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**Notes
& News**

Sundays 25 December 2022/1 January 2023

CHRISTMAS DAY/NEW YEAR'S DAY



*** MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR ***

Jonathan and Sarah would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and thank you all for being part of our worshipping communities and serving God in every way you that you do.



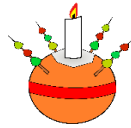
*** PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE AND JONATHAN ON LEAVE ***

The Parish office will be closed over Christmas, reopening on Tuesday 3 January. We thank Helen for her time as our parish administrator and look forward to welcoming Caroline Harvey who begins on 3 January.

Jonathan will similarly be on leave during that period. If there are any emergencies contact Jonathan who will be checking emails and phone calls occasionally or contact Rachel or one of the churchwardens.

Saturday 24 December – CHRISTMAS EVE

St Peter's	4.00pm	CHRISTINGLE
All Souls'	6.00pm	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
St Peter's	11.15pm	MIDNIGHT COMMUNION
<u>CAROLS</u> (AHB)	114	On Christmas night all Christians sing
	113	Silent night
	104	It came upon the midnight clear
	106	O come all ye faithful
<u>EPISTLE</u>	Hebrews 1: 1-4 (p1201)	
<u>GOSPEL</u>	John 1: 1-14 (p1063)	
<u>SERMON</u>	God is on the move	



Sunday 25 December – CHRISTMAS DAY

All Souls'	9.30am	ALL-AGE COMMUNION (CW)
<u>HYMNS</u>	503	O little town of Bethlehem
	196	Good Christian men rejoice
	697	Thou didst leave thy throne vv 1,2,4,5
	393	Joy to the world
<u>OLD TESTAMENT</u>	Isaiah 9: 2-7 (p693)	
<u>GOSPEL</u>	Luke 2: 1-14 (p965)	
<u>SERMON</u>	Too good to be true?	
St Peter's	10.00am	ALL-AGE COMMUNION (CW)
		<i>This service will be live-streamed</i>
<u>HYMNS</u>	83	Come and join the celebration
	393	Joy to the world
	162	From heaven you came
	211	Hark the herald-angels sing
<u>OLD TESTAMENT</u>	Isaiah 9: 2-7 (p693)	
<u>GOSPEL</u>	Luke 2: 1-14 (p1027)	
<u>SERMON</u>	You are invited	
St Mark's	11.00am	ALL-AGE COMMUNION (CW)
<u>HYMNS</u>	537	Once in Royal David's city
	35	Angels from the realms of glory
	697	Thou didst leave thy throne vv 1,2,4,5
	83	Come and join the celebration
<u>OLD TESTAMENT</u>	Isaiah 9: 2-7 (p693)	
<u>GOSPEL</u>	Luke 2: 1-14 (p965)	
<u>SERMON</u>	Too good to be true?	



* PARISH SUPPORT FUND *

We recognise that there are huge financial pressures on many people at the moment with the cost-of-living crisis so would like to remind you we have a Parish Support Fund which can make one-off payments to help people through a difficult time. We are also able to refer people to the South Woking Foodbank.

If you know of someone who would benefit from this or if you need help yourself please contact Mark, Pauline or Jonathan for more details.

* ACCESSING OUR LIVESTREAMED SERVICES *

The Sunday morning services are livestreamed from St Peter's most weeks on YouTube at 10.00am except the 4th Sunday when they usually come from St Mark's at 11.00am via www.stpeterwoking.org/sundaylive which provides a link to YouTube, a service sheet and other information about the service

* WARDEN'S WINDOW *

Giving and receiving presents has become a Christmas tradition around the world, so we will be opening presents given by family and friends. Sometimes the presents are wrapped in such a way as to disguise the item inside So we often use all our senses in trying to work out what the present might be. We use our eyes, hands and ears to see if there is something that might give away what is inside the wrapping. Once we have done this we unwrap the gift and are often surprised by what is inside.

Jesus is our gift from God, not wrapped up or disguised, but fully visible and announced in advance to all. If God's gift to us is Jesus, what do we give God?

One of my favourite Carols answers this in the last verse.

What can I give him poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,

If I were a wise man, I would do my part,

Yet what I can I give him; give my heart

Pauline

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

Mon 2 January	<u>No Morning Prayer</u>	
Tue 3 January	Psalm 2	John 1: 43-51
Wed 4 January	Psalm 89: 1-29	John 2: 1-12
Thu 5 January	<u>Prayer Walk from St Peter's</u>	
Fri 6 January	Psalm 89:30-52	John 2: 13-25

All days are on Zoom except Thursdays when we usually meet in St Peter's Church. However, On the first Thursday of the month instead of Morning Prayer in St Peter's we will be starting at St Peter's at 9.00am and walking around our local community to pray for 30-40 minutes. All welcome

To join Morning Prayer on Zoom enter Meeting ID: 498 905 544 Passcode: 668876

WHAT'S ON

St Peter's is open Monday-Friday 9.00am -12.30pm, Saturday and Sunday 10.00am-6.00pm All Souls' is open on Sundays from 9.00am-6.00pm.

