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**Notes
& News**

Sunday 4 May 2025
Third Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO OUR APCM TODAY

*** TODAY – SUNDAY 4 MAY – ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING ***

As it is our Annual Parochial Church Meeting today we will be holding a short, United Service at St Peter's at 10.00am with Sunday School, followed by the APCM.

There are no services at All Souls' and St Mark's today – and no evening service at St Peter's.

*** VE DAY SERVICE – ALL SOULS' CHURCH ***

Next Sunday 11 May at 9.30am

We will be holding a special service to celebrate the 80th anniversary of VE Day at All Souls', our war memorial church in the parish next Sunday.

All are welcome whichever church you attend. Please invite friends and neighbours



*** NEWCOMERS' TEA – SUNDAY 11 MAY ***

If you are new to one of our churches in the last year or so we would love to see you at a Newcomers' Tea at the Vicarage, 66 Westfield Road on Sunday 11 May, 3.30–5.00pm where you can meet clergy and wardens and others and find out about all that goes on across the parish as well as enjoying some great cakes and biscuits. If you would like to come please contact Jonathan on 01483 762707 or vicar@stpeterwoking.org

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St Peter's 10.00am PARISH UNITED SERVICE
and Sunday School
(This service will be livestreamed)
Followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and
Commissioning of PCC and DCCs

HYMNS 496, 1000, 77, 705
PSALM 30 said from the church Bible (p558)
FIRST READING John 20: 19-31 (p1089)
SECOND READING Revelation 5: 11-14 (p1237)

Please note: There are no services at All Souls' or St Mark's
this week and there is no evening service at
St Peter's.

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

the family and friends of Peter Eales, Fay Maughan, Richard Pugh and
Priscilla Holland.
and for Mary Angus, Wendy Aplin, Peter Bliss, Alison Cole,
Lynda Kirk, Chris Randall, Eric Rice, Lynda Salmond, Carol & Brian
Whitehorn, Valerie Walker and Mary & Geoff Williams.

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 4 May	Youth Group	St Mark's	6.00pm
Monday 5 May	Bank Holiday - Parish Office closed		
Monday 5 May	Romans Bible Course	Church Centre	7.15pm
Tuesday 6 May	TOTS Toddlers	St Mark's	10.00am
Tuesday 6 May	Refresh Café & Extra	St Mark's	3.15pm
Tuesday 6 May	St Peter's Ch Council	Church Centre	7.45pm
Wednesday 7 May	Hale End Court Service		3.30pm
Sunday 11 May	Newcomers' Tea	Vicarage	3.30pm
Saturday 17 May	Community Fun Day at St Mark's	2.30-4.30pm	
Saturday 7 June	Stabilis Duo Piano Concert at St Peter's	5.00pm	
Thurs 3/Fri 4 July	Harry Baker: Wonderful 2.0	St Peter's	7.00pm

Sunday 11 May 2025
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BELL SUNDAY

9.30am	All Souls'	VE DAY SERVICE
10.00am	St Peter's	All-Age Worship and Baptism of Reginald John Baker <i>This service will be livestreamed</i>
11.00am	St Mark's	Holy Communion (CW)
6.30pm	St Peter's	Evening Prayer (BCP)

*** ECO-TIP FOR MAY - NEW ***

I recently joined the local 'Buy Nothing' Facebook group and it has
highlighted to me just how much stuff we all have - and how much of that
stuff inevitably ends up in landfill. Yet so much of it is stuff we don't
really need - holiday mementoes, generic gifts, the latest toy or fashion
accessory, the newest model of phone. How can YOU cut down on
unnecessary stuff? Perhaps take a friend out for afternoon tea instead of
buying them another scented candle, keep your phone for a bit longer, say
no to that tempting fridge magnet, pop along to the Repair Cafe to get
your old stuff fixed and browse the charity shops for things you really
need.
Rachel

*** SUPPORTING WESTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL - NEW ***

Like many schools, Westfield (close to St Mark's) is suffering from
budget cuts, and something they can no longer provide in classrooms is
glue sticks! **We are therefore taking a collection of glue sticks (Pritt
sticks)** - can you add one onto your shop this week and bring it to church?
It will be a wonderful way to bless this local school.

Westfield are also looking for volunteer readers to read with school
children. Any volunteer would need to undertake DBS and safeguarding
checks and would need to be able to commit weekly during term time.
Speak to Lucy if interested.

We are also planning to bake cakes for teachers and staff on their inset
days, so look out for calls for cakes coming in the future!

*** VE DAY RINGING AND BELL SUNDAY – NEW ***

As you know, this Thursday is the 80th anniversary of VE Day and we will be joining churches across the country in ringing our bells at 6.30pm. Do come and listen if you're around then.

There will be a further chance to hear the bells in action on Saturday afternoon, when we will be attempting to ring a full peal (approx 3 hours of non-stop ringing) to mark the anniversary. If successful, this will also be the 100th peal on the bells!

The following day we will be celebrating Bell Sunday and if you'd like to see the ringers in action there will be a chance to go up to the ringing chamber after the service.

*** THIS WEEK'S MORNING PRAYER – Daily at 9.00am ***

Monday 5 May	Bank Holiday – no Morning Prayer	
Tuesday 6 May	Psalm 99	Ephesians 1: 1-14
Wednesday 7 May	Psalm 105	Ephesians 1: 15-end
Thursday 8 May	Psalm 136	Ephesians 2: 1-10
Friday 9 May	Psalm 39	Ephesians 2: 11-end

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

*** COMMUNITY FRIDGE – NEW ***

Some of you will be aware that we have been exploring starting up a Community Fridge at St Mark's – and we are nearly at the point of being able to open! Community Fridges collect surplus, edible food and make it available to anyone who can use it, so it's a win-win for reducing food waste and helping people who are in food poverty. We hope to open on Wednesday afternoons after half term but we do need volunteers – to help sort out donated food, to man the fridge when it's open, to clean and potentially to collect food from local shops or from the Fareshare warehouse in Guildford.

