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**Notes
& News**

Sunday 7 December 2025

Second Sunday in Advent

REVIVE – TODAY 6.00pm at ST MARK'S

Enjoy an evening of contemporary worship and reflection with an Advent theme and an opportunity for anointing with holy oil for healing or blessing.

*** ALPHA COURSE – JOIN IN OR COOK FOR US – NEW ***

We are excited to be running Alpha starting on 15 January at 7.00pm at St Mark's. Alpha is a wonderful course for both people exploring the Christian faith or those wanting to strengthen their faith and includes a shared meal. We have a welcome team assembled but would love some people to volunteer to cook a meal for one or two of the 10 weeks the course runs. We hope to get between 10 and 15 people on the course. If you could offer to help cook or are interested in coming on the course please contact Jonathan on 01483 762707, vicar@stpeterwoking.org and he'll give you more details.

We hope to have some flyers available soon so please be praying who you could invite.

*** 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 this Sunday there will be a board in each church on to which you can pin them.

Please use it and look at the greetings from others.

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All Souls' 9.30am MORNING WORSHIP (CW)
HYMNS 493, 625, 170, 102
PSALM 72: 1-7 said from the church Bible (p585)
OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 11: 1-10 (p696)
NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 3: 1-12 (p967)

**St Peter's 10.00am HOLY COMMUNION (CW) and
Sunday School**
HYMNS 708, 210, 988, 796
OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 35: 1-10 (p719)
GOSPEL Matthew 11: 2-11 (p976)

St Mark's 11.00am MORNING WORSHIP (CW)
HYMNS 493, 990, 170, Jesus be the centre, 102
PSALM 72: 1-7 said from the church Bible (p585)
OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 11: 1-10 (p696)
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St Mark's 6.00pm REVIVE SERVICE
*Enjoy an evening of contemporary worship and reflection with an
Advent theme and an opportunity for anointing with holy oil for
healing or blessing.*

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

*** URGENT – PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS ***

This year we want to deliver Christmas cards with details of our Christmas Services to ALL those living in our parish over the next week or so. Please can everyone who is able to, deliver some to spread the load and make sure everyone knows about our churches and is invited to celebrate Jesus' birth with us.

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

the family and friends of Valerie Aldridge. Her funeral is on Wednesday 17 December at 1.00pm at Woking Crematorium; all who knew Valerie are welcome.

and the family and friends of Tots Leader, Sheila Osgood, of Mayford.
and also Wendy Aplin, Peter Bliss, Alison & Ian Cole, Valerie Hendricks,
Lynda Kirk, Chris & Denise Randall, Carol & Brian Whitehorn, 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.**

Tuesday 9 December	TOTS	St Mark's	10.00am
Tuesday 9 December	Refresh Café & Extra	St Mark's	3.15pm
Wednesday 10 December	Community Fridge	St Mark's	1.30pm
Thursday 11 December	Carols at Kingsleigh		11.00am

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

Monday 8 December	Psalm 27	Matthew 12: 22-37
Tuesday 9 December	Psalm 30	Matthew 12: 38-end
Wednesday 10 December	Psalm 35	Matthew 13: 1-23
Thursday 11 December	Psalm 36	Matthew 13: 24-43
Friday 12 December	Psalm 39	Matthew 13: 44-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**

*** REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR ***

This Advent instead of having a chocolate each day why not collect a Christmas treat to give to our Community Fridge for people over Christmas. These Reverse Advent Calendars are available to take in each church or go to www.stpeterwoking.org/reverseac

Sunday 14 December
Third Sunday in Advent

9.30am	All Souls'	Holy Communion (CW)
10.00am	St Peter's	All-Age Nativity <i>This service will be livestreamed</i>
11.00am	St Mark's	Holy Communion (CW)
5.00pm	St Peter's	Evening Prayer (BCP)

*** ADVENT RESOURCES – REVISED ***

Advent is a great time to spend time daily with the Lord preparing for Christmas. The C of E's 'Everyday Faith' app has daily Advent reflections for your phone or computer and can be downloaded from your app store or from <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/sign-joy-christmas>. Families may like to use this online Advent Calendar from the Diocese of Guildford which looks at how Christians around the world celebrate Christmas

<https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/collective-worship/advent-and-christmas/>

*** MINCE PIES NEEDED FOR CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE ***

We would appreciate it if you could make or donate some mince pies for the Carols by Candlelight service at St Peter's on Sunday 21 December. Please can you let me know by Thursday 18 December.

Thank you for your support. Pauline Wilde 01483-722098

*** COMMUNITY GARDENING GROUP – MONTHLY IN WINTER – NEW ***

The Community Gardening Group, which meets on Wednesdays, will be meeting monthly during the winter. The next gardening session will be on Wednesday 7 January, from 11.00am.

Huge thanks to all who have been involved in any way during 2025!

