



February Services

1st	9.30am	Presentation of Jesus in the Temple - CANDLEMAS Holy Communion Revd Jenna Dearden
8th	10.00am	All Age Worship Helen Bardell (LL)
15th	9.30am	Holy Communion Revd Andrew Holford
18th	7.00pm	ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes Revd Amanda Ferris
22nd	9.30am	Holy Communion Revd Don Dowling

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

**Jumping
for Joy**

**Joseph
and his multicoloured coat!**

**Sunday 8 February 2026
3.00 - 4.30 pm**

**Children's crafts, activities,
worship and refreshments**

All Welcome!

Children must be accompanied by at least one adult.
For more information email - revjennadearden@gmail.com

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Contacts - Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals etc, contact:

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Helen Frost 07367 927104

Deanery Synod Representative

At our APCM we will elect Lay Deanery Synod members for the triennium starting 1 July 2026. The role involves being a voice for the community within the regional church governance. Deanery Synod members also form the electorate for General Synod Elections, which will be held

St Peter's PCC

(Parochial Church Council)



The PCC met on 23rd January 2026 and here are a few headlines about what was discussed. Thank you to all members of the PCC for their continued hard work and commitment.

- **Diocesan Grant** – We have been awarded a £250 grant from the Diocese to fund the update of our children's space. This will be used to buy new chairs, bean bags, books and activity equipment to brighten up the space! We hope to have these purchased within the next month.
- **Safeguarding** – Thank you to all PCC members and volunteers who are updating and/or completing safeguarding training. We are working on Role Descriptions for all our volunteers.
- **Young People** – Jumping for Joy – the PCC has committed to run 6 events through the year. Details and flyers with dates and further information are available in church.
- **Young People – Fusion** - This is the new Ampt Hill & Shefford Deanery initiative for all young people across the Deanery aged 11-18. The group has been split into two, Fusion West and Fusion East (St Peter's is part of the East group). The launch event took place at Ninja Warrior on 25 January with the next main event at St Albans Abbey. More details to follow about the 'shape' of Fusion East.
- **Buildings** – The Community Payback team have done a brilliant tidying up between Christmas and New Year, thank you to them. Required Tree work in the churchyard was carried out on 20-21st January. Decisions are still being made about the proposed works to the outer churchyard wall and south porch outer wall. Topple testing of churchyard memorials is due to take place this month.
- **Mission Statistics** – Each year the church submits statistics to the Diocese which look at church attendance, services, and initiatives at St Peter's. These have been submitted for 2025. Thank you Helen B.
- **Parish Share** – As a church we have been in a financial position to pay the Parish Share for 2025 in full. We thank God for his provision and for all your generosity and giving. The Parish Share for 2026 is set at £27,419.



Parish Tea and Cakes

A friendly setting for an extended

traditional English tea. Everyone's welcome to join us. We meet every first Wednesday of the month at 2:00pm in St. Peter's church.

COFFEE MORNING

Every Tuesday morning at 10.30am. A warm and friendly environment to just chat and share. Pre-school children with carers are Welcome. We have a play area for the children. During the school half term we run a session with crafts for children.

FINDING A VOICE

by Hilary Brand

A journey into Lent through the lens
of the film *The Kings Speech*



Meeting on Wednesdays

4 March - Fear

11 March - Perseverance

18 March - Calling

25 March - Confidence

7.15pm for 7.30pm start

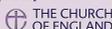
at Stondon Baptist Church Hall
27 Station Road, Lower Stondon, SG16 6JL



For more information contact

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



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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Cleaning Volunteers Needed for St. Peter's!

Do you have time to
spare to sign up to our cleaning
Rota?

If you feel you could help out, please see Helen Frost who is compiling a list of volunteers.

A Journey to Confirmation

On Sunday 22 February 2026 at 6pm, St James the Great, Silsoe will be hosting a Deanery Confirmation (and baptism service) with Bishop Richard, the Bishop of Bedford.

Please put this in your diary as it would be lovely for members of the congregation to come along to the Confirmation service and support our candidates. Please pray for those involved in the preparation and on the day!



CREAM TEAS

Sunday 12 April
2026

3pm - 5pm

Enjoy a sumptuous cream tea in the
beautiful grounds of St Guthlac's Church

£6 - two scones, jam & cream,

pot of tea or coffee

(for £8 add a glass of Prosecco)

£1 - cake and a drink for children

Raffle and children's games



To reserve a place please call;
Julie on 07809 176379

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

Upcoming dates for your Diary

Vivace Choir, Saturday 25th March
4.00pm

APCM

Sunday 19 April 2026 at 11.00 am -
Please stay and support this annual
meeting.



Services in February

Sunday 1st at 9.30 am
HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 8th at 10.00 am
ALL AGE WORSHIP

Sunday 15th at 9.30 am
HOLY COMMUNION

Wednesday 18th at 7.00 pm
ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 22nd at 9.30 am
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The Benefices of Arlesey with Astwick
and Gravenhurst, Shillington and
Stondon Holy Week and Easter 2026



Holy Week

Please take a leaflet home with you which
provides all the service dates throughout
Holy Week.



Jumping for Joy 2026



Sunday 8 February - Joseph

Friday 3 April - Easter

Sunday 24 May - Pentecost

Sunday 12 July - Moses

Sunday 20 September - Harvest

Sunday 22 November - Advent
and Christmas

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Morning Prayer

Every Wednesday
at 9.15 am

An informal, short time of prayer
and reflection for 30 minutes
every Wednesday

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If you would like anything included
in the newsletter, please contact
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20th of the month.