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Notes & News

Sunday 5 January 2025 EPIPHANY SUNDAY

* HAPPY NEW YEAR! *

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas however you spent it. As we begin 2025 may this be a year when you know God more deeply in your life and see Him at work, whatever else happens around you. Today we celebrate the feast of Epiphany, as we remember the magi coming from far off lands to worship Jesus, the new king, giving him their best gifts.

* JOIN US FOR THE BIBLE COURSE – NEW *

Big, complex, old, confusing ...
just some of the words people use
to describe the Bible

. Sound familiar? The Bible is good news but it's not surprising that we often struggle to understand stories written thousands of years ago.

This is where 'The Bible Course' comes in! The course gives an overview of God's big story and provides some tools to help you make sense of what you're reading, through videos, group discussions and personal reflection. Whether you're just exploring faith or you've been a Christian for years, the course will increase your confidence, equip you to read the Bible better and help you to see its relevance to daily life. We are running The Bible Course for eight weeks starting on Monday 27 January at 7.30pm.

Contact Rachel to find out more. Telephone: 07722 651 0090

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**Sunday 5 January 2025
EPIPHANY SUNDAY**

All Souls' 9.30am **MORNING WORSHIP (CW)**
HYMNS 111 Dear Lord and Father of mankind
 35 Angels from the realms of Glory
 39 As with gladness men of old
 79 Christ whose glory fills the skies
PSALM 147: 13-20 said from the church Bible (p633)
FIRST READING Matthew 2: 1-12 (p966)
SECOND READING Ephesians 3: 1-12 (p1174)

St Peter's 10.00am **HOLY COMMUNION (CW)
and Sunday School**
(This service will be livestreamed)
HYMNS 740 We three kings
 529 O worship the Lord
 590 Seek ye first
 428 Lord for the years
EPISTLE Ephesians 3: 1-12 (p1174)
GOSPEL Matthew 2: 1-12 (p966)

St Mark's 11.00am **MORNING WORSHIP (CW)**
HYMNS 39 As with gladness men of old
 428 Lord for the years
 857 I the Lord of sea and sky
 445 Shine Jesus shine
PSALM 147: 13-20 said from the church Bible (p633)
FIRST READING Matthew 2: 1-12 (p966)
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Please note: There is no evening service at St Peter's this week

SERVICES IN JANUARY

	All Souls' 9.30am	St Peter's 10.00am	St Mark's 11.00am	St Peter's 5.00pm
Sunday 5 Jan	Morning Worship CW	Holy Communion CW and Sunday School	Morning Worship CW	No service
Sunday 12 Jan	Holy Communion CW	All-Age Worship	Holy Communion CW	Evening Prayer BCP
Sunday 19 Jan	Morning Worship BCP	Holy Communion CW and Sunday School	Morning Worship CW <u>Wild Church 4.30pm</u>	No service
Thursday 23 Jan		<u>10.30am</u> Holy Communion		
Sunday 26 Jan	Morning Worship CW	Morning Worship CW Energise	Morning Worship CW	Holy Communion BCP



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

the family and friends of Maggie Mold (Lucy's Mum). Her funeral will be taking place on Friday 10 January.

the family and friends of Steve Bonsor, our former parish auditor; his funeral will be taking place on Wednesday 22 January.

and for Mary Angus, Wendy Aplin, Peter Bliss, Rosemary Booth, Alison Cole, Gladys Etherington, Lynda Kirk, Chris Randall, Eric Rice, Valerie Walker, Carol & Brian Whitehorn and Mary & Geoff Williams.

*** SERVICE AT HALE END COURT – NEW ***

WEDNESDAY 8 JANUARY 3.30pm *

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

*** MIDWEEK COMMUNION – NEW ***

Our monthly midweek communion at St Peter's is always on the fourth Thursday of the month at 10.30am. It is a short, said service followed by tea/coffee and cake and we'd love to see you there.

This month it is on Thursday 23 January, and the next ones are on 27 February and 27 March.

*** LENT COURSE – THE PRAYERS OF JESUS – NEW ***

This year our Lent Course will be a reflective one looking at six prayers of Jesus to help us pray. It will be run in Connect Groups every fortnight from the week beginning 27 January for six sessions.