*** WARDEN'S WINDOW ***

'Like a candle flame flickering small in our darkness'. Just a small light from a candle or torch can give a great light and expel the darkness around it, helping us to see.

At this time of year, we are aware of the dark mornings and evenings especially as we approach the shortest day of the year, when we have equal day and night, we can feel overcome by darkness. But lights are beginning to go up in town centres, front gardens, windows of homes and shops lighting up our dark streets bringing hope and joy. They act to remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World.

'Light of the World you stepped down into darkness' so come let us adore Him Christ the Lord.

Pauline

*** AN ECO-ADVENT ***

Our parish environment team have been discussing ways we can consider our environmental impact as we prepare for Christmas. It is right that we feast and celebrate, but let's not lose sight of our calling to help steward God's earth.

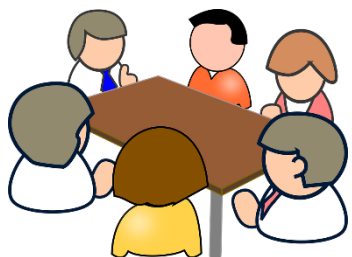
This year, we can:

- ♦ Consider the wrapping paper and cards that we buy: if it's shiny or glittery, it can't be recycled!
- ♦ Decorate responsibly: reusing what we already have is best! Or we can make decorations out of natural materials (pine cones and dried orange slices look fab!) or buy second-hand as a more ethical option.
- ♦ Give meaningful presents – we want to be generous, but let's not buy useless things. Consider making presents, buying second-hand, or buying from charities and local shops.
- ♦ Plan our food carefully so we don't waste leftovers, and consider buying items on the Community Fridge's Reverse Advent Calendar to gift there.

*** REFRESH CAFÉ – EXTRA VOLUNTEER – NEW ***

Refresh Cafe opens at St Mark's every Tuesday after school in term time for local families to find community, play games and enjoy milkshakes together. We then invite 11-16 year olds to join from 4pm for games, tea, toast and faith chats. We are looking for a new volunteer to help with setting up, making and serving drinks and getting to know the community. You would join a lively team, and could serve fortnightly or monthly. Speak to Lucy or Jonathan if you are interested.

*** YOUTH GROUP – COULD YOU HELP? – NEW ***



Our small but mighty youth group meets fortnightly on Sunday evenings in term time, and is a place for games, discipleship, chats and prayer.

We would love another volunteer to join us on a monthly basis.

You would need to undergo safeguarding training and have a DBS check for this role. Please speak to Lucy if you are interested.

*** ISSUES ON HUMAN SEXUALITY**

AND PRAYERS OF LOVE AND FAITH – NEW *

The PCC held an Away-Day in October to discuss the Church of England's 'Prayers of Love and Faith', which can be used for same-sex couples in a church service. Before we decide whether to use them in our church we wanted to discuss the issues with and get the views of our congregations. So we will be holding a Discussion Morning on Saturday 17 January from 10am-12 noon in St Peter's Church Centre.

We'll be looking at what the Bible has to say on the subject of human sexuality, where the Church of England is at and explaining what 'Prayers of Love and Faith' are as well as allowing plenty of time for small group discussion. Please put this date in your diaries and we'll give more details in January.

*** ST PETER'S CHRISTMAS TREE – NEW ***

We are very grateful to Hire Services Southern, Old Woking, who have sponsored our lovely outdoor Christmas tree this year.

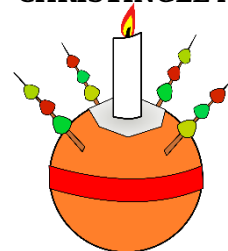


*** CRAFT AND CHAT – NEW ***

Craft and Chat will be meeting this month on Friday 19 December in St Peter's Church Centre, 2.30pm to 5.00pm. Bring along your own craft project or just come for a chat. Tea, coffee and biscuits served throughout the afternoon.

For more details please contact Pauline Wilde 722098 or the parish office.

*** CHRISTINGLE MAKING – Tuesday 23 December – 10.00am – NEW ***

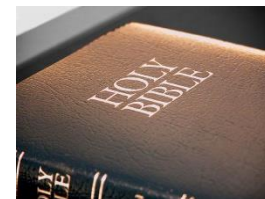


Please help us assemble the Christingles in the Church Centre. It's a lot of fun, suitable for all ages and very Christmassy. There will be refreshments and music. The more people we have the quicker we finish.

Let Jonathan know if you plan to come or just turn up.

*** SPARE BIBLES? ***

The Bible is more popular than ever at the moment, people are hungry for God's word and we would like to offer free Bibles in our churches for any visitors as we have started to do at St Peter's where some have already been taken! Do you have any spare, good quality modern Bibles you could give away? If so please contact Jonathan.



Westfield
**COMMUNITY
FRIDGE**



Christmas opening

Mondays 22nd and 29th Dec
1.30-3pm at St Mark's Church

All welcome, no referral needed

Save some good food from going to waste!

Closed on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve