

WHAT'S ON

*Morning Prayer takes place at St Peter's on Mondays and Thursdays at 9.00am,
All Souls' on Tuesdays at 9.00am and St Marks on Wednesdays at 8.00am*

Connect Groups meet this week

Monday 10 Dec	3.15pm	Refresh Café	St Mark's
Tuesday 11 Dec	9.00am	Hearing Aid Clinic	St Peter's
Tuesday 11 Dec	10.00am	Tots	St Mark's
Tuesday 11 Dec	2.15pm	Women's Fellowship	St Mark's
Wednesday 12 Dec	10.00am	Sparks	Church Centre
Tuesday 18 Dec	3.00pm	Bereavement Café	Squires Garden Centre

Sunday 16 December – Third Sunday in Advent

9.30am	All Souls'	Nativity Service
10.00am	St Peter's	Holy Communion (CW)
11.00am	St Mark's	Nativity Service
7.00pm	St Peter's	Carols by Candlelight

PARISH STAFF

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Notes & News

Sunday 9 December 2018 *Second Sunday in Advent*

*CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – TODAY! *

Sunday is the last day of the festival at St Peter's. The church is open until 5pm so come and look at the 30 beautiful trees and invite friends and neighbours.

* CAROLS AT KINGSLEIGH – TODAY – 3.30pm *

The residents of Kingsleigh Care Home love our annual carol singing, but we need a good number of singers of whatever ability and from whatever church, so please come along at 3.20pm TODAY, join the festivities and be a blessing to the residents and staff. Come along after the Christmas Fellowship Lunch.

* BEV'S LEAVING LUNCH – SUNDAY 6 JANUARY *

Bev will be finishing her official role with the parish on Sunday 6 January, so to thank her for all she has done for us over the last two years there will be a free buffet lunch for everyone from the parish who wishes to come at 1.00pm on Sunday 6 January at St Peter's Church Centre. If you would like to come please sign up on the sheet in each church or contact the Parish Office.

We are, however, delighted that Bev will still help out at Sunday services in the parish from time to time afterwards, so it is not a final goodbye.

* CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE PARISH *

There are still a few Christmas Cards left to be delivered to homes in the parish, especially at St Peter's. If you haven't already delivered some please take some and deliver them this week. Thank you!

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*** ST PETER'S ***

10.00am NATIVITY SERVICE

6.30pm HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
HYMNS 102 210 130 538
OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 40: 1-11 (p723)
GOSPEL Luke 1: 1-25 (p1025)
SERMON Beverley Hunt

*** ALL SOULS' ***

9.30am HOLY COMMUNION (CW)
HYMNS 493 210 723 631
EPISTLE Phil. 1: 3-11 (p1178)
GOSPEL Luke 3: 1-6 (p1029)
SERMON Preparing the Way

*** ST MARK'S ***

11.00am HOLY COMMUNION (CW)
HYMNS 493 162 988 631
EPISTLE Phil. 1: 3-11 (p1178)
GOSPEL Luke 3: 1-6 (p1029)
SERMON Preparing the Way

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

St Peter's will be decorating for Christmas **next Saturday 15 December**, from **9.00am**. We will be using silk flowers, but with real greenery. If you have any suitable greenery, but cannot access the Lower Vestry, please could you leave it outside the door on Friday morning 14 Dec. and I will attend to it. Many thanks. Chris.

**SAVE THE DATE!
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Friday 1 March 2019**

10.00am - The Salvation Army
7.30pm - St Dunstan's Church
For more information speak to Rachel.

*** WOKING FOOTBALL CLUB CAROLS IN JUBILEE SQUARE ***

Monday 17 December – 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Woking Football Club is hosting Christmas Carols in Jubilee Square, Woking on Monday 17 December.

Our Curate, Sam, has been invited by the club to be interviewed by their Chaplain, Ian Nicholson, about his journey of Faith and Sport. Why not go along and hear what he has to say – it's also another opportunity to sing your favourite carols!

*** CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WOKING NEEDS A SECRETARY ***

Would you like to support churches working together in Woking through using your admin skills? A new secretary is need for *Churches Together in Woking* of which Jonathan is currently moderator. There are only three meetings a year for which minutes need to be taken and an agenda put together, a little administration work throughout the year, plus occasional emails that need sending out to churches. If you could help with this please see Jonathan who has a job description and can discuss further.

