

WHAT'S ON

Morning Prayer will take place tomorrow morning and then resume on Wednesday 2 January at St Mark's (at the new time of 9.00am) and Thursday 3 January at St Peter's

Tuesday 1 January 9.00am Hearing Aid Clinic St Peter's

Sunday 6 January – Epiphany Sunday

9.30am	All Souls'	All-Age Worship
10.00am	St Peter's	Holy Communion (CW)
11.00am	St Mark's	All-Age Worship
6.30pm	St Peter's	Evening Prayer (BCP)

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PARISH OFFICE CLOSED from Monday 24 – Monday 31 December (inc) and on New Year's Day

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Normal hours resume from Wednesday 2 January
Monday – Friday 9.30am – 12 noon

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Notes & News

**Sunday 23 December 2018 Fourth Sunday in Advent
and Sunday 30 December Christmas 1**

* HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM *

On behalf of myself, Bev, Sam, Mick, Rachel, Robin and our families we would like to wish everyone at St Peter's, St Mark's and All Souls' a joyful, peaceful and blessed Christmas and thank you all for your ongoing support to us and in the life and ministry of the churches.

Jonathan



* 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.

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*** ST PETER'S ***

**10.00am PARISH UNITED
ALL-AGE WORSHIP**

There is no evening service at St Peter's today

*** ST MARK'S ***

**7.00pm CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
with the Almac Bisley Brass Band**

**SUTTON GREEN CAROL
SINGING – TODAY!**

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.

*** NEXT SUNDAY 30 DECEMBER ***

With so many services occurring over Christmas, morning service will be a 10.00am Parish United All-Age service. at St Mark's.

There will be no morning services at St Peter's or All Souls' and no evening service at St Peter's.

*** MORNING PRAYER ***

There will be no daily Morning Prayer from 25 December to 1 January inclusive in any of the churches. From Wednesday 2 January Morning Prayer on Wednesdays at St Mark's will change to 9.00am (from 8.00am). All are welcome to this or any other Morning Prayer service for a short time of worship, Bible reading, reflection and prayer to help start your day with God.

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HOLIDAYS

Jonathan, Bev, Sam and Robin are all on holiday from Boxing Day returning to work on Wednesday 2 January.

*** WEEKLY/MONTHLY GIVING ENVELOPES ***

Envelopes for 2019 are now available for those who use these for their regular giving. Named boxes are at the back of St Peter's Church this morning and those for St Mark's and All Souls' will be taken there if not picked up today.

If you would like to start giving regularly to our parish, whether via envelopes, standing order or the Parish Giving Scheme, please speak to Eliot Johnson or your church treasurer who will be able to help you find the best way for you to give to support our work here. Do also speak to Eliot if you are a taxpayer and haven't yet completed a gift aid form for the parish.

Monday 24 December – Christmas Eve

4.00pm St Peter's	Christingle Service
6.00pm All Souls'	Carols by Candlelight
11.00pm St Peter's	Midnight Communion
<u>HYMNS</u> (AHB) 114	<i>Gloria in Excelsis</i> 113 100 106
<u>OLD TESTAMENT</u>	Isaiah 9: 2-7 (p693)
<u>GOSPEL</u>	Luke 2: 1-20 (p1027)

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am All Souls'	Family Christmas Communion
	<u>HYMNS</u> 80 35 714 393
10.00am St Peter's	Family Christmas Communion
	<u>HYMNS</u> 196 114 589 83
11.00am St Mark's	Family Christmas Communion
	<u>HYMNS</u> 80 35 47 393

<u>All three churches</u>	<u>OLD TESTAMENT</u> Isaiah 52: 7-10 (p739)
	<u>GOSPEL</u> John 1: 1-14 (p1063)

*** NEW PASTORAL ASSISTANT IN TRAINING ***

We are delighted that Carol Whitehorn from St Peter's has been accepted by the diocese to start training to be a Pastoral Assistant. The course begins in January and lasts a year, so please pray for Carol during this time.

VICAR'S VIEW

Thinking about all those in need at Christmas I was reflecting this week that while it is relatively easy to love and have compassion for our family and close friends in need, it is much harder to do so for someone we don't know or a distant group of people in need. Our human nature only has the capacity for actively loving and caring for a relatively small number of people, in particular those we know well or have close attachment to. The Bible tells us that God loved the whole world so much that he sent his son Jesus to be one of us and ultimately to die for us. That's love and compassion for 100 billion people (the estimate of humans who have ever lived) which tells me two amazing things about God:

- ◆ *Firstly, he has the capacity to love that many people, such is his unfathomable greatness.*
- ◆ *Secondly, he knows each one of these 100 billion, including you and me, intimately. In fact he knew us before we were born and out of that love and compassion for us chose to humble and limit himself to become Emmanuel – God with us, to provide a way for us to be reconciled to Him.*

What an amazing God we worship this Christmas!

Jonathan