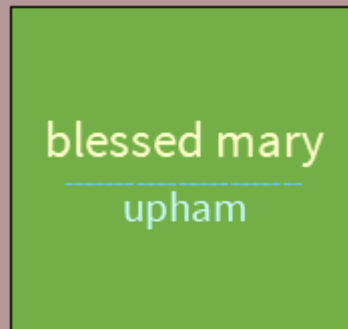


**St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches  
Sunday 12th January 2025**



**Thank you for opening up and reading this week's e-mail.**

**At St Peter's this Sunday we will be celebrating Epiphany and we have our usual 8am BCP service, followed by a 9am Communion Service and 10.30am Sunday Central.**

**At Blessed Mary this Sunday it is our Sunday Funday service at 11am and at 6.30pm we also have our simple sung Evensong service.**

**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.**

**May I wish you all a very Happy New Year  
Revd James**

***"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:  
Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."  
And he replied:" Go out into the darkness  
and put your hand into the hand of God.  
That shall be better than light  
and safer than a known way!"  
So I went forth and finding the Hand of God  
trod gladly into the night." Louise Haskins***

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## St Peter's Parish Lunches 2025



**PARISH LUNCHES** will be held in the Church Hall on Sunday 26th January and Sunday 2nd February at 12.30pm (NOT 2nd MARCH AS SHOWN IN THE PARISH NEWS) Members of all congregations are very welcome to come along to one of the lunches.

Please let Vanessa Emmerson Tel 01489895079 /mob. 07876453768 /

[vanessaemmerson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:vanessaemmerson@hotmail.co.uk).

Or Bev Rutter Tel 07884492041 / [rutterbev@gmail.com](mailto:rutterbev@gmail.com) if you are able to come along.

A two course lunch will be served (with a vegetarian choice if requested).

60 people can be accommodated at each lunch.

Please bring your own drinks and glasses.

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## Christmas Trees



**If you could help move the trees from the Church back in to the garage this Friday 10th January at 9.15am your help would be much appreciated.**  
Please let David Williamson know on 077301 48920

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## **Work in the Churchyard-for information**

The area in the Churchyard adjacent to The Old Pound is very overgrown and there are a number of graves in this area which are either fully or partially concealed, which can be considered disrespectful and create an impression of being uncared for. There have also been complaints from families who have relatives in graves near the area that it is encroaching on to the graves which they look after. In view of this, the PCC have looked at a number of alternatives over the past few years and have now decided that the best way forward is to clear the area entirely to bring it under control and then to decide how best to manage the area going forward. This will include possible re-seeding/turfing and/or creating some form of wildflower area. Weather permitting, the contractor will start work on Wednesday 15 January

## **Can you help the Foodbank?**



*Can you help make a real difference for families in need?*

### **WE'RE LOOKING FOR A CHAIR OF TRUSTEES**

#### **Who are we?**

We work with families throughout the Meon Valley providing much-needed food whilst also helping them to be in touch with other means of available support.

#### **What are we looking for?**

We're looking for a new Chair of Trustees to guide and encourage the established leadership team. The new Chair needs to demonstrate:

- Well-developed leadership skills
- Excellent communication skills, and a
- Passion for providing support to those in need.

You should be comfortable working in a Christian environment and be an active and committed member of a local Church.

#### **Want to know more?**

For further information about the role and how to apply, please scan the QR code or visit our website.

[www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk/new-chair](http://www.meonvalleyfoodbank.co.uk/new-chair)



**Registered Charity number: 1190417**

## Prayers

**R.I.P. Michael Henshaw  
R.I.P. Keith Ray**

**Please pray for the family and friends of Michael Henshaw, Keith Ray, Steven Harwood, Angela Barter, Pauline Quarendon, Timothy McNally, June Cuthbert, Angie Blackford, Stephen Cook, and Elizabeth Haigh.**



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

*Keith Ray died age 81 on 26/12/24 and he previously lived on the Ridgemedede Estate. His funeral will be held at Portchester Crematorium on the 27th January at 1pm. Donations to British Heart Foundation via Steeles undertakers Bishop's Waltham. If you would like to attend, please let Steeles know so they have an idea of numbers. Darren Ray's (son) mobile number 07881577898.*

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

<b>10/1/2002</b>	<b>James Blair Gillies</b>
<b>11/1/1994</b>	<b>Felix Peter Matthews</b>
<b>11/1/2007</b>	<b>Elizabeth Emma Restall</b>
<b>12/1/1998</b>	<b>Alfred Arthur Fox</b>
<b>13/1/2007</b>	<b>Doris (Ruth) Beechey</b>
<b>13/1/2010</b>	<b>Ann Dilys Moore</b>
<b>14/1/1987</b>	<b>Jack Dobbie</b>
<b>14/1/1996</b>	<b>Margaret Elizabeth Pollard</b>
<b>15/1/1998</b>	<b>Murry Brian Clarke</b>
<b>16/1/2003</b>	<b>Nigel Barron Robinson</b>
<b>17/1/2002</b>	<b>The Revd. Brian Dams</b>
<b>17/1/2005</b>	<b>Jack Ernest Henry Barnfield</b>

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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 minced beef and onions**

**Tinned Chilli Con Carne**

**Cheese Crackers**

**Tinned Custard**

**Squash**

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