Wednesday 4 January Funeral of Robin Matthews 11.30am St Peter's
Friday 6 January Connections Café 2.30pm Church Centre

The Youth Group (School years 7-13), meets twice a month, 6.00-7.30pm at St Mark's, for food, fun and discipleship.

Contact Sarah Thomas via vicar@stpeterwoking.org or Jenny Jones on jennydickin98@gmail.com for more information.

*** CONNECTIONS CAFÉ ***

The first Connections Café of 2023 will take place on Friday 6 January in the Church Centre from 2.30pm – 5.00pm. All welcome, please invite your friends. A space to chat and do various activities whilst having a cup of tea or coffee. Sandwiches and cake will be served from 4.00pm.

This month we will be playing the Naval game "Hoy!" Please contact Brenda Cox on 07921160684 if you require a lift.

*** SUNDAY 1 JANUARY ***

We will be having a United Service at St Mark's Church at 11.00am on Sunday 1 January for the whole parish. There will be no services in any other churches that day.

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

the family and friends of Robin Matthews, aged 86, of The Hockering and for Mary Angus, Eileen & Peter Bliss, Pam Eales, Peter Eales, Gladys Etherington, Jan Kinnell, Lynda Kirk, Barbara Lloyd, Trevor Lloyd, Rosemary McCrum, Mick Moorse, Olive Park, Carol & Brian Whitehorn, Mary & Geoff Williams and Christian Wolters.

*** MICK MOORSE ***

Mick has now moved to Kettlewell House in Horsell and can be contacted on 07502 381770.

Sunday 1 January 2023

First Sunday of Christmas

NEW YEAR'S DAY

St Mark's	11.00am	PARISH UNITED SERVICE
		<i>This service will be livestreamed</i>
<u>HYMNS</u>	196	Good Christian men rejoice
	589	See him lying on a bed of straw
	944	There is power in the name of Jesus
	178	Go forth and tell
<u>READING</u>	Luke 2: 15-21 (p1028)	
<u>SERMON</u>	What if?	

Sunday 8 January 2023

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

All Souls'	9.30am	Holy Communion (CW)
St Peter's	10.00am	Morning Worship (CW) <i>This service will be live streamed</i>
St Mark's	11.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
St Peter's	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)

*** ST PETER'S CHURCH AERIAL PHOTOS ***

If you have ordered one of these photos they will be available at St Peter's today to collect from Jonathan or Helen or from the Parish Office from 3 January. Please pay by cash or cheque payable to "The Parish of St Peter Woking". Orders can still be placed until the middle of January. Photos can be seen at the back of church or at www.stpeterwoking.org/photos

*** HALE END COURT SERVICE – Wednesday 4 January 3.30pm**

Thanks to all who joined in or carol singing at Hale End Court, they really enjoyed us coming. Our next monthly service there is on Wednesday 4 January and all are welcome

*** 'LENT' COURSE ON MENTAL HEALTH – NEW ***

All are welcome as we run our 'Lent' course over 6 fortnights from January to March in Connect Groups.

The Sanctuary Course was born out of the conviction that informed and empathetic conversations about mental health challenges can transform communities of faith. It helps people look at the important and very relevant issues of mental health theologically and openly and is for everyone whatever your mental health is like.

If you are not in a Connect Group and would like to join one of the groups running it, starting week beginning 9 January please contact Jonathan or a Connect Group leader.

*** CHANCEL OPEN SPACE FUNDRAISING – NEW ***

A huge thank you to all who have given generously or made pledges to give next year. From gifts and fundraising so far we have raised £7000 with a further £4000 given in pledges, taking us half way to our estimate of £22,000.

We are applying for grants and will be doing more fundraising over the year and would welcome further donations at www.stpeterwoking.org/chancelopenspace



**Sign up for Walk the Wey
and help the vulnerable and disadvantaged
in our diocese**

Sponsored walk 7 January 2023

The organisers are aware that there is now a train strike planned for the day, but have decided that it should not deflect them from the vital task of raising money to help the vulnerable and disadvantaged.

Bishop Andrew and Bishop Jo are inviting you to Walk the Wey to Guildford to help the vulnerable and disadvantaged in our diocese. The last walk raised £4,300 for the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund, which provides funds for parish projects that help the disadvantaged and vulnerable. They would love your help this year so that the Fund can support more community projects.

There are walk options of 6 or 12 miles starting either in Godalming, West Byfleet or Send.

If you are interested in joining them or sponsoring them please go to <https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/making-disciples/cultivating-community-partnerships/bishops-community-fund/walk-the-wey> or speak with Jonathan

To register an interest in taking part contact claire.isherwood@cofeguildford.org.uk giving your name, parish, mobile number and likely starting point.

If you need a lift to the start or from the finish, or can offer someone a lift, please mention this when signing up for the walk with Claire Isherwood and we will do our best to match you with another walker. Alternatively there is a number 70 bus which runs between Guildford and Godalming and the number 462 and 463 runs between Guildford and Send. Timetables can be found online.