



NEWSLETTER

2025



December Services

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



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:

Rev'd Jenna Dearden -
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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 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

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

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

A festive poster for a Christmas concert. It features a green background with gold and red Christmas ornaments, snowflakes, and a sheet of music with two bells. The text includes the church name, time, ticket price, and a note about refreshments.

ST PETER'S CHURCH, ARLESEY
Christmas concert
7.00 PM
TICKETS £10.00
WINE/SOFT DRINKS SERVED WITH A LIGHT SNIPPET DURING THE INTERVAL
presented by GILL MITCHELL | JACKIE MITCHELL | SUE CARD



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!

Vivace Choir

Music for Christmas
Gaudete!

20 December 4pm
St Peter's Church,
Arlesey
SG15 6UY

Conductor Robin Osterley
Pianist Ben Ward

Tickets £12

On the door
or 07584 322 438



Vivacechoir.org.uk
Charity 1133378

find out more
about the choir

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

S'PETER'S
ARLESEY

Christingle

Sunday 11 January 2026
at 4.00 pm



All welcome to celebrate and
make a Christingle!

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

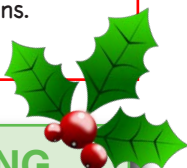
Parish Tea and Cakes



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.

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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:

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Future dates for your Diary

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