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The office will be unmanned from Thursday 24 December
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Notes & News

Sundays 20 and 27 December 2020

Advent 4/First Sunday of Christmas

Welcome

Christmas is almost here and I hope you are as ready as you can be, but it is going to be a Christmas like no other. There is some normality with our wonderful Christmas Tree Festival last weekend (see inside and various Christmas services



in church and online, but it's going to be hard for those in church not being able to belt out your favourite carols and for those who can't get to church or join us online.

We need the joy and celebration of our Saviour's birth at this time of year when the cold and dark lower our spirits, and more so than ever in 2020 which will always be known as the year of COVID-19, even if those celebrations won't include all the people we usually see and all the fun we usually have. But maybe it will help us strip away the froth of our usual Christmases and focus on the cost to the Lord of the universe in coming to our world in frail flesh, with all of its limitations, sadness and dangers.

Thank you everyone for your support and encouragement this year in what have been challenging times to minister. We are grateful for your faithfulness in supporting this parish with your time, talents, enthusiasm and finances and your faithfulness to loving and worshipping Christ.

May we wish you Merry Christmas and a New Year full of the hope of Jesus.

Jonathan and Sam

*CHRISTMAS GREETING AND PHOTOS – REVISED *

For our online service on Christmas Day we would love to have a short Christmas greeting to everyone from many of you. Please record a video and send via WeTransfer.com or email to Jonathan at vicar@stpeterwoking.org by **Monday 21 December**.

In addition we would love to have updated photos for our 'You have been worshipping with...' section of many of you in a Christmas setting, some have been sent and shown today, 20 December, but we would love more for Christmas Day as well so could you email your photo to Jonathan by **Monday 21 December**.

Sunday 20 December
Fourth Sunday in Advent

10.00am St Peter's Holy Communion (CW)

HYMNS

Tell out my soul
God rest ye merry, gentlemen

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Samuel 11: 1-11, 16

GOSPEL READING Luke 1: 26-38

SERMON Duties and Joys ~ Celebrating Christmas

10.00am Online Morning Worship

Join from 9.45am to listen to music played by Matthew
and St Peter's bells calling us to worship.

HYMNS

Tell out my soul
Draw me close to you
Rejoice with us this Christmas
God rest ye merry, gentlemen

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Samuel 11: 1-11, 16

GOSPEL READING Luke 1: 26-38

SERMON Duties and Joys ~ Celebrating Christmas

5.30pm St Peter's- CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

*Pre-booked only. This service will also be Livestreamed on YouTube with a
downloadable service sheet.*

Please note the 7.00pm Carol service has been cancelled due to lack of demand

*** CHRISTMAS SERVICES – REVISED ***

Because of social distancing requirements all our special services in church over
Christmas **MUST** be booked in advance this year. Please don't turn up without
having booked or there may not be spaces. All bookings should be made by
Wednesday 23 December. There are still spaces at most services. Please book via
our website if at all possible at www.stpeterwoking.org/christmas or if you don't
have internet access call the office on 01483 755852.

The Services before Christmas are as follows:

Wednesday 23 December

Outdoor Carols by Firelight - 7.00pm @ St Mark's (Fully Booked)

This will include singing as it is now allowed outside

Christmas Eve

Christingle - 4.00pm (almost full) and 5.30pm @ St Peter's

Carols by Candlelight - 4.30pm and 6.00pm @ All Souls'



Sunday 3 January - Epiphany

10.00am All-age Worship @ St Peter's

10.00am Online Worship

*** TEAM OF CLEANERS REQUIRED – NEW ***

Could any of you spare a couple of hours on Tuesday 22 December to help give St
Peter's a good clean before Christmas. Please contact Martin on 07850287669

*** CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WOKING UNITY SERVICE – NEW ***

CTiW are holding their annual service of Christian Unity at St Dunstan's Church on
Sunday 24 January at 3.00pm and will be livestreamed. It will be based on the
theme of *Climate Matters* and how we can, as churches together, unite and take
action to help our environment.

The Diocesan Environment Officer, Alison Moulden, will be speaking about how we
can influence government and companies to take action. Three young
environmental campaigners will be presenting six different aspects of
environmental concern and there will be a panel for a Q and A session. It should be a
great service so please put the date in your diary.

*** SPECIAL DELIVERY OF CHRISTMAS DINNER ***

Because of the problems of Covid 19 restrictions this year many of
us will be unable to join with family and friends as we have in the
past.

There may be some in our Parish staying at home and quite happy
to do so but may like a special Christmas meal delivered to them. If you are one of
these please let us know.

We would also like to know of any who would be willing to pop a portion of their
freshly cooked meal round to someone.

