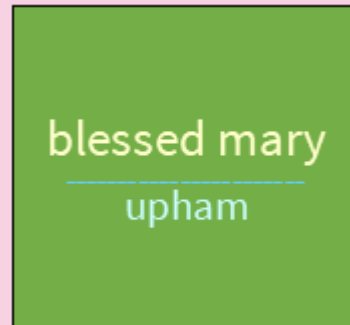


**St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches
Sunday 8th December
Second Sunday of Advent**



At St Peter's this Sunday, the second Sunday of Advent, we have our usual 8am BCP service, followed by our 9am Parish Communion and 10.30am Sunday Central.

At Blessed Mary this Sunday it is our Family Advent Carols Celebration at 11am and Evensong at 6.30pm.

You are welcome to come to our other midweek services; Blessed Mary at 10am on Wednesdays (various homes), and St Peter's at 10am on Thursdays.

Finally, can I please highlight a good advent resource you might like to have a look at and use which can be found here: Advent

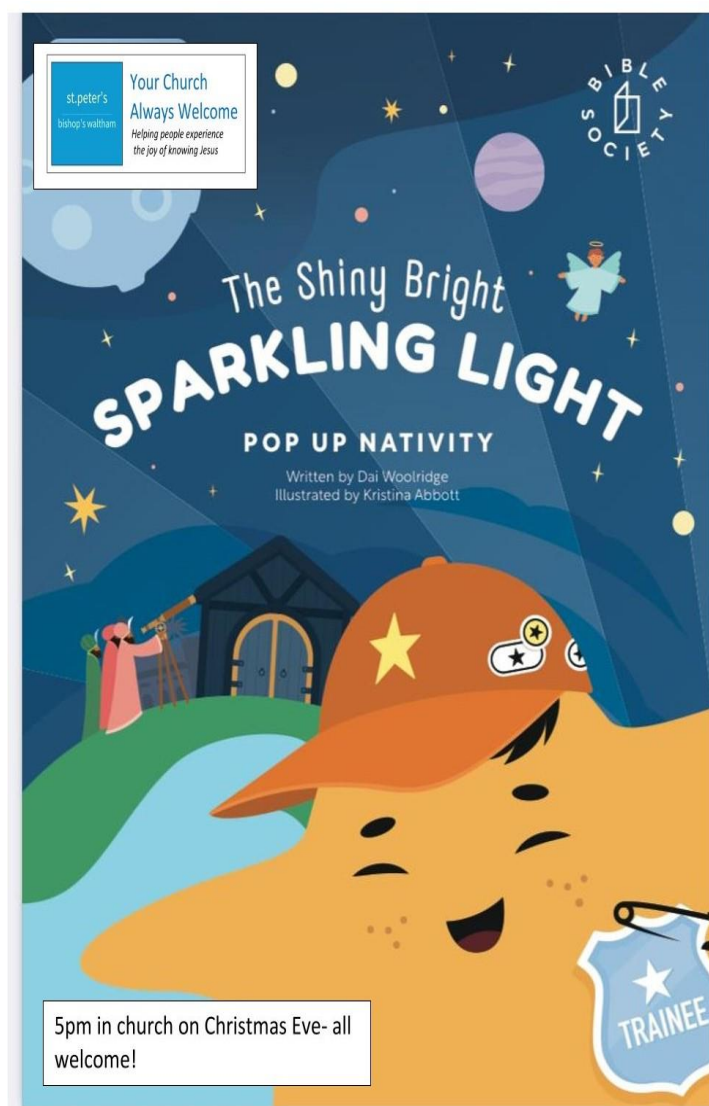
Reflections: <https://www.stpetersbw.org.uk/advent-meditations>

With my prayers for advent and the coming week

Revd James

Please see below all details for our special Christmas Services at both Churches.

Christmas Eve Crib Service at St Peter's



Everyone welcome to come & join Jesus's story from the point of view of a trainee star!

It starts at 5pm but worth arriving earlier 🤪

All children who come along will be invited up to the stage at one point to be part of the scene so it is fun too if they dress up as stars/angels/shepherds/wise men etc!