If you are not in a Connect Group but would like to join one for this course you would be very welcome. There are spaces in the Connect Groups that meet on Wednesday morning, Wednesday evening and Thursday evening. Please let Jonathan know if you would like to join one of these.

*** SOUNDS BETTER – REVISED ***

Our new sound system at St Peter's will be installed during the week of 13 -17 January and should be ready for the service on 18 January. Thanks to those who have contributed so far; most of the £21,400 cost is covered by a legacy and grant from Surrey County Council. Christmas collections have not been counted yet, but we are likely to still need another £4,000 or so.

If you are able to give towards this *Sounds Better* campaign it would be appreciated if you could do so this month - or you can pledge to give in the future if that is more convenient.

Details on how you can give can be found in the *SoundsBetter* leaflets available at St Peter's and at www.stpeterwoking.org/soundsbetter

Sunday 12 January 2025

Baptism of Christ

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

*** RACHEL'S RAMBLINGS ***

Happy Epiphany! As a child I always found this a confusing season, as we travel from Jesus' birth to his presentation at the Temple, via the 12 year old getting lost, the young child visited by the Wise Men, the 30-year-old getting baptised, performing his first miracle and proclaiming his mission. Snippets of Jesus' life jumbled together in the wrong order, but each snippet revealing something about the unique person of Jesus.

Epiphany is the season of revelation, a time for new discoveries and perhaps new beginnings. I wonder what you will discover about God this new year? I wonder what journeys or new beginnings God has in store for you?

Perhaps a good place to find out is with the Bible Course we're going to be running this term, or with joining our daily morning prayer, or listening to a podcast regularly. Whatever you do, may your heart fill with joy as you journey with Jesus throughout this year.

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Matthew 2: 10-11

Rachel

*** UGANDA TALK AND PARISH LUNCH – NEW ***

Sunday 2 February

Jonathan will be speaking about his trip to Uganda during this Parish Bring and Share lunch at St Peter's Church Centre at 12.30pm.

It will be our Mission Sunday for CMS partners Sarah and Simon Cawdell, so he will be particularly focusing on his time with them and their ministry. Please put this date in your diary. More details to follow.

*** CAWDELLS' NEWSLETTER – NEW ***

The latest newsletter from our CMS mission partners, Sarah and Simon Cawdell, is available in each church to read and is also on our website at www.stpeterwoking.org/mission

*** CRAFT AND CHAT – NEW ***

Craft and Chats first meeting for 2025 is on Friday 17 January. We meet in the Church Centre 2.30pm -5.00pm. Bring along your own craft projects or come along for a chat.

This year we are also hoping to support the Lighthouse by making blankets and Age UK by making hats for Innocent Smoothie bottles. Tea, coffee and biscuits served throughout the afternoon. For further details contact Pauline Wilde 722098

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.

Tuesday 7 January	Tots	St Mark's	10.00am
Tuesday 7 January	Refresh Café	St Mark's	3.15pm
Wednesday 8 January	Hale End Service	Hale End	3.30pm
Friday 17 January	Craft and Chat	Church Centre	2.30pm
Sunday 2 February	Parish Bring and Share Lunch	Church Centre	12.30pm

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

Epiphany Season

Monday 6 January	Psalm 113	1 John 2:
Tuesday 7 January	Psalm 73	1 John 3
Wednesday 8 January	Psalm 77	1 John 4
Thursday 9 January	Psalm 148	1 John 5
Friday 10 January	Psalm 149	2 John

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

*** ECO-TIP FOR JANUARY – LITTER – NEW ***

We regularly have litter blowing into our front drive which I hate and which is damaging for the environment and potentially dangerous to wildlife. Also litter attracts other people to drop litter there, so it is good to keep places litter-free. Like many other environmental issues we can see it as someone else's problem - people shouldn't drop litter or the council should pick it all up, but we all have a part to play.

Some suggestions:

- 1) Purchase a litter picker - they make picking up litter easier and safer and more fun (especially for children).
- 2) Take a bag with you when you go for a walk. You don't have to do a formal litter pick, just pick up anything you pass and dispose of it in a bin.
- 3) Join a litter picking group like the Woking Litter Warriors who can be found on Facebook or via an internet search. It is more enjoyable to do it with others and the groups are very friendly.
- 4) If you see anyone littering and you think it safe to do so then politely tell them and ask them to pick it up. Most people will feel embarrassed and respond by doing so.

Jonathan