If you fit either of these situations please contact Brenda Cox on 07921 160684



*** WARDEN'S WINDOW ***

The first paper Advent calendar was produced in Germany around 1900.
The first design with opening doors came along in 1920. In 1956 the first
calendar was produced in the UK and Cadburys made their first chocolate
version in 1971!

Despite these challenging times I still look forward to Christmas and I
hope you do too. I still have a chocolate advent calendar each year, even at
my age! It reminds me that the salvation Christ brings to us is purely a gift,
not earned, but given to us by the loving father of mankind. A gift we can
open every day as we journey with God. Truly the best present ever!

I do hope that Christmas, even though it may be different this time, will
bring you "Comfort & Joy!" As we look towards a brighter 2021 let us
rejoice in the good gifts God has given us!

Happy Christmas & God Bless.

Mark.

CHRISTMAS DAY (Continued)



10.00am Online Morning Worship

Join from 9.45am to listen to music played by Matthew and St Peter's bells calling us to worship.

Come and join the celebration
Away in a manger
Unto us a boy is born
O come all ye faithful
Hark the herald-angels sing

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 9: 2-7

GOSPEL READING Luke 2: 1-20

SERMON A tale of two births.

Sunday 27 December First Sunday of Christmas

10.00am Online Morning Worship

This service will be available on our YouTube channel as normal, but has been put together by the Diocese of Guildford

There are no services in any of our church buildings this Sunday

* THIS WEEK PLEASE PRAY FOR *

the family and friends of Chris Davis, aged 74 of Bonsey Lane and the family and friends of Enid Houghton, aged 94, of Honey Pots Road Eileen & Peter Bliss, Enid Hardman, John Hunter, Lynda Kirk, Catherine McCormack Olive Park, Joy Storkey and Barbara Thirst.

At this difficult time it would also be good to pray for each other and especially for those who live alone and who need to make decisions about whether or not to meet up with friends and family over the Christmas period.

* MORNING PRAYER BIBLE READINGS – REVISED *

We meet every Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 9.30am via Zoom on the days below and you can join in person at St Mark's on Wednesdays and St Peter's on Thursdays
Please note: Morning Prayers will resume on Monday 4 January.

Next Week's Bible Readings

Mon	Psalm 85	Matthew 5: 38-48	<i>Loving your enemies</i>
Tue	Psalm 89	Matthew 6: 16-24	<i>On fasting and lasting treasure</i>
Wed	Psalm 96	Matthew 10: 32-42	<i>Jesus causes division</i>
Thu	Psalm 97	Matthew 22: 34-40	<i>The great commandment</i>

If you wish to join in via Zoom, please email me on curate@stpeterwoking.org for details.

Rev Sam – Curate

CHRISTMAS EVE

11.15pm St Peter's Holy Communion (CW)

This service will also be livestreamed

HYMNS

On Christmas night all Christians sing
Good Christian men rejoice

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 52: 7-10

GOSPEL READING John 1: 1-14

SERMON The cost of Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am All Souls' All-Age Communion (CW)

HYMNS

O come all you faithful
Away in a manger
Joy to the world
We wish you a Merry Christmas

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 9: 2-7

GOSPEL READING Luke 2: 1-20

10.00am St Peter's All-Age Communion (CW)

HYMNS

Come and join the celebration
O come all ye faithful (*Parish video*)
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* ACCESSING OUR MORNING ONLINE SERVICES *

Please see last week's Notes & News or go to www.stpeterwoking/sundaylive

*** CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL – PHOTOS AND RESULTS ***

We had a wonderful Christmas Tree Festival on Sat 12 and Sun 13 December with 28 trees creatively decorated by local organisations, church groups and families with the theme 'Life in lockdown'. Over 200 people visited the festival and £148 was raised for Woking Hospice and £517.00 for St Peter's chancel reordering project. Thanks to all who decorated a tree and to all who helped organise the festival. An article and photos are in this week's Woking News and Mail. Here are the top three trees and a selection of other trees from church groups. More photos available on our website www.stpeterwoking.org/ctf

Winner - Engage



Second – Woking Funeral Service



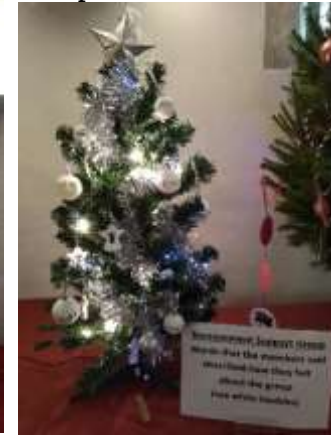
Third - Westfield Common Environmental Support Group



Pusey Family



Bereavement Support Group



Youth Group



Carey/Hammond Family



All Souls' Church



St Mark's Church



Bellringers



St Peter's Rocks



Cameo, Craft & Chat

