# Wardens Waffle

## November 2026

St Peter's Church looked amazing for **Harvest Sunday** so a huge thank you to Adrian & Julie, Diane & Angela P, & Elaine for the trimming up, most impressive! A goodly amount of tinned and packet food was greatly appreciated by the food bank (A thank you card is on the noticeboard).

Following our Harvest Service, we had a **Bring & Share Lunch** together. What a wonderful array of food, and a great get together to chat and share food and good company together.

Ali introduced our new **Prayer Board**, which was put together by Julie & Ady, (you are both so talented and put in so much time for St Peter's). Prayer cards are available on the table to add to our prayer board. Please spend some time having a look at the board and adding to it where appropriate.

A coach load of friends set off early on Saturday 10th October to the **RBL National Remembrance Gardens Staffordshire,** what a fantastic day we all had. As a first timer, I found it quite emotionally moving, especially the little service in the Chapel. Well worth a trip if you've never been, extremely well kept. Of course, a thank you to Diane & Emma for arranging this trip.

Work is happening on the **St Peter's Centre (SPC) Flat Roof**. This has been patched up so many times, it is finally getting fixed with a totally new covering, to make us leak proof! If you meet our roofer his name is Andy Dance, please say hello to him.

We certainly have lots of work that will be going on over at SPC we are looking at installing two further **AC units** in the downstairs room. Also, we need quite a bit of **Electrical Work** that needs attention to get it up to a good standard.

I have met with Michael Bennetto who is the arborist at O&WBC firstly to sort the unruly Contorted Willow **Tree** at **The Old Rectory**, which has a TPO assigned to it, but is sadly obscuring the view from the neighbouring terrace house! Secondly to address the four **replacement trees** in the Churchyard they have

unfortunately died and will need replacing. Thirdly we had previously spoke of reducing the height of the **yew trees**, this wasn't done and will be looked at!

Dare I say that the **Spire work** is still awaiting sign off from the Diocese. I have chased the DAC numerous times, and Steve has also tried for us.

The **Redundant Chimney Flue** on the north side of the Church roof from the old boiler, has now been put through on a list B to the Diocese, and again we are awaiting this to be signed off.

The O&WBC are also arranging a contractor to reset the wobbly **slabs** near the South Porch

I have done the training on the new **Building Management Portal** (BMP) so all ready for action should we need any further work going through to the diocese!

Ron Berry once again gave us an amazing **Coffee Concert**, this last Saturday, again very well attended, it is very greatly appreciated. Thanks once again for the delicious cakes from Angela S, Judy, & Angela P.

Those that require **Safeguarding Training** have been notified and hopefully booked on the appropriate courses required for their specific roles within the Church. Thank you for taking this seriously, it is extremely important that we are up to date with our training.

**What's Happening – Christmas is coming: -**

**2026 & 2027! Dates for your diary not mentioned above: -**

**St Peters St Pauls St Cuthberts St Andrews St Marys**

**All Souls Service** – Sunday 1st November 6pm St Peter's Church

**Remembrance Service** – Sunday 8th November 2.30pm St Peter's

**Choral Evensong** – Sunday 22nd November 5pm St Peter's Church

**Coffee Concerts** – Saturday 28th November 10.30 – Flute & Piano

**Community Cinema** – Saturday 28th November 7pm St Pauls – It's A Wonderful Life

**Benefice Advent Carol Service** – Sunday 29th November 6pm St Cuthberts Church Great Glen (Toilet facilities available)

**Christmas Tree Festival** – Sunday 6th December St Andrews Burton Overy.

**Christingle** – Sunday 13th December 10am St Peter's Church

**Nine Lessons & Carols** – Sunday 13th December 6pm St Peter's Church

**Cake & Carols** – Tuesday 15th December 6.30pm St Cuthberts

**Carols By Candlelight** – Thursday 17th December 7pm St Marys Carlton Curlieu.

**Nine Lessons & Carols** – Sunday 20th December 6.30pm St Cuthberts

**Carols By Candlelight** – Sunday 20th December 7pm St Pauls Church

**Crib Service** – Thursday 24th December 4pm St Peter's Church

**Crib Service** – Thursday 24th December 4pm St Pauls

**Crib Service** – Thursday 24th December 4.30pm St Andrews Burton Overy

**Midnight Communion** – Thursday 24th December 11.30pm St Peter's Church

**Midnight Communion** – Thursday 24th December 11.30pm St Cuthberts

**Christmas Day** – Friday 25th December 10am St Peters

**Christmas Day** – Friday 25th December 10am St Pauls

**Christmas Day** – Friday 25th December 10.30am St Cuthberts

**Joint Benefice Service** – Sunday 27th December 10am St Peter's Church

**Burns Night** – Saturday 23rd January 7pm St Peter's Parish Centre

**Pancake Morning** – Saturday 6th February St Peter's Parish Centre

Please get these dates in your diaries, and support as much in the benefice as you can. If you need transport, please ask, if we can arrange it, we will!

Many blessings

Angela x