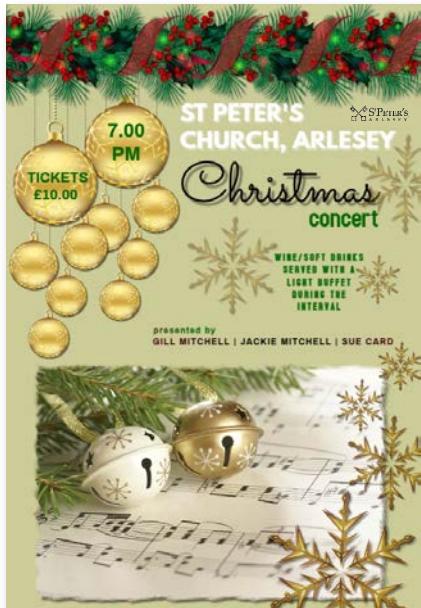


Come dressed as your favourite nativity  
character and join in!

St Peter's Church, Church Lane,  
Arlesey, SG15 6UX

*All Welcome!*

If you need a lift to Stondon Church!  
Please speak to Revd Jenna or Helen B.



**Jack & Em's Jammy Gems** Thank you to all those who donated jars. Liz now has sufficient to last her until spring 2026!



Join us for our Candlelight

## Christmas Carol Service

St. Guthlac's Church  
Astwick Road, Astwick, SG5 4BH

December **22** at 7:30 PM

Marshall Controlled Parking

Carols led by the Stotfold Christian Choir



# Christingle

Sunday 11 January 2026  
at 4.00 pm



The  
Children's  
Society

All welcome to celebrate and  
make a Christingle!

St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Arlesey, SG15 6UX

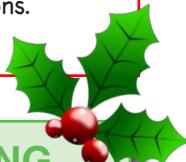
## Parish Tea and Cakes



Our last afternoon Tea  
will be on Wednesday  
3rd December. Please  
let me know if you will  
be joining us, so that

we don't over-buy provisions.

Thank you. Helen B.



## COFFEE MORNING

The 16th December will be the  
last coffee morning before  
Christmas and we will be having a  
Christmas themed morning.

The next coffee morning will be in  
the New Year, Tuesday 6th January.

## BUILDING A GIVING CHURCH



Go contactless with our  
pay station in the church  
or scan this QR code  
which will take you to our  
SumUp page! Every  
donation makes a  
difference! Thank you.

## Prayer Requests:

We are always praying for those who are ill, troubled or distressed, that they will be comforted and receive peace in their time of difficulty. First names only are read out at our Sunday worship service.

If you would like prayer for family or friends, please contact Revd Jenna on:  
E: [revjennadearden@gmail.com](mailto:revjennadearden@gmail.com)  
T: 07708 666612

## Future dates for your Diary

Jenna will be on annual leave from Friday 26th December until 3rd January 2026