

**St Peter's and Blessed Mary Churches
Sunday 16th March 2025**



Dear Sam

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

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

This Sunday we have some guest speakers from 'Mission Guatemala' with the Humphrey family, friends of Emmie Kerby. They will be sharing what they have been doing for the last 20 years and where they are today. They are mission partners with Portchester Churches. They will be linking in with our series on John's Gospel at the moment.

At Blessed Mary this Sunday it is our Village Communion 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.

A huge thank you to David Williams and his team for the excellent first aid training on

Wednesday. The evening was a great success and should help make St Peter's a safer place to be!

With prayers for the week ahead

Revd James

PLEASE TAKE SPECIAL CARE TO READ THE NOTE ABOUT ST PETER'S ELECTORAL ROLL MEMBERSHIP BELOW.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES!

The Annual Mothers' Union Spring Fayre

Saturday 17th May

10.00am - 12noon

St. Peter's Churchyard

Variety of Stalls, Raffle, Delicious Refreshments

All are welcome

A request from the Churchyard Team

The Churchyard Team have asked if anyone would be able to donate the remains of outside jobs at home to help the work they are undertaking in the churchyard.

The sorts of things they are looking to use are:

Bark, Left over turf, grass seed, bulbs, Wild flower seeds, Small stones - chippings, pebbles, shingle etc, Snowdrops if lifting

If you have any of these, or other suitable items left over from garden work/projects and want to get rid of them, please contact Sam in the Church office stpbn.office@gmail.com/01489 892197 and she will liaise with the team. Thank You



Do you love flowers?

If so, please come along Tuesday 18th March - 10.30am at St Peter's



On Tuesday 18th March at 10.30am in Church the Flower Arranging Team will be holding their Annual Meeting and would welcome anyone interested in helping them, by arranging flowers, offering foliage from their gardens and perhaps flowers as well. Please do come along, meet the present team and learn what is involved. Contact Susan (susan.tb72@gmail.com) for more information if you cannot get to the meeting.

PREPARATION OF NEW CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

This year, a brand-new Church Electoral Roll has to be prepared and you will shortly be invited to join/re-join by way of an e-mail sent using the new Church HUBB data management facility. You will be able to respond electronically, including signing the Application Form, so this will save a considerable amount of time and paper. If you are not contacted in this way, then there are Application Forms on the noticeboard at the back of Church for manual completion and return to Paul Emmerson, Acting Church Electoral Roll Officer. The number of people on the Roll determines how many representatives we have on Deanery Synod and members are entitled to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, so membership helps to shape the direction of the Church. Any problems, please contact Paul on 01489 895079. Thank you

MOTHERING SUNDAY

30th March

We will be celebrating Mothering Sunday at St Peter's at a joint service at 9.30am on the 30th March and at Blessed Mary at 11am.

Posies made by the Mothers' Union will be given out during the services.

Lent Lunch at Durley Church

Wednesday 19th March

Food will be served from 12.00 – 1.00pm



Homemade soups followed by bread, cheese and pickles

Gluten free and vegetarian options will be available

There will be no charge for the lunch but a donation of at least £3.50 is suggested.

All profits to the Bishop's Lent Appeal which this year will support:

- **Tearfund:** which partners with churches in more than 50 of the world's poorest countries to tackle poverty and injustice through sustainable development, by responding to disasters and challenging injustice.
- **USPG:** an Anglican mission agency that partners with churches worldwide in God's mission to enliven faith, strengthen relationships, unlock potential and champion justice.
- **Vista:** offering support to women in the Portsmouth area involved in the sex industry past or present.

If possible please let us know that you are coming so that we have some idea of numbers for the catering. Please phone Gill on 01489 860587 or email gill_mulley@hotmail.co.uk.

Families Lunch 23rd March in the CHURCH HALL



Families that Lunch Together!

Sunday 23rd March
After service in St Peter's
Family Area

Please book so we can cater well & treat you

Jacket Potato with a variety of fillings

To book your family call Kate
07986009942

Families Farm Outing



Kate needs egg boxes for Easter activities. If you have any spare, please bring them to the Stables.

With thanks

Good Friday Fun!



First Aid Course



We have a few spare places for anyone needing Emergency First Aid which includes children's First Aid.

The certificate lasts for 3 years and is recognised in the workplace.

£40 per person.

12th May 9am-3pm in the Stables

Please contact Kate 07986009942

Prayers

R.I.P. Maureen Butler

Please pray for the family and friends of Maureen Butler, and Jane Pascoe.



We pray for all those whose names are written in our Book of Requests for Prayer.

Please also pray for the names of those who have asked for public prayer, Mike Berry, and for all those known to us who are currently in hospital.

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

16/3/1978	David Edward Pullen
16/3/2008	Eileen Winifred (Anne) Duke
16/3/2011	Neville Raymond James
17/3/1966	Ethel Jane Beechey
17/3/2003	Dilly Travers
17/3/2012	Noreen Mary Foster
18/3/1972	Kenneth Simpson Middleton
19/3/2001	Mollie Eve Vanessa Hall
20/3/2002	David M. Pain Q.F.S.M.
21/3/2008	Betty Phyllis Eley
21/3/2011	Susan Dora Sturt

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:

Cup a soup

Tinned fruit

Tinned vegetables

Pasta Sauces

Squash

Also if you have any spare plastic shopping bags you could donate we would be most grateful for

them

