

**St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches
Sunday 19th April 2026**

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bishop's waltham

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Dear All

I hope your week is going well. Here are this week's services

St Peter's

8am BCP Service

9am Parish Communion

10.30am Sunday Central

Please pray for Moses Remak-Frona who is baptised as part of our 10.30am service.

Blessed Mary

11am Village Communion

For a full list of what's happening in the week ahead, please see below

With my prayers

Revd James

New Alpha Course



Following the very successful Alpha Course which ran from January 2026 to Holy Week – we are planning a further Alpha course starting in **Church** on **Thursday 23rd April 7.15pm** refreshments prior to **7.30pm start**. The course will run for **11 Thursdays (half term break on Thursday 28 May)**, to **July 16th**.

Alpha is for anyone who wishes to explore the Christian faith further. Originally for non-Churchgoers and those new to faith, it has developed into a wonderfully positive interactive course freely exploring the basics of Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.

There are plenty of spaces for people to attend the April- July 2026 St Peters course – **please just submit your name & contact details to** Rev. James or Church Office. We are also seeking a few Volunteers/ Helpers each week for welcoming/ refreshments; running the weekly videos on Church A/V system; or helping with facilitation of group discussions. **Please let us know if you could lend a hand with this on a rota basis.**

Annual Meeting of Parishioners/ Annual Parochial Church Meeting Sunday 26 April at 3.00 pm in Church

Please note this date in your diary as it is hoped that as many people as possible will be able to attend the above meeting when we elect our Churchwardens, PCC members and Deanery Synod members. There will also be the opportunity to hear more about our plans for the future, as well as looking back at all we have achieved over the past year. Thank you James, Liz and Mandy

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Revision of Church Electoral Roll

This year we revise the Church Electoral Roll so if you are not on the Roll but would wish to join, please complete a Form which can be found in an envelope on the noticeboard under the gallery in Church and return it to me. If it is not convenient for you to collect a Form from Church, please let me know and I will drop one in to you. Being on the Roll enables you to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which means that you can help influence what we do over the coming period.

Please note that this is a revision of the Roll, not a new one, so if your name is already on the Roll then you need do nothing. Thank you. Paul Emmerson, Acting Church Electoral Officer, email: paulemmerson46@gmail.com, tel 07901 842196/01489 895079

Card Reader/Planned Giving



I apologise for the occasional problems we have been having with the Card Reader in Church which has meant that it has not always been working. It is hoped that action taken last Sunday will improve performance in the future

However, if you do give on a regular basis using the Card Reader, this is a reminder that you may wish to consider joining Planned Giving whereby you make a regular payment from your bank account direct to either the PCC or the Parish Giving Scheme. This is a much simpler way of giving and with income committed in this way, it helps the PCC to plan its expenditure with more certainty. Please contact me if you would like to discuss further or for more information about Planned Giving generally. Thank you. Paul Emmerson Chair, Stewardship Team, paulemmerson46@gmail.com, 07901 842196 or 01489 895079

Help Needed 17th April.....



Strong willing helpers needed on Friday 17th April at 10.45 in St Peter's Church. We need to dismantle the lovely Easter Garden and need all the help we can get. Just turn up and ask for Charles. Many many thanks if you can help.

Faculty Petition for the rebuilding of the damaged wall in the Churchyard

[Click here to view](#)

Prayers

R.I.P. Pauline Powell

Please pray for the family and friends of Pauline Powell and Teresa 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:

20/4/2008	Reginald Bunyan
21/4/2010	Maureen Florence Marrs
24/4/2004	Emma Louise Marina Hughes
24/4/2017	Phyllis Tier (nee Leggett)
26/4/1963	Leonard James Ayers
26/4/2020	Heather Joyce Pollard

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

Curdridge - 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 Hot Dogs

Tinned Carrots

Cup a Soup

Jars of Coffee

Cream Crackers

The Week Ahead

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

Sunday 19th 10am Choir Practice
 11am Village Communion
Tuesday 21st 11am Table Talk call Kate for venue details 07986009942
Wednesday 22nd 10am communion at the home of Judy Benham
 7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice
Thursday 23rd 10am-11.30am Butterflies
Sunday 26th 10am Choir Practice
 11am Informal Service
 12.15pm APCM

What's on at St Peter's (All to be held in Church unless specified)

Sunday 19th 8am BCP Service
 9am Parish communion
 10.30am Sunday Central with baptism
Monday 20th 7-9pm Bell ringing practice

Tuesday 21st 8am Prayer with 'bible thought and open prayer' (Zoom)
9.30-11am Teeny Tinies in the Church Hall
Wednesday 22nd 8.45am Morning Prayer
10am-12pm Garden Gang
2-4pm Church Cafe
Thursday 23rd 8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)
10am 'Thought for the Day' with coffee and cake
Friday 24th 8.45am Morning Prayer
7-8.15pm Choir Practice
Saturday 25th 11.30am-12.15pm Visiting Bell ringers
Sunday 26th 8am BCP Service
9am Morning Worship
10.30am Sunday Central with communion
3pm APCM
6.30pm Choral Evensong

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