MICK'S MUSINGS

When you've been around for a number of years there doesn't seem much about the meaning of Christmas that you haven't heard before. But I haven't heard much about the cost of Christmas, I don't mean the money spent on presents and food, but the cost to God. This was brought home to me as I read the carol "What kind of greatness can this be?" One of the effects of the stroke I suffered was that I lost the ability to walk. One of the major frustrations I had in the hospital was that the toilet was a few yards from my bed but I couldn't walk there, I had to be taken by wheelchair. Over the past three years I have learned to walk again, after a fashion, and I long to walk normally. I certainly would not choose to have to learn to walk again. But there is a person who chose to go through this process of learning again. It is Jesus, whose coming as a tiny babe we remember and celebrate. As the hymn writer puts it poetically:

The one who strode among the stars
and called each one by name
lies helpless in his mother's arms
and must learn to walk again.

The cost of Christmas is immeasurable and it is not measured in money, pounds and pence, but in love. The creator becoming a creature.

As another hymn writer puts it:

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour,
all for love's sake becamest poor,
thrones for a manger didst surrender,
sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour,
all for love's sake becamest poor.

Every blessing this Christmas time.

Mick

*** YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED ***

for the family and friends of Jim Gore, aged 76, of the Cloisters, Old Woking. His memorial service is on Tuesday 11 December at 2.00pm in St Peter's.

*** FLOWERS AT ST PETER'S ***

Very many thanks to all who have sponsored and/or arranged flowers during 2018. The colourful displays, with such a variety of blooms and foliage, have been a delight to see and added a welcome to our worship.

If you would like to sponsor flowers on a particular weekend in 2019, the list is now available on the table at the back of church. Please add your details as required.

Please consider joining our small team of arrangers, no qualifications needed, particularly for the Festivals – Christmas, Easter and Harvest – an opportunity for creativity, fellowship and fun!

*** SUNDAYS 23 AND 30 DECEMBER ***

With so many services occurring over Christmas, morning services on these two dates will be 10.00am United All-Age services. On Sunday 23 December the service will be at St Peter's and on Sunday 30 December at St Mark's.

There will be no other services those mornings in any other churches in the parish.

*** BEREAVEMENT CAFÉ – Tuesday 18 December – 3.00pm**

Our next Bereavement Café will be at **Squires Garden Centre, Littlewick Road, Woking**, for a festive afternoon tea. Lifts can be arranged, so please don't hesitate to let me know if you would like to come. Rev Bev. 07495 395225

* GIVING TO THE CHURCH *

If you would like to be part of our regular giving scheme which helps the parish budget and minimises the treasurer's work, then there are three options:

1. Join the Parish Giving Scheme – the preferred option for regular givers, especially useful if you are a tax payer and can Gift-aid. Leaflets explaining the scheme and application forms are available in each church.
2. Set up a standing order – forms with appropriate details are available at the back of each church.
3. Blue envelope scheme – weekly giving by specific blue envelopes.

Please see a church treasurer, member of clergy or warden for more details about any of these.

One-off gifts to the parish can be made at www.stpeterwoking.org/giving

* CONNECT DATES 2019 *

Weeks beginning Monday

14 January	28 January
11 February	

Then during Lent there will be weekly Lent groups on Monday and Thursday evenings and Wednesday mornings instead of Connect Groups on these weeks:

25 February	4 March
<i>Ash Wednesday – 6 March – HC at All Souls'</i>	
11 March	18 March
25 March	1 April
<i>Maundy Thursday – 18 April HC at St Peter's</i>	

Then Connect Groups resume

29 April	13 May
<i>Ascension Day – 30 May HC at St Mark's</i>	
3 June	17 June
1 July	15 July
9 September	23 September
7 October	21 October
4 November	18 November
2 December	16 December

* SOCIAL MEDIA *

Following a meeting of a small social media task group, we have decided to make some changes to improve our social media presence! Over the next few weeks our 'St Mark's Church' Facebook page will be changing to a St Peter's Parish Facebook page to advertise events and activities across all three churches. We will still have our Parish of St Peter's Closed Group for more personal posts that won't be seen by the wider public. Our St Mark's twitter feed will also be transitioning to become parish-wide and we plan to launch a new Instagram account!

We hope these changes will simplify our social media as everything will be in one place and help us to reach out to more people when advertising what we do. Please do have a look at our social media, give us a like or a follow and get involved with what we're doing! If you have any questions, please do come and ask Jenny, Dean, Jonathan, Andy, Mark or Robin.