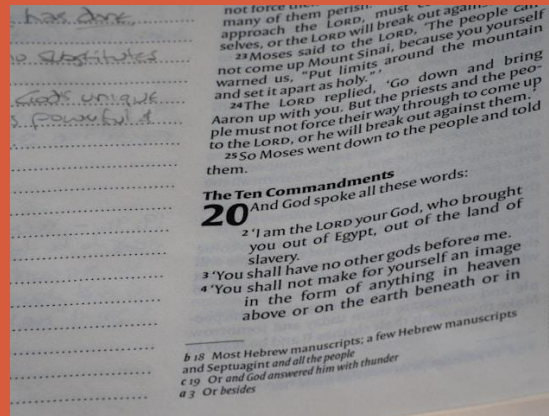


# St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches

## Sunday 3rd May 2026

st.peter's  
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

### **Blessed Mary**

11am Village Communion

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

This Sunday we are starting a new sermon series on the Old Testament looking at the 10 Commandments.

Please have a look at the new sermon series leaflet with all the bible readings and titles coming up.

With my prayers

Revd James

Bible Verse for the week: ***"Do not think that I have come to abolish The Law or the Prophets, but I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them."*** Matthew 5v17

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## Revd Larry and Denise Stone – Welcome!



Over the last few years Revd Larry Stone and his wife Denise have joined us periodically on Sundays, and it has been lovely to get to know them over this time. Larry originally came on placement with us as part of his training and curacy. Larry and Denise are both medical doctors – Larry retired and Denise still in practice.

Larry has been serving his curacy at Harbour Church in Portsmouth, but as they live locally really want to serve God in ministry and mission with us. It will be wonderful to have them join our church families of St Peter's and Blessed Mary and to have Larry as part of our existing wonderful ministry team.

Larry and Denise have three grown up children all doing interesting things. Larry has a passion for whatever will bless others!, but comes with extensive experience in growing and planting new congregations, discipleship programmes and youth work. Denise has a passion for women's ministry and wants to sing more and perhaps join a choir!

Larry and Denise will be joining us over May and Larry's first formal Sunday will be on 31<sup>st</sup> May. Please welcome them warmly when you see them.

Revd James

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### **Mothers' Union Spring Fayre**

Saturday 16th May at St Peter's Churchyard (or the Hall if wet)



150 years

The funds raised at the annual **Mothers' Union Fayre** support struggling families in our diocese through the Refuges, the Roberts Centre and the Away from it all Holidays; and overseas MU projects which encourage women to be more independent and respected. **You are warmly invited to** come to the churchyard on 16<sup>th</sup> May between 10.00am and Midday. You might like to buy a few raffle tickets, take a chance on the bottle stall, indulge your family with a cake, stock your garden with Penny's plants, find something for your (grand)children, choose a gift or books for your summer reading, and have a chat with someone while enjoying a drink and delicious cake (outside if warm) – all in a very good cause!

We look forward to welcoming you!

## Looking Back, Looking Forward



Following our Vision/AGM Sunday, thank you for all your ideas for both 'looking back' and 'looking forwards'. What you have all mentioned is really helpful and we will prayerfully look through what you have shared.

Looking forwards, the key things being discussed at our PCC's are below. What we want to do next, is work out a clear overall vision, priority order in tasks/projects and who, (leader and team) might take each of these forward:

### **Services**

**9am** – to re-start a Junior Choir for young people

**10:30am** – to develop the service linking with Families

**11:00am** - to review how we do 'Sunday Funday'

**Evening** – to start a contemporary worship time

### **Family, Children and Youth**

**Family and Children** – to review what we do to bring families to faith

**Youth** – to start a new local youth programme linked with the wider area  
(*Church based, Community Based, Schools Based, Digital/Social Media*)

### **Mission**

**Community** – to look at our activities 'out in the community'

**Outreach Courses** – to plan and run more regular courses e.g., Alpha

### **Ministry**

**Prayer** – to seek God more in prayer generally and specifically

**Teams** – to build up our varied teams that help with all we do

### **Resources (Church and Finances)**

**St Peter's Church** – to continue our church re-imagining

**Blessed Mary Church** – to look at our heating

**St Peter's Finances** – to encourage new and generous giving

**Blessed Mary Finances** – to send out stewardship letters  
(*congregation and those who want to be friends to the church*)