St Peter's Parish Lunches 2025



We will be holding two Parish Lunches early next year in the Church Hall. The dates are Sunday 26th January and Sunday 2nd February and members of all congregations are very welcome.

For more information call Vanessa Emmerson 01489 895079

Christmas at our Churches

Here are the dates of our special services this Christmas
St Peter's

**Welcome to
Christmas at St Peter's**

24th November Advent Carols 6.30pm

**15th December Family Carol Service
10.30am**

**15th December A Service of Lessons and
Carols 6.30pm**

24th December Crib Service 5pm

24th December Midnight Service 11pm

**25th December Day Services
at
8am and 9.30am
(with communion)**

St Peter's
Always Welcome
Making people experience
the joy of knowing Jesus

Christmas at our Churches

Here are the dates of our special services this Christmas
The Blessed Mary Church, Upham



Chris and Kesia's Newsletter from Japan

Happy Christmas! May the celebration of our Saviour's birth bring you joy this month particularly. Thank you for your ongoing interest and support. Please click on the link below for our latest news.

<https://pains-prayer-news.stello.news/#>

Do you have a car? Can you help?

Would you be willing to be part of a group who will collect items donated to the Food Bank from St Peter's church, the BW Sainsbury's and the BW Co-Op and deliver them to the Wickham Community Centre on a Monday morning? I gather from another church that 6 is the ideal number of people, such that you wouldn't be doing it too often.

Please

email info@meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk if you are willing to help us with this.



Upham Village Safari Supper Saturday 25th January 2025




If you would like to take part in this popular annual village event please contact Nicola Hill on hills.widlers@outlook.com or ring for more information on 860337. It is a great way to meet new people in the village and meet up with those you don't often see.

Everyone is welcome.

Christmas is coming!!!!
Saturday 14th December 2024
Meon Voices Concert (click on image for larger print!)

MEON VOICES CHOIR
**CHRISTMAS
 CONCERT**
 Saturday 14th December 2024

Join us for an evening of enchanting music, including:
 Les Misérables, John Rutter's What Sweeter Music, and Christmas Lullaby;
 Eric Whitacre's Glow, and many other Christmas songs including the chance
 to join in with favourite carols.




7.30 p.m. St Peter's Church, Bishop's Waltham

This is a free event and everyone is welcome

Refreshments will be provided

A retiring collection will be made in aid of Meon Voices & Church charities and your
 donation will be appreciated

Compton & Shawford Festival Choir
 perform



Charity No. 114679


Mozart Masterworks

Odyssey Ensemble Orchestra
John Sutton - Conductor


Vespers K339
Requiem K626

Thornden Hall
 Winchester Rd, Chandlers Ford, SO53 2DW

Saturday 14th December 2024 at 7.30pm



Tickets £20 (conc. £15)
 FREE ADMISSION for under 17-year-olds
 from Thornden Hall website,
 Box Office **023 8024 6555** or
 School Reception **023 8026 9722**



Prayers

R.I.P. Stephen Cook
R.I.P. Angie Blackford
R.I.P. June Cuthbert
R.I.P. Angela Barter
R.I.P. Elizabeth Haigh



**Please pray for the family and friends of June Cuthbert,
 Angie Blackford, Stephen Cook, Angela Barter, Elizabeth
 Haigh and Alex Rutter**

**We pray for all those whose names are written in our
 Book of Requests for Prayer, and also the names of those
 who have asked for public prayer, and for all those
 known to us who are currently in hospital.**

**Angie's funeral is at St Peter's on Tuesday 17th December
 at 12 midday.**

*Elizabeth Haigh's funeral is at 1pm on Thursday 19th
December at Wessex Vale*

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

08/12/1999	Doris Parry
08/12/2020	Fiona Stevenson
08/12/2020	Eddie Hunter
08/12/2004	Alec George Edward Cliff
10/12/2015	Arthur Garthwaite Randell
14/12/2018	Ronald Denis Whymark

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:

Pasta sauces

Tinned potatoes

Cup a soups

Individual steam puddings

Stock cubes

Washing up liquid
