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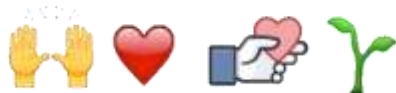


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# Notes & News



**Sunday 19 December 2021**  
*Fourth Sunday in Advent*

### \* MAKING CHRISTINGLES – NEW \*

We will be preparing Christingles in part for the service on Christmas Eve during refreshments today at St Peter's in the Church Centre. Help from young and not so young would be appreciated, especially putting sweets on cocktail sticks.



### \* CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES – REVISED \*

**Following the recent announcement that the government is implementing Plan B it is now a legal requirement that face coverings must now be worn in church throughout services for anyone aged 11 and over who is not exempt. PLEASE TAKE A LATERAL FLOW TEST BEFORE YOU COME.**

We will continue to maintain social distancing in church and are able to sing and have refreshments, but please remain cautious and respect other people. Church of England advice is to keep your masks on whilst singing.

### \* PROJECT RETURN – THANK YOU – NEW \*

Thank you to everyone who's supported Project Return with donations and purchases of Christmas cards, tags and coasters. We still have some left which will be available after the service at St Peter's today. For those who don't know, Project Return is a grassroots charity sponsoring children in Vietnam and supporting other initiatives (e.g. medical procedures like cataract operations) that are so appreciated by this desperately poor community. St Peter's Sunday School sponsors a little girl called Thoa. Do ask Rachel if you'd like to find out more.

**Sunday 19 December**  
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**All Souls' 9.30am Morning Worship (CW)**

HYMNS 493 O come, O come Emmanuel  
162 From heaven you came  
503 O little town of Bethlehem  
393 Joy to the world

OLD TESTAMENT Micah 5: 2-5a (p933)

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 1: 39-45 (p1026)

SERMON Video

**St Peter's 10.00am Nativity Service**

*This service will be livestreamed*

HYMNS 503 O little town of Bethlehem  
83 Come and join the celebration

READING Luke 2: 1-7 (p1027)

**Nativity**

**St Mark's 11.00am Morning Worship (CW)**

HYMNS 631 Tell out my soul  
162 From heaven you came  
You're the Word of God the Father  
Silent Night  
393 Joy to the world

OLD TESTAMENT Micah 5: 2-5a (p933)

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 1: 39-45 (p1026)

SERMON Video

**St Peter's 6.00pm Carols by Candlelight**

*Followed by mulled wine and mince pies*

HYMNS (AHB) O come all ye faithful, Unto us a boy is born  
Once in Royal David's city, Silent night, holy night,  
While shepherds watched their flocks,  
It came upon the midnight clear Hark the herald-angels sing

READINGS Genesis 22: 15-18 Isaiah 9: 2,6,7 Micah 5: 2-4  
Luke 1: 26-38 Luke 2: 1-7 Luke 2: 8-16 John 1: 1-14

SERMON Do not be afraid

**\* MORNING PRAYER BIBLE READINGS – UPDATED \***

**Next Week's Bible Readings**

Mon 20 Dec	Psalm 4	2 Peter 1: 1-15
Tue 21 Dec	Psalms 122,123	2 Peter 1:16 – 2:3
Wed 22 Dec	Psalms 124, 125	2 Peter 2: 4-22
Thu 23 Dec	Psalm 128,129	2 Peter 3
Fri 24 Dec	No Morning Prayer	

**All days are on Zoom now; we are no longer meeting in St Peter's on Thursdays for the foreseeable future. To join Morning Prayer in Zoom enter Meeting ID: 498 905 544 Passcode: 668876**

**Please note:** There will be no morning prayer from Christmas Eve to 3 January (inclusive) – restarting on Tuesday 4 January.

**\* VICAR'S VIEW \***

*One of the aspects of daily Morning Prayer I enjoy is reading through the Psalms, especially with other people. Last week we were reading Psalms 52 and 59, which, amongst others, are written by David when he is being pursued by enemies and in fear for his life. Although, thankfully, none of us in our country face this, we are probably feeling pursued by COVID, especially the Omicron variant, which is causing us to be anxious either about catching it and being ill or the restrictions to our freedoms that it is bringing.*

*Fear is a very human emotion, but one that as Christians doesn't have to overwhelm us. We don't need to be afraid of the future, whatever it may bring, because as Psalm 23 says God promises to walk with us through those dark valleys and ultimately to lead us to green pastures if we allow him to be our shepherd rather than trying to live in our own strength with our own values and priorities rather than God's.*

*I know that is easier said than done, but through prayer and regular fellowship with other Christians whether in church, Connect Groups or Morning Prayer we can be encouraged by the God whose perfect love casts out all fear. I'm praying for you all at this unsettling time.*

*Jonathan*

**\* ACCESSING OUR LIVESTREAMED SERVICES \***

The Sunday morning services are livestreamed from St Peter's most weeks on YouTube at 10.00am or once a month from St Mark's at 11.00am.

