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St Peter Woking
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Notes & News

Sunday 1 December 2024 ADVENT SUNDAY

* ADVENT – NEW *

We'll all be preparing for Christmas in different ways during Advent, but like Lent it is good to prepare ourselves spiritually as well. Why not aim to prepare in one of these ways:

- ♦ Join Morning Prayer one day a week at 9am on Zoom or in person on Thursdays. There are usually between 3 and 6 of us. Details inside.
- ♦ Install the Everyday Faith app on your phone for daily readings and reflections during Advent.
- ♦ Listen to Women of the Nativity reflections available at www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/advert-and-christmas/women-nativity
- ♦ Join some of us who will be fasting and praying on Wednesdays during Advent in whatever way suits you. You can do it alone, knowing others are fasting, or join a WhatsApp group where we can share what God is saying to us during Advent. Contact Jonathan to join.

* CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL IN ST PETER'S – REVISED *

Saturday 7 – Sunday 8 December

Please come along, and invite friends using the flyers and help where you can as follows:

- ♦ Welcomers. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of St Peter's.
- ♦ Volunteers to help set up the church on Wednesday 4 December at 2.00pm. Please let Jonathan know if you can help.
- ♦ Biscuits and cakes for refreshments – speak with Jonathan or Caroline.

**Sunday 1 December 2024
ADVENT SUNDAY**

All Souls' 9.30am	MORNING WORSHIP (CW)
<u>HYMNS</u> 237	Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty
493	O come, O come, Emmanuel
631	Tell out my soul
102	Come thou long expected Jesus
<u>PSALM 25: 1-9</u>	said from the church Bible (p556)
<u>OLD TESTAMENT</u>	Malachi 3: 1-4 (p961)
<u>NEW TESTAMENT</u>	Luke 3: 1-6 (p1029)
St Peter's 10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (CW) and Sunday School <i>(This service will be livestreamed)</i>
<u>HYMNS</u> 493	O come, O come, Emmanuel
1008	The Lord's my shepherd
465	Meekness and majesty
424	Lo, he comes with clouds descending
<u>OLD TESTAMENT</u>	Jeremiah 33: 14-16 (p796)
<u>GOSPEL</u>	Luke 21: 25-36 (p1057)
St Mark's 11.00am	MORNING WORSHIP (CW)
<u>HYMNS</u> 237	Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty
493	O come, O come, Emmanuel
990	I will offer up my life
102	Come thou long-expected Jesus
<u>PSALM 25: 1-9</u>	said from the church Bible (p556)
<u>OLD TESTAMENT</u>	Malachi 3: 1-4 (p961)
<u>NEW TESTAMENT</u>	Luke 3: 1-6 (p1029)

Please note: There is no evening service at St Peter's this week

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

the family and friends of Douglas Buckman, formerly of Old Woking.
and also for Mary Angus, Wendy Aplin, Peter Bliss, Rosemary Booth,
Alison Cole, Lynda Kirk, Chris Randall, Eric Rice, Carol & Brian
Whitehorn, and Mary & Geoff Williams.

SERVICES IN DECEMBER				
	All Souls' 9.30am	St Peter's 10.00am	St Mark's 11.00am	St Peter's 5.00pm
Sunday 1 Dec	Morning Worship CW	Holy Communion CW and Sunday School	Morning Worship CW	No service
Friday 6 Dec		Guide Dogs Carol Service 7.30pm		
Sunday 8 Dec	Holy Communion CW	All-Age Nativity	Holy Communion CW	Evening Prayer BCP
Sunday 15 Dec	Morning Worship BCP	Holy Communion CW and Sunday School	Morning Worship CW Wild Church 4.30pm	No Service
Sunday 22 Dec	Morning Worship CW	Morning Worship CW	Morning Worship CW	Carols by Candlelight 6.00pm
Monday 23 Dec			Carols by Firelight Bisley Band 6.00pm	
Tuesday 24 Dec	Carols by Candlelight 6.00pm	Christingle Service 4.00pm		Midnight Communion 11.15pm
Wednesday 25 Dec Christmas Day	All-Age Holy Communion CW	All-Age Holy Communion CW	All-Age Holy Communion CW	
Sunday 29 Dec	Parish United Service	No Service	No Service	No Evening Service

*** CAROLS AT HALE END COURT –**

WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER 3.30pm *

All are welcome to join us as we sing carols with the residents of Hale End Court on Old Woking High Street.

*** ST PETER'S CHURCH DECORATING WITH FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS**

– NEW *



We will be preparing floral arrangements in church on Saturday 21 December from 9.30am onwards.

If you are able to spend a couple of hours helping make the arrangements we would love to have your support. Please bring with you scissors or secateurs, any queries please contact Lynne Moore 01932 351029, Thank you.

*** CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR CHURCH FAMILY – NEW ***



We encourage people to give just one Christmas card for the whole church family this year rather than giving them to many people in church, which is environmentally friendly and saves deciding who to give cards to!

From next Sunday there will be a board in each church onto which you can pin them. Please use it and look at the greetings from others. We recognise not everyone will want to join in but hope that many will do so.

*** GIFT DAY FOR ST MICHAEL'S SHEERWATER – REVISED ***

Thank you to all who gave towards supporting our Mission Partner St Michael's last week. If you did not give last week you can still do so by:

- ♦ Giving cash via the St Michael's Gift Day envelopes in each church and putting in the collection
- ♦ Online at www.stpeterwoking.org/mission using the Donate button where you can also see the video shown in church last Sunday with an update on their ministry.

