

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*

Monday 17 Dec	3.15pm	Refresh Café	St Mark's
Tuesday 18 Dec	9.00am	Hearing Aid Clinic	St Peter's
Tuesday 18 Dec	3.00pm	Bereavement Café	Squires Garden Centre
Wednesday 19 Dec	11.30am	Moorcroft Carols	Moorcroft

Sunday 23 December – Fourth Sunday in Advent

10.00am	St Peter's	Parish United All-Age Worship
7.00pm	St Mark's	Carols by Candlelight

(Please note these two services will be the only ones held in the parish next Sunday)

Monday 24 Dec	4.00pm	St Peter's	Christingle Service
Monday 24 Dec	6.00pm	All Souls'	Carols by Candlelight
Monday 24 Dec	11.00pm	St Peter's	Midnight Communion

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Notes & News

Sunday 16 December 2018 *Third Sunday in Advent*

*** 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.

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

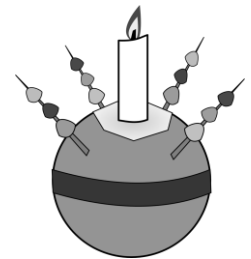
Monday 17 December – 5.30pm – 7.30pm

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!

CHRISTINGLE MAKING - Sunday 23 December

We will be making Christingles after the 10.00am Parish United Service at St Peter's next Sunday and would welcome help from anyone who can spare an hour or so.



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*** ST PETER'S ***

10.00am HOLY COMMUNION (CW)

HYMNS 424 749 411 538

OLD TESTAMENT Zephaniah 3: 14-18

(p947)

GOSPEL Luke 3: 7-18 (p1029)

SERMON Your Invitation to a Celebration

7.00pm CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

*** ALL SOULS' ***

9.30am NATIVITY SERVICE

*** ST MARK'S ***

11.00am NATIVITY SERVICE

SUTTON GREEN CAROL SINGING

Sunday 23 December at 4.00pm

We will be singing carols around the village for an hour and need as many people to join us as possible, so whether you are from All Souls' or just enjoy singing carols please meet at the Village Hall in Sutton Green at 4.00pm. Unfortunately there will be no drinks afterwards as in previous years, but we are often offered refreshments by villagers!

*** MOORCROFT CAROLS - Wednesday 19 December at 11.30am**

All are welcome to join the carol service that Jonathan and Sam will be leading at Moorcroft and help boost the singing!

*** ST PETER'S SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS ***

Thank you very much to every who's supported our fundraising news over the past year by eating our food and buying cards, tags and decorations. I'm delighted to say that we've managed to raise our fundraising target of £18 per month to sponsor Thoa in Vietnam, plus an extra £10 for a Christmas gift. Thank you too, to all our dedicated leaders who have put so much of their own time into making these events happen.

We could do with an extra person to support our Sunday morning children's ministry in 2019, so if you're interested in helping out, whether with pre-schoolers or with teenagers, please speak to Rachel to find out more. There's no midweek time commitment unless you want to take on some preparation, all we need is for you to be willing to give one Sunday a month to support our children as they explore and grow in faith.

*** THANK YOU! THANK YOU! ***

Thank you all so much for supporting fellowship lunches during the past year.

Once I had paid out for the drinks, crackers and food for our Christmas Lunch this year we made a profit of £300.00, truly outstanding. This money will be going towards new chairs for the Church Centre.

Thank you all so much again for your ongoing support, I look forward to feeding you all again, on every second Sunday of the month in 2019.

Happy Christmas and a New Year. God bless you. Helen & Martin

*** 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

*** 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.

Card for Bev If you would like to sign a card for Bev and contribute towards a leaving gift then cards and a collection box are at the back of each church today and over the Christmas period.

*** CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL ***

A huge thank you to all who helped with the Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter's last weekend and those who decorated trees. The church looked fabulous and we had many positive comments. We had more visitors than 2 years ago and some great conversations and raised £350 split between Woking Hospice and the St Peter's Church kitchen fund. There is a wonderful 2 page spread with pictures in this week's Woking News and Mail.

The winning tree voted for was Tots toddler group, second was Hoe Valley School and third was Derry's Field allotments.

ROBIN'S REFLECTION

The Christmas story is one we've all heard many times. From carol services, nativity services to school assemblies, we hear about Mary and Joseph, the donkey, the stable, the shepherds and the kings. Eventually, it can seem like this story is going in one ear and straight out the other. If we've heard it a hundred times before, what new thing are we going to learn from hearing it once more? But the Christmas story is an important one. In it we discover more about who God is through the way in which he came into this world; we see great examples of obedience and worship and we are reminded of the reason for all our Christmas celebrations.

There are different ways for us to look afresh at the Christmas story, from getting involved in a nativity and imagining how different characters feel, to using the different elements of the story to create a Christmas prayer. Why not join with me this Christmas in exploring the Christmas story again in new ways, through prayer and even dressing up like a sheep!

Robin