

## 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 Mark's on Wednesdays at 9.00am

<b>TODAY</b>	3.20pm	Carols at Kingsleigh	Kingsleigh
Monday 9 Dec	3.00pm	Refresh Café	St Mark's
Tuesday 10 Dec	9.00am	Hearing Aid Clinic	St Peter's
Tuesday 10 Dec	10.00am	Tots	St Mark's
Tuesday 10 Dec	2.15pm	Women's Fellowship	St Mark's
Wednesday 11 Dec	10.00am	Sparks	Church Centre
Wednesday 11 Dec	11.30am	Moorcroft Carol Service	Moorcroft
Wednesday 11 Dec	7.30pm	Deanery Prayer Meeting	Church Centre
Saturday 14 Dec	10.00am	Sutton Green Christmas Party	Village Hall

## Sunday 15 December – Third Sunday in Advent

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

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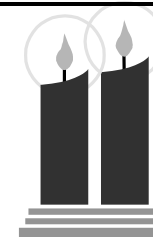


Parish of  
**St Peter Woking**  
St Peter's · St Mark's · All Souls'

# Notes & News

**Sunday 8 December**

*Second Sunday in Advent*



**\* CAROL SINGING AT KINGSLEIGH – THIS AFTERNOON! at 3.30pm \***

As usual we will be blessing the folk at Kingsleigh Care Home with our voices, so please come if you possibly can.

All are welcome. We will meet at Kingsleigh at 3.20pm.

## \* ELECTION DAY AT ST PETER'S \*

St Peter's Church will once more be used as a Polling Station on Election Day this Thursday 12 December. Morning Prayer will take place in the upper vestry.

Website: [www.stpeterwoking.org](http://www.stpeterwoking.org)



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**\* ST PETER'S \***

**10.00am NATIVITY SERVICE**

**6.30pm HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)**

HYMNS 538 624 66 428  
EPISTLE Romans 13: 11-14 (p1140)  
GOSPEL Mark 13: 32-37 (p1019)  
SERMON **The Sleep of Darkness**

**\* ALL SOULS' \***

**9.30am HOLY COMMUNION (CW)**

HYMNS 52 493 723 605  
EPISTLE Romans 13: 11-14 (p1140)  
GOSPEL Mark 13: 32-37 (p1019)  
SERMON **The Sleep of Darkness**

**\* ST MARK'S \***

**11.00am HOLY COMMUNION (CW)**

HYMNS 1008 493 33 605  
EPISTLE Romans 13: 11-14 (p1140)  
GOSPEL Mark 13: 32-37 (p1019)  
SERMON **The Sleep of Darkness**

**CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY**

The South Woking Churches' and Sutton Green Christmas cards, inviting people to come to our Christmas services, are available in all churches today to be delivered to homes in the parish.

If you are able to please take a bundle or two and deliver them this week.

Thank you!

**REVIVE SERVICE  
NEXT SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER**

**4.30pm**

We will be having our next "Revive" service next Sunday, starting with teas and coffees. As it's the last one of the year, we will also be having a 'simple meal' immediately after the service.

**\* MOORCROFT CAROL SERVICE – Wednesday 11 December at 11.30am \***

All are welcome to join Sam as he leads the Moorcroft Community in this short carol service.

**\* DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS \***

St Peter's will be decorating for Christmas on Saturday 14 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 13 December and I will attend to it.

Many thanks.

Chris.



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

"All *things* bright and beautiful, the Lord God made them all".

Very many thanks to all who have sponsored and/or arranged flowers during 2019. The colourful displays, with such a variety of blooms and foliage, have been a delight to see and added a welcome to our worship.

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!

If you would like to sponsor flowers on a particular weekend in 2020, the list is now available on the table at the back of church. Please add your details as required.

Chris

**\* THIS WEEK PLEASE PRAY ... \***

for the family and friends of John Kendall, aged 79, of Cedar Gardens, St John's whose funeral is on Wednesday 18 December at 3.00pm at St Peter's;

and for the family and friends of Joan Morganti, aged 81, of Byfleet whose funeral is on Wednesday 11 December at 1.30pm at St Peter's.

and for the family and friends of Phyllis Knight, whose funeral is on Monday 30 December at 2.00pm at Woking Crematorium.

and for those who are unwell – Peter and Eileen Bliss, Brian Rich, Bob Baker, Lynda Kirk and Trevor Lloyd.

**\* WOKING DEANERY PRAYER MEETING \***

**Wednesday 11 December 7.30pm at St Peter's Church Centre**

The Bishops and Archdeacons have been visiting each deanery in Guildford Diocese and joining with local people to pray for their Deanery and it's Woking's turn now.

Our new Archdeacon, Martin Breadmore, together with Bishop Jo will be leading this prayer meeting, which will be held at St Peter's Church Centre.

It is for everyone, so it would be lovely if members of the parish can come. It will be a great opportunity to meet our new Archdeacon and of course to pray for our deanery.