### **Leadership**

**St Peter's** – to structure for growth e.g., delegated oversight in key areas

**Blessed Mary** – to look at growing new and varied leadership (lay and licenced)

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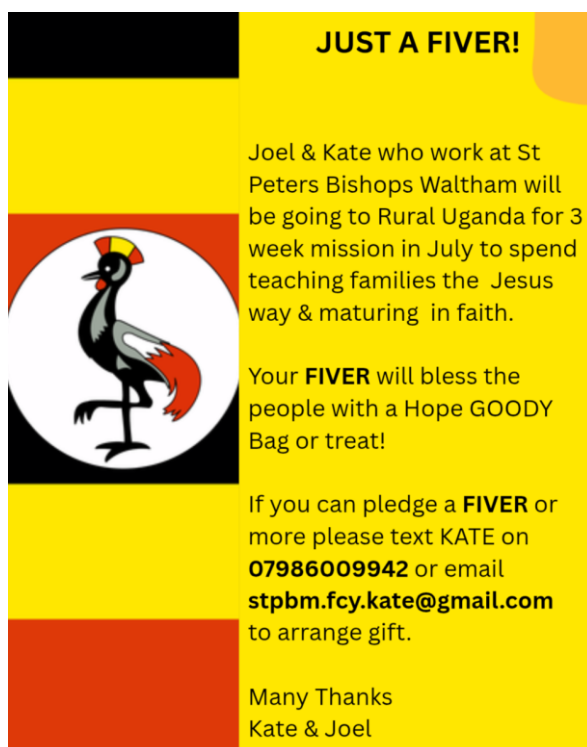
## The Chosen 2



There will be a new House Group starting at the home of David & Beryl Williamson on Thursday the 14th May at 7-30 pm. The Group will be called "Chosen 2" and will be following the very popular Chosen series by Dallas Jenkins, showing the calling of the disciples to follow Jesus, and the life of Christ, in a way that is so interesting to new and experienced Christian a-like?

Places on this course are limited, so an early application to join is vital to avoid any disappointment. Please contact David on 077301 48920 or Email: [williamson.rtd@gmail.com](mailto:williamson.rtd@gmail.com). for more information

## Just a Fiver!



**JUST A FIVER!**

Joel & Kate who work at St Peters Bishops Waltham will be going to Rural Uganda for 3 week mission in July to spend teaching families the Jesus way & maturing in faith.

Your **FIVER** will bless the people with a Hope GOODY Bag or treat!

If you can pledge a **FIVER** or more please text KATE on **07986009942** or email **stpbm.fcy.kate@gmail.com** to arrange gift.

Many Thanks  
Kate & Joel

## Prayers

R.I.P. Betty Barker  
R.I.P. Pauline Powell  
R.I.P. Ann Smith



Please pray for the family and friends of Betty Barker, Ann Smith and Pauline Powell.  
We pray for all those whose names are written in our Book of Requests for Prayer.

Pauline Powell's Thanksgiving service will be at 1pm on Friday 8th of May at St Peter's followed by refreshments at the Church Hall

Please also pray for the names of those who have asked for public prayer: Simon Haines, Jan Hayter, Sheila Boyes, Jackie Suter, and for all those known to us who are currently in hospital.

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We pray for the families of those Anniversaries of Death fall around this time and whose names are listed in our Book of Remembrance:

03/5/2016	Constance Lane
04/5/2001	Phyllis Mary Bennett
04/5/2020	Gerald Bruce
05/5/1963	Francis Ernest Williamson
06/5/2007	The Rt.Hon. The Lord Weatherill Bernard Weatherill

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## 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 Fruit  
Baked Beans  
Instant Mashed Potatoes  
Pasta Sauces**

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## The Week Ahead

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

Sunday 3rd May 10am Choir Practice  
11am Village communion  
Tuesday 5th 11am Table Talk call Kate for venue 07986009942  
Wednesday 6th 10am communion please call Jane Beloe for venue  
7.30-9pm Bell ringing practice  
Thursday 7th 10am-11.30am Butterflies  
Sunday 10th May 10am Choir Practice  
10am Sunday Funday

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

Sunday 3rd 8am BCP Service  
9am Parish Communion  
10.30am Sunday Central  
Monday 4th 7-9pm Bell ringing practice  
Tuesday 5th 8am Prayer with 'bible thought and open prayer' (Zoom)  
9.30-11am Teeny Tinies in the Church Hall  
Wednesday 6th 8.45am Morning Prayer  
10am-12pm Garden Gang in the Rectory Garden  
Thursday 7th 8am Morning Prayer (Zoom)  
10am BCP service  
Friday 8th May 8.45am Morning Prayer  
1pm Thanksgiving Service for Pauline Powell  
7-8.15pm Choir Practice  
8.30pm-10.30pm Worship Band Practice  
Sunday 10th 8am BCP Service  
9am Parish Communion  
10.30am Sunday Central

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

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