If you're interested in helping in any way or if you just want to find out more please speak to Rachel or Paige. We really want this to be a partnership with the community so please do also promote it to friends and neighbours who may be interested in volunteering or in using it.

*** JONATHAN'S LONDON MARATHON – NEW ***

I am so thankful to everyone who sponsored me for the wonderful Guide Dog Association and who prayed for me that day. I was a little unwell and hadn't slept well so it was very tough and I was pleased to finish in 4 hours 13 minutes, spurred on by your sponsorship and prayers. It was an amazing occasion, the crowds were something else and I have raised over £2700 excluding Gift Aid.



If you sponsored me on the form in church you can pay me in one of three ways, ideally by 18 May:

- ♦ pay online via www.stpeterwoking.org/marathon (but note there is a minimum 10% charge)
- ♦ cash
- ♦ cheque made payable to Jonathan Thomas

If you pay by cash or cheque then please put it in an envelope with your name on it and either give it to me in church, put it through the Vicarage door or give to the Parish office. Please then tick the form in church to say you have paid.

*** WARDENS WINDOW ***

I hope like me you have enjoyed the sunshine this week. I love seeing the bright green leaves unfurl on the trees at this time of year, and the amazing carpets of bluebells in the woodlands. It spurs me into action to prepare my garden for sowing seeds and planting out vegetable seedlings.

It reminds me of Jesus' parable of the mustard seed. Just as the tiny seed grows into a large plant, God's kingdom grows from small beginnings. As we look forward to our Summer events, there are many things that we can invite friends and neighbours to come along to: the Community Fun Day, Community Garden activities at St Mark's and, coming soon, the Community Fridge, as well as our Sunday services and all our weekday groups. So let's invite people, sow the seed of the Gospel in people's minds and pray that God will feed and water it and bring it to fruition.

I have enjoyed my year as one of your churchwardens. It has been good to get to know more people at St Peter's and All Souls' and to be more involved in the running of the parish and in supporting our wonderful ministry team. I would like to thank Pauline for her guidance and to wish her and my successor every blessing in the year ahead.

Rosemary

SERVICES IN MAY

	All Souls' 9.30am	St Peter's 10.00am	St Mark's 11.00am	St Peter's 6.30pm
Sunday 11 May	VE DAY SERVICE	All-Age Worship and Baptism of Reginald John Baker	Holy Communion (CW)	Evening Prayer (BCP)
Sunday 18 May	MW (BCP)	Holy Communion (CW) and Sunday School	All-Age Worship	No service this evening
Thursday 22 May		Holy Communion <u>10.30am</u>		
Sunday 25 May	Morning Worship	Morning Worship Energise Service	Morning Worship	Holy Communion BCP
Thursday 29 May Ascension Day			Ascension Prayer and Praise <u>7.30pm</u>	

* CRAFT AND CHAT – **NEW** *

Craft and Chat will be meeting this month on Friday 16 May, 2.30pm – 5.00pm in the Church Centre. Bring along your own craft projects or just come for a chat.

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be served throughout the afternoon. For further information contact either Pauline Wilde 722098 or Parish Office.

* ASCENSION DAY PRAYER AND PRAISE – **NEW** *

Thursday 29 May at St Mark's at 7.30pm

Ascension Day is a major festival in the church's calendar and to celebrate it we will be having an informal service of praise, reflection and prayer. We would love to see many people there.

* **COMMUNITY FUN DAY - SATURDAY 17 MAY** *

Plans are coming together for another great parish event, together with New Life Church, where we usually have 200 members of our community come along.

This important event relies on volunteers whether it is setting up, welcoming, baking cakes, being on a stall etc. Could you please consider how you can help and sign up using the sheet at the back of your church or at www.stpeterwoking.org/funday. Flyers are available in the churches.

New or good condition used bric a brac, unwanted gifts, games, soft toys, stocking fillers and small wrapped sweets (not chocolate) gratefully received. Please pass items to Rachel, Lucy or Jonathan.

* **STABILIS DUO AT ST PETER'S** *

Saturday 7 June at 5.00pm

Following on from Mark Jennings' inspiring classical and Spanish guitar concert earlier in the month which raised £500 we look forward to welcoming piano duet Stabilis Duo who will captivate you with their electrifying performance and exquisite interpretation. For more information and to book this free concert go to www.stpeterwoking.org/stabilis. Flyers are available in church, so please invite friends and neighbours. We will be serving refreshments afterwards so if you are able to help serve them or make cakes and biscuits please let Jonathan know.

* **COMMUNITY GARDEN AT ST MARK'S** *

With new raised planters in place, a community gardening group has begun at the Community Garden! It meets on Wednesdays at 11.00am and all are welcome.

We are in particular need of free soil/compost at the moment! If you have access to any, please speak to Lucy.

* **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS – HARRY BAKER EVENT 3-4 JULY – **NEW**** *

We are due to welcome 400 visitors to St Peter's over two evenings for the Harry Baker event in July so we need volunteers to: set up, steward, serve refreshments, and bake cakes beforehand. If you can help, please speak to Lucy: curate@stpeterwoking.org