There are two ways to access these:

via [www.stpeterwoking.org/sundaylive](http://www.stpeterwoking.org/sundaylive) which provides a link to YouTube, a service sheet and other information about the service  
subscribe to the Parish of St Peter, Woking YouTube channel (click the 'Subscribe' button below the video) to get direct access from YouTube without needing to go via the website

**WHAT'S ON**

We meet on Zoom for Morning Prayer on Monday to Thursday this week, 9.00am to 9.30am.

<b>Sunday 19 Dec</b>	<b>12.30pm</b>	<b>Baptism of Jack Dorran</b>	<b>St Peter's</b>
<b>Sunday 19 Dec</b>	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>Sutton Green Carol Singing</b>	
<b>Wednesday 22 Dec</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Service for George Still</b>	
<b>Thursday 23 Dec</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Carols by Firelight (outside)</b>	<b>St Mark's</b>

**\* CONNECTIONS CAFÉ – NEW \***



Connections Cafe will be meeting on Friday 7 January, 2.30pm to 5.00pm in the Church Centre. There will be a variety of activities followed by a tea.

if you require a lift, please contact Brenda Cox on 07921 160684

**\* ST PETER'S CHRISTMAS TREE \***

A big **Thank you** to Hire Services Southern (HSS) of Old Woking who have sponsored our Christmas Tree outside St Peter's this year.

**\* FREE TICKETS TO SEE WOKING FC v DOVER \***

**Tuesday 28 December**

I have access to free tickets for individuals and families who would like to watch this game, especially those who do not go regularly. Let me know by Thursday 23 December if you would like any, there are plenty. Jonathan



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

the family and friends of Jason Hoford, aged 49, a former member of St Peter's

and for the family and friends of George Still, aged 85, father of our churchwarden Jacquie and her sister Debbie. A thanksgiving service for George will be held at St Peter's on Wednesday 22 December at 1.00pm.

and for Mary Angus, Eileen & Peter Bliss, Patrick Chapman, Frank Davenport, Pete Eales, Jan Kinnell, Barbara Lanaway, Trevor Lloyd, Doreen McKinnon, Ketsiya Melamane, Lynda Salmond, Debbie and Jacquie Still, Brian Whitehorn and Geoff Williams.

**\* DVDs OF SERVICES \***

For those unable to get to church or get access to the internet we are able to provide DVDs of the livestreamed services after the event if you would like them, especially those who missed Sam's leaving service. Please ask Helen in the Parish Office if you would like DVDs of a particular service or on a regular basis.

**\* PARISH CALENDARS – NEW \***

There are still a few copies of the calendar available to buy. Please phone Caroline Harvey on 773611 or email [clh01@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:clh01@tiscali.co.uk)

**SAM'S INDUCTION – REVISED \***

Sam's induction has been confirmed as **Thursday 6 January**, but the time has been changed to **6pm**.

Sam would love it if people from the parish could be there so if you are interested please put this date in your diary.

A number of people have asked if we can put on a minibus or coach which we are looking into. If you are interested then please let Helen know on 01483 755852, [admin@stpeterwoking.org](mailto:admin@stpeterwoking.org) by Tuesday 21 December. Cost will be between £10 and £20 per person depending on numbers.



**\* CHRISTMAS SERVICES – REVISED \***

At present we plan to run the following services over Christmas, but please check [www.stpeterwoking.org/christmas](http://www.stpeterwoking.org/christmas) for updates nearer the time.

We are asking people to book in advance for the most popular services (as shown below) so we can limit numbers for social distancing. There will be no Guide Dog Carol service this year.

**SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER**

**10.00am – Nativity at St Peter’s** –  
Children can come dressed as a Nativity character



**4.00pm – Carol singing around Sutton Green** –  
Meet at Village Hall

**6.00pm – Carols by Candlelight at St Peter’s**

*followed by mulled wine and mince pies*



**THURSDAY 23 DECEMBER**

**7.00pm – Outdoor Carols by firelight at St Mark’s** –  
With Almac Bisley Brass Band,  
followed by mince pies and mulled wine.  
Please bring a torch

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**4.00pm – Christingle at St Peter’s** –  
this service is now full but will be  
livestreamed on our YouTube channel



**6.00pm – Carols by Candlelight at All Souls’** –



spaces are limited so places **MUST** be booked at  
[www.stpeterwoking.org/christmas](http://www.stpeterwoking.org/christmas)  
(All Souls’ will be open for prayer and reflection  
from 10.00am to 5.30pm with carols played  
and readings available)

**11.15pm – Midnight Communion at St Peter’s**



**CHRISTMAS DAY**



**9.30am – All-Age Communion at All Souls’**  
**10.00am – All-Age Communion at St Peter’s**  
**11.00am – All-Age Communion at St Mark’s**

**SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER**

**10.00am – Morning Prayer (said) at St Peter’s**

**10.00am – Online Morning Worship**  
an All-Age service produced  
by the Diocese of Guildford

