

St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches

Sunday 22nd March 2026

st.peter's
bishop's waltham

blessed mary
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Here are the services for this Sunday and the coming week:

At St Peter's

8am BCP

9am Morning Worship

10.30am Sunday Central with communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong

(10am Thursday)

At Blessed Mary

11am Informal Service

Finally, next Sunday Yasmin and Claire from the Alpha course are to be baptised/renew their baptism promises. They have been attending various services in the last few months (8am, 9am and 10:30am) and have really appreciated the welcome they have received.

Their family, friends and sponsors will be coming to coffee after the 9am Palm Sunday service, and then the first part of their baptism will be in the 10:30am service, Their actual baptism will then follow at Bishop's Waltham pool. All are welcome to come and support at the 10:30am service and/or baptism at 12noon. After the baptism there will be an opportunity for a church swim until 12:45/1pm!

With prayers for the week ahead.

Revd James

Bible Verse for the week: *"Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was*

*filled with the fragrance of the perfume." **John 12v3***

Quote for the week: *"Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you."* **Augustine of Hippo**

Passion Sunday Choral Evensong at St Peters
Sunday 22nd March at 6.30pm



You are warmly invited to this **Sunday's 22 March 6.30pm Passion Sunday Choral Evensong at St Peters, Bishops Waltham**. The Service is being led by Rev. Jane Beloe with music sung by the Joint Choirs of St Peters & Blessed Mary, Upham.

Passion Sunday marks the start of Passiontide – comprising a 2 week long period with the expectation of Easter preceded by the suffering and death of Jesus.

The Service will include beautiful congregational Hymns for Passiontide; wonderful Anthems by Sir John Rutter; and Psalms, Canticles & Responses.

Please come and join us on Sunday at 6.30pm for this uplifting Service of Choral Evensong!

Mothers Union School Easter project

On Monday March 23rd, the Mothers Union will be welcoming Year 6 children once again into church to tell them the Story of Easter through a series of "Stations"... beginning with Palm Sunday and ending with the Resurrection. The children will be arriving around 9.15 and then again at 1.15. However, we will be in church after the children leave in the morning about 11.00 till we pack up mid afternoon.

If anyone would like to watch what we do or come after 11.00, you would be very welcome. Coffee on offer!

This is a wonderful outreach to our junior school children and we would love to share it with you.

Mary Blow and the Easter Project Team.

Tenebrae Service

St Peter's Tuesday 31st March at 7.30pm

The name Tenebrae is the Latin word for "darkness" or "shadows."
One of the most conspicuous features of the service is the gradual extinguishing of **seven candles** until only a **single candle (the eighth and largest candle)**, considered a symbol of our Lord, remains.



This service of "shadows" emphasizes the suffering of Christ through Scripture readings and concludes in near-total darkness and silence to represent the tomb.

As we move through Holy Week, you are very welcome to join us for this unique service.

Holy Week services

In our Churches

Blessed Mary Church
Easter and April 2026

2nd April - Maundy Thursday service in the Upper Room 8pm

3rd April - Good Friday
Communion Service 12pm

5th April - 11am Easter Day Service
(There will be a Dawn Service at St Peter's at 6am, to which all are welcome)

12th April - 11am Sunday Funday
6.30pm Evensong

19th April - 11am Village Communion

26th April - 11am Informal Service



EASTER AT ST PETER'S

Join us as we remember Jesus' death
and resurrection before and during
Holy Week and on Easter Day

Palm Sunday - 29th March

8.00am BCP Service
9.00am Palm Sunday Service
10.30am Sunday Central

Tuesday 31st March

7.30pm Tenebrae Service

Maundy Thursday - 2nd April

10.00am BCP in Church
11.00am Portsmouth Cathedral Chalice Eucharist
8.00pm Remembering the Last Supper
followed by Vigil to midnight

Good Friday - 3rd April

10.00am Walk of Witness
10.30-12.30pm Family Activities in the Rectory Garden
1-3.00pm Preaching The Cross

Easter Sunday - 5th April

6.00am Dawn Service
8.00am BCP Service in Church
9.30am Joint Easter Day Service

For more information on St Peter's visit
www.stpetersbw.org



Duty warden for the 9am Sunday services

Due to sick leave I am looking to recruit a duty warden for the 9am Sunday services
at St. Peter's starting in May.....**Could it be you?**

You'd go on a rota and be duty warden about once every few weeks
The role isn't hard but is vital to the smooth running of the services.

