

**St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches
Sunday 15th December
Third Sunday of Advent**

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

At 6.30pm we also have our Lessons and Carols service with our extended community choir, the Bishop's Bells, readings, anthems and carols. Please come along and bring family and friends to a beautiful telling of the Christmas Story.

At Blessed Mary this Sunday it is Parish Communion at 11am .

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.

With my prayers for advent and the coming week

Revd James

Next week will be our last Update until the 12th January, so please click [here](#) to view January services

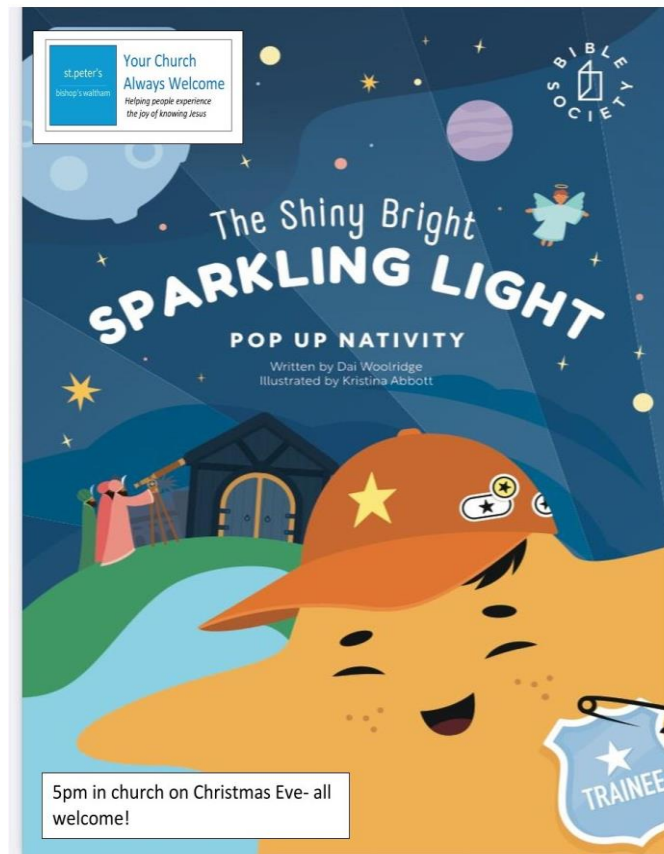
St Simon's Sunday Suppers

A huge thank you to so many of you, who so very kindly donated socks and pants. I took an enormous amount down last Sunday evening and the team in charge, were absolutely delighted. They will be given out with their Christmas "boxes" on the 22nd of December. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

One or two bags were left on our doorstep without a name...so sorry not to thank you personally.

With very many thanks, Mary.

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!

FROM CHURCHES HOMELESS ACTION.... Dear All at St Peters, Bishops Waltham
Thank you very much for the kind donation of £270 worth of vouchers. It has been very gratefully received and passed on to Fr Bob, the Chair of Churches Homeless Action. Each year the recipients are overwhelmed by the generosity of those who contribute.

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



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.



Prayers

R.I.P. Angie Blackford
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 and Elizabeth Haigh.

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:

15/12/1993	Muriel Ann Harwood
15/12/2009	Frederick Gordon Barker
16/12/1987	Clifford William Pollard
17/12/1999	Eric Eustace Leesmith
18/12/2005	Ruby Palmer-Hunt
18/12/2022	Susan Alice Browne
19/12/1985	Margit Jensen
19/12/1993	Joan Hope Chandler
20/12/1999	Mabel Frances Phillips
21/12/2015	John Charles Watts

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 minced beef and onions

Tinned Chilli Con Carne

Cheese Crackers

Tinned Custard

Squash