*** GUIDE DOGS ASSOCIATION CAROL SERVICE ***

Friday 6 December 7.30pm



This wonderful service is open to all and features MbM Contemporary Gospel Choir and our own St Peter's Handbell Ringers. If you have never been before do come along!

*** CONNECTIONS CAFÉ – NEW ***

Our last Connections Café for 2024 will be taking place on Friday 6 December 2.30pm to 5.00pm. This will be our Christmas party. We will have a short Christmas quiz and sing a few of your favourite Christmas Carols; there may also be some other activities as well. Please contact either Brenda Cox 07921 160684 or the parish office for more details or if you require a lift.



*** PREPARING ST PETER'S FOR CHRISTMAS – NEW ***

In order to get St Peter's Church ready for the Christmas services after the Christmas Tree festival, I will be having a church cleaning working party on Saturday 14 December 9.30am to 12noon.

Festive refreshments will be served. For more details please contact Pauline Wilde 722098

*** NEWSLETTERS FROM ENGAGE AND THE CAWDELLS – NEW ***

The latest newsletter from Engage, the Woking Schools Christian charity we support, is available in church today so please take a copy.

The latest newsletter from our CMS Mission Partners the Cawdells in Uganda whom Jonathan visited is also available to read and is on the Missions page of our website.

Sunday 8 December 2024
Second Sunday in Advent

All Souls'	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION (CW)
St Peter's	10.00am	ALL-AGE NATIVITY SERVICE <i>This service will be livestreamed</i>
St Mark's	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION (CW)
St Peter's	5.00pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)

*** ECO-TIP FOR DECEMBER –**

WHAT IS YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT? – NEW *

A greenhouse gas (GHG) is any gaseous compound that is capable of absorbing and emitting infrared radiation (heat), allowing less heat to escape back into space, effectively 'trapping' it in the lower atmosphere. The major greenhouse gases in Earth's atmosphere are water vapour, carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide and ozone. For example when you drive your car, buy new clothes, or eat a steak, you contribute to the emission of carbon dioxide and other the greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. In the UK each person is annually responsible for generating on average about 5 tonnes of carbon dioxide, and 1 tonne of the other greenhouse gases. The carbon dioxide generated is your carbon footprint and is the largest contributor to the total greenhouse gases.

The UK has committed to reaching 'net zero' (no longer adding to the total amount of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, mainly through cutting greenhouse gas emissions) by 2050, with a 68% reduction by 2030. This will mean significant changes in what we eat, how we heat our homes, how we travel and what we buy. As an individual, you can also estimate your carbon footprint and reduce it. To find out how, take the test <https://carbon-calculator.climatehero.org>. Along the way you will be able to discover how to reduce your carbon footprint. Chris Heisig

*** CRAFT AND CHAT – NEW ***

Craft and Chat will be meeting on Friday 20 December 2.30pm to 5.00pm in St Peter's Church Centre; bring along your own craft projects.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served throughout the afternoon. For further details please contact Pauline Wilde 722098

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

Monday 2 December	Psalm 50	Isaiah 41:21-42:9
Tuesday 3 December	Psalm 80	Isaiah 42:10-end
Wednesday 4 December	Psalm 7	Isaiah 43: 1-13
Thursday 5 December	Psalm 42	Isaiah 43: 14-end
Friday 6 December	Psalm 25	Isaiah 44: 1-11

To join Morning Prayer on Zoom

enter Meeting ID: 498 905 544 Passcode: 668876

On Thursdays we usually meet in person at St Peter's

WHAT'S ON

St Peter's is open Monday-Friday 9.00am -12.30pm,

Saturday and Sunday 9.00am-6.00pm

All Souls' is open on Sundays from 9.00am-6.00pm.

CONNECT GROUPS MEET THIS WEEK

Sunday 1 December	Guitar Concert	St Peter's	3.00pm
Sunday 1 December	Youth Group	St Mark's	6.00pm
Tuesday 3 December	Tots	St Mark's	10.00am
Tuesday 3 December	Refresh Café	St Mark's	3.15pm
Friday 6 December	Connections Café	Church Centre	2.30pm
Friday 6 December	Guide Dogs' Carols	St Peter's	7.30pm
Saturday 7 December	Christmas Tree Festival	St Peter's	11am-6pm
Sunday 8 December	Christmas Tree Festival	St Peter's	11am-4pm
Tuesday 10 December	Tots	St Mark's	10.00am
Tuesday 10 December	Refresh Café	St Mark's	3.15pm
Saturday 14 December	Church Cleaning	St Peter's	9.30am
Sunday 15 December	Youth Group	St Mark's	6.00pm
Tuesday 17 December	Tots	St Mark's	10.00am
Tuesday 17 December	Refresh Café	St Mark's	3.15pm
Wednesday 18 December	Mayford Grange Christmas Service		11.00am
Wednesday 18 December	Hale End Carols	Hale End	3.30pm
Saturday 21 December	Flower Decoration	St Peter's	9.30am
Monday 23 December	Christingle Making	Church Centre	10.00am

*** NEW SOUND SYSTEM FOR ST PETER'S – NEW ***

Today we launch our fundraising campaign *Sounds Better* for our wonderful new sound system at St Peter's. Leaflets will be given out at St Peter's this morning or you can find details at

www.stpeterwoking.org/soundsbetter