If anyone is interested please contact me, Mandy

Cawood Amandajcawood@gmail.com and I can send you the details of the role
and have a chat.

Many thanks
Mandy

Blessed Mary Churchyard tidy up
Saturday 21st March. 930 am until 12pm



We would be grateful for any help even half an hour is great Any more details required Please contact Jane Perrott 07734 681737 janeperrott1@btinternet.com

Sponsored Walk to raise funds for Kate's trip to Uganda
6th April

Kate our Families children and youth worker is leading a small team to Uganda this July for 3 weeks to focus mainly on Young peoples ministry and Families.

As part of her mission preparations, she and her children Edward and Ruby, and Jon and Aysher Day will also be going and we hope you can join us too!

Either for the walk or part of it and donate or raise funds to help us! 10% raised will go to Watsan Water which we shall visit and encourage when there.

Please get in touch with Kate to find out what we will be doing!

Kate has said Going to Uganda is much needed to recharge her spiritual batteries when working in UK which at times is a lot harder!

Text Kate if you can pledge or want to. find out details for walk..

**KATE RUBY & EDWARDS SPONSORED
10 MILE WALK FOR UGANDA MISSION
WHEN-APRIL 6TH
ALL WELCOME TO JOIN & HELP US
RAISE FUNDS**



**FROM JULY 1ST TO 21ST JULY 2026 WE ARE
JOINING UP WITH KANUNGU KINKIIZI
DIOCESE AND RUKUNGIRI DICOESE TO
SPEND TIME WORKING IN SCHOOLS
ORPHANAGES CHURCHES SHARING &
TEACHING GODS LOVE WITH OUR FRIENDS.
PLEASE WILL YOU JOIN US ON THE WALK &
TO HELP RAISE FUNDS OR KINDLY DONATE
MANY THANKS KATE SMYTH**

Good Friday Fun!



Update on the Pains' in Japan

Please click on the link to hear all their news from OMF



[Printable PDF of March 2026 prayer letter](#)

Prayers

R.I.P. Theresa Savage

**Please pray for the family and friends of Theresa Savage.
We pray for all those whose names are written in our**



Book of Requests for Prayer.

Please also pray for the names of those who have asked for public prayer: Simon Haines, Jan Hayter, Sarah Pain, Fred and Sylvia Dickenson, Sheila Boyes, Jackie Suter, 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:

23/3/2004	Thomas Hugh Farmiloe
23/3/2018	Richard John Channon
26/3/2012	Anna Louise Moore
27/3/1996	Roy William Burkett
27/3/2002	Harry Kirwan-Taylor
27/3/2014	William Price
28/3/2000	Sandra Roberts

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 meat meals
Stir in Pasta Sauces (in plastic tubs not jars)
Tinned Tomatoes
Tea bags
Toothpaste

The Week Ahead

What's on at Blessed Mary (All to be held in Church unless specified)

Sunday 22nd 10am Choir Practice
11am Informal Service
Monday 23rd 8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)
Wednesday 25th 10am communion at the home of Jane and David Ashe
7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice
Thursday 26th 10am Butterflies
Friday 27th 9am Upham School Easter Service
Sunday 29th 10am Choir Practice
11am Palm Sunday Service

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Sunday 22nd 8am BCP Service
9am Morning Worship
9.30am-12pm Vitalize (Stables Centre)
10.30am Sunday Central with communion
Afternoon set up for Easter Project
6.30pm Evensong
Monday 23rd 8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)
9.30pm-4.30pm Easter Project
7-9pm Bell ringing practice
Tuesday 24th 8am Prayer with 'bible thought and open prayer' (Zoom)
Wednesday 25th 8.45am Morning Prayer
9.30-12pm Garden Gang
2-4pm Cafe Church
7pm Rehearsal for Passion Service
Thursday 26th 8am Morning Prayer in church
10am BCP Service
7-9pm Alpha Course in Church
Friday 27th 8.45am Morning Prayer
7-8.15pm Choir Practice
8.15pm - 9.30pm Band Practice
Saturday 28th Bell Ringing Training pm
Sunday 29th 8am BCP Service
9am Palm Sunday Service
9.30am-12pm Vitalize (Stables Centre)
10.30am Sunday Central

This list only represents Christian services and events linked to worship at St Peter's and Blessed Mary