**MICK'S MUSINGS**

*I was reading recently of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Strange perhaps seeing that it is Advent and we are already thinking of Christmas. Yet there is a similarity in the two events. Both speak of humility and peace, both speak of the fact that it is an unusual way for a King to arrive in order to set up a Kingdom. When I am reading a well-known passage I look for a phrase or sentence that I have not noticed before. It was the phrase "The Lord needs it" that struck me. Jesus needed a donkey in order to show that He came to set up a Kingdom of humility and peace. Jesus was born in very humble circumstances to show that unlike other kings his Kingdom was to be different, one of humility and peace. Achieved in the hearts of people by this death and resurrection. He did this by His humble birth and riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. Today His Kingdom is extended in a similar way, not impressive, not irresistible, but by people like us passing on the good news of Jesus. So Jesus still needs donkeys to establish His Kingdom in the hearts of people. If there is failure to set up His Kingdom, it is our failure to be His donkeys and carry Him and His message to others.*

*Christmas, by the way, is a good time to do some "donkey work".*

*Blessings*

*Mick*

**\* ALL SOULS' CHRISTMAS EXPLORATION – Sunday 15 December – 9.30am \***

Come and explore what really happened on the day of Jesus' birth. We will be exploring the classic nativity scene and comparing it to what scripture tells us.



**\* ST MARK'S NATIVITY SERVICE – Sunday 15 December – 11.00am \***



Everyone is welcome to come dressed and ready to take part in our scratch nativity. We will be creating the nativity scene together whilst finding out what it's all about.

**Angels, Shepherds, Animals, Wise Men - and more needed!** Costumes available on day.

**\* SUTTON GREEN CHILDREN'S PARTY \***

On Saturday 14 December, we are running the Sutton Green Village Children's Christmas Party for all the families in Sutton Green. We would love you to come and join us from 10am-12 noon for festive fun, games, crafts and light snacks. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please complete the form at [www.stpeterwoking.org/party](http://www.stpeterwoking.org/party) if you would like to attend. Please contact [cfm@stpeterwoking.org](mailto:cfm@stpeterwoking.org) for more information. Can't wait to see you there!

**\* REFRESH CAFÉ CHRISTMAS PARTY – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 3.00pm-4.00pm**

We will be celebrating Christmas at the last Refresh Café of 2019.

We will be having food, craft and prizes alongside our normal refreshments of tea, coffee, hot chocolate and milkshakes. So come and enjoy a relaxing, refreshing time after school on the last Monday of the school term.



**\* THANKS FROM YORK ROAD PROJECT \***



A letter has been received from the York Road Project: "I write to thank you on behalf of the York Road Project, for your generous donation from the members of St Mark's Church, during your Harvest Festival.

"Your generosity is hugely appreciated by the whole team here. It's with your much-needed support that we can continue providing essential services helping those experiencing homelessness in Woking and the surrounding areas. This

includes outreach to rough sleepers, an emergency night shelter and 'move-on' properties providing longer term accommodation." Joanne Thurling, Administrator

**\* "HEALING IN THE STEPS OF JESUS" \***

**GUILDFORD DIOCESAN HEALING CONFERENCE**  
**Saturday 1 February 2020 10am – 4pm at Guildford Cathedral**

Join Guildford Diocese and Acorn Christian Healing Foundation for what promises to be an excellent day of teaching, sharing, worship and healing prayer.

Sharing with us over the day will be keynote speakers Bishop James Newcome (Bishop of Carlisle), and the Rev'd Paul Harcourt (National Leader of *New Wine*), plus professionals speaking on *Emotional Wellbeing*, *Nurturing the Mental Health of Children and Young People*, and *Disability*. The day concludes with a service of healing and prayer led by Bishop Andrew Watson.

Open to all wanting to explore the Christian healing ministry. Information and tickets can be found at [www.acornchristian.org](http://www.acornchristian.org)



Refreshments are provided although please bring a packed lunch. Plenty of free, onsite parking.

**\* 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](http://www.stpeterwoking.org/giving)

**\* SOUTH WOKING FOODBANK \***

For some years we have collaborated with The New Life Church to provide parcels of food and household items to those in need in South Woking. We have collection points at each of our churches but lately the donations have been a bit sparse! Now that the weather is colder, donations are even more important.

Can you help with any of the following?

**Tins** Baked beans, soup, pasta, tomatoes, tuna, vegetables, fruit, custard, rice pudding, meat (including corned beef, ham, curry, Spam, hot dogs, pies etc).

**Cupboard items** Fruit juice, squash, cereals, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, instant noodles, biscuits, sweets, coffee, tea, sugar, jam, marmalade, honey, long-life milk, cooking oil.

**Toiletries** shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, female hygiene products, soap.

**Cleaning** washing up liquid, all-purpose cleaner, bleach, cleaning cloths, laundry detergent, kitchen rolls, toilet rolls.

Please put your donated items in the containers that we have at each church.

Thank you