



# **The Parish of St. Peter, Bushey Heath December 2025**



## **From the vicar**

As an end of year reflection have you considered what you have achieved this year, in particular in your life of faith? It is worth thinking about, not least as a basis for thanksgiving as the 'natural year' comes to a close. Think too about what we have achieved together as a parish church. Just to begin your thinking I shall offer a few brief thoughts below. It is not an exhaustive list, but a foundation. It is not in any particular order.

Over the course of 2025...

- ✓ Prayers have been offered.  
Our prayers have deepened our connection with God as we have asked for peace, good governance in the world and healing for many in distress and difficulty. The result of prayer sincerely offered is that the devil flees – his grasp on mankind is loosened by the power of the cross which we invoke.
- ✓ Mass has been celebrated.  
The Holy Trinity has been honoured in the offering of the 'one true, pure, immortal sacrifice', angels have rejoiced and sinners have received pardon. Through it the bonds of our fellowship have been deepened.
- ✓ Pastoral care has been offered.  
The sick and the bereaved have been visited. The lost and the wandering have been sought and the seeker has been welcomed.
- ✓ Teaching has been undertaken, not least in the context of preparation of candidates for confirmation.
- ✓ Relationships with those of other faiths have been strengthened and neighbours have been encouraged, all to the good of the community and the realm.
- ✓ Other parishes have been supported including our sister parishes in the Society under the Patronage of St. Wilfrid and St. Hilda, other parishes through the Additional Curates Society, St. James's, Bushey and other parishes in the deanery with their schools.
- ✓ Pilgrimage has been made to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in the company of Holy Cross, Marsh Farm and St. Martin's, Bedford.
- ✓ Funds have been collected and raised in order to support the ministry in the parish. The church, the hall, the vicarage and the parish priest have all been funded and the ministry of the wider church in the diocese has not been neglected. This is a very significant mark of commitment on the part of you all. Thank you for your generosity and support in so many ways.
- ✓ Schools have received ministry.  
School assemblies have introduced children to significant times in the Church's calendar like Advent, Christmas and Easter. Visits to St. Peter's have introduced broader Christian themes and allowed children to explore and ask questions.
- ✓ Fun has been had!  
The Over 60's Club always have fun and enjoy each other's company. Darts evenings, the Summer picnic and the Quiz Night have been great social occasions.

Looking to 2026, keep up the good work! I very much look forward to your company and continued support. The faith is proclaimed and shared and another confirmation is anticipated as people grow in faith. Above all keep up your commitment to prayer and to attendance at divine service. Through these things God is glorified and our future as a parish church is secured.

## **Christmas Services 2025**

### **Christmas Eve**

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

### **Christmas Day**

8.00am Low Mass (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Family Mass with carols (Modern rite)



## St. Peter's Church, Bushey Heath

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### **Verger**

The verger assists the parish priest by helping to prepare for the occasional offices (baptisms, weddings and funerals). No previous experience is required as full training will be given. This is a voluntary post which would suit anyone who wants to support the ministry of the parish at the significant points in people's lives.

For an informal discussion please speak to Father Andrew.

### PRAYER FOCUS

Please continue to pray for an end to conflict in the Near East, Ukraine and all countries beset by violence. Remember the faithful suffering persecution, especially this month those in North Korea.

### From the diary...

**Usual Sunday services: 8.00am Holy Communion; 9.30am Parish Mass**

<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Advent 1</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December, 10.00am	Mass
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm	Mass ( <i>St. Nicholas, Bishop</i> )

<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Fair</b>	<b>11.00am to 3.00pm</b>
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<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Advent 2</b>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December, 10.00am	Mass
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm	Mass
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Advent 3</b>

### **Christingle**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 11.15am



Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December, 10.00am	Mass
2.00pm	Bushey Heath Primary School (Year 2) Carol Service
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm	Mass
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Advent 4</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December, 9.00am	Mass ( <i>of Christmas Eve</i> )
6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b> ( <i>see above for details</i> )
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> December, 10.00am	Mass (St. Stephen, Protomartyr)
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> December, 12 noon	Mass (St. John the Evangelist)
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Sunday after Christmas Day</b>

### **Sunday after Christmas Day**

Parish Mass, 28<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am

Preacher: Father Thomas Singh SSC

Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 10.00am	Mass
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> January, 10.00am	Mass (The Circumcision of Christ)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	<i>no service</i>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>The Epiphany of our Lord</b>

### From the registers

#### **Wedding**

27<sup>th</sup> September Lydia Farley and Timothy Squires

#### **Funeral**

14<sup>th</sup> November Sister Diana Burton, CA (79 years)

### **Contact details:**

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