

Sunday 7 December 2025

Advent 2

9.30am	All Souls'	Morning Worship (CW)
10.00am	St Peter's	Holy Communion (CW) and Sunday School <i>(This service will be livestreamed)</i>
11.00am	St Mark's	Morning Worship (CW)
6.00pm	St Mark's	Revive Service

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

Friday 5 December	Connections Café	Church Centre	2.30pm
Friday 5 December	Guide Dogs Carol Service	St Peter's	7.30pm
Tuesday 9 December	TOTS	St Mark's	10.00am
Tuesday 9 December	Refresh Café & Extra	St Mark's	3.15pm
Wednesday 10 December	Community Gardening Gp	St Mark's	11.00am
Wednesday 10 December	Community Fridge	St Mark's	1.30pm

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PARISH OFFICE – Open Monday-Friday 9.30am – 12noon

For other contact details and social media see N&N for first Sunday of the month



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**Notes
& News**

Sunday 30 November 2025
ADVENT SUNDAY

*** REVIVE – REVISED ***

Next Sunday 7 December 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.

***URGENT – PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS – REVISED ***

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.

Cards are bundled in groups of roads and are available for the St Peter's and St Mark's areas today.

*** GUIDE DOGS CAROL SERVICE ***

Friday 5 December at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church
The annual carol service in aid of the Guide Dogs is next Friday – all are welcome to come along. Do invite neighbours and friends to this joyful service, with music from Show Choir and St Peter's Handbell ringers, followed by refreshments and a raffle to raise money for the Guide Dogs Mid-Surrey branch.



*** 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 30 November 2025
ADVENT SUNDAY

ST PETER'S 10.00am PARISH UNITED HOLY COMMUNION (CW)
This service will be livestreamed

HYMNS 102, 424, 25, 493
OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 2: 1-5 (p686)
GOSPEL Matthew 24: 36-44 (p994)

ST PETER'S 5.00pm EVENING PRAYER (BCP)
HYMNS 493, 424, 102, 758
PSALM 9 said from the Book of Common Prayer (p354)
CANTICLE Magnificat
OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 2: 1-5 (p686)
NEW TESTAMENT Matthew 24: 36-44 (p994)

PLEASE NOTE:

There are no services at All Souls' or St Mark's today

*** CHRIST CHURCH, WOKING ***

The newly refurbished bookshop and café has reopened.
The café will be open from 8.30am, serving tea, coffee, cakes, sandwiches and toasties. The bookshop will be open from 10.00am.
Please spread the word and come and see us!

*** 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/>

*** 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.

*** LOAVES AND FISHES – THANK YOU! ***

Thank you to those who responded to the 'Loaves and Fishes' campaign with your pledges: we had around a third of our congregation respond, which was encouraging, and with those pledges our regular giving has increased 10%, meaning we should clear our deficit next year.

If you did not pledge but are still planning to change your regular giving for 2026, please do still let Eliot, Patrick or Chris know – it is really helpful for us as we look ahead, and we would love to be able to take bold steps into God's vision for our parish.

If you pledged to change your giving please now do so for January. The Parish Giving Scheme website is back online, so please do speak to Eliot, Patrick or Chris if you have any questions or need assistance with PGS or your regular giving.

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

Monday 1 December	Psalm 6	John 1: 35-42
	St Andrew	
Tuesday 2 December	Psalm 7	Matthew 10: 34-end
	Start of Advent Season sheets	
Wednesday 3 December	Psalm 8	Matthew 11: 1-19
Thursday 4 December	Psalm 13	Matthew 11: 20-end
Friday 5 December	Psalm 16	Matthew 12: 1-21

On Thursdays we usually meet in person at St Peter's. To join Morning Prayer on Zoom enter Meeting ID: 498 905 544 Passcode: 668876

*** CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR – NEW ***

Thank you to all who contributed in any way last weekend to the Christmas Craft Fair – to all the bakers, prize donors, and volunteers who all made the event such a success.

We have raised over £480, which will go towards future projects at St Peter's. For those interested, the bear's name was Pierre and the number of buttons in the jar was 1122.

*** CONNECTIONS CAFÉ – NEW ***

Connections Café meets this Friday 5 December from 2.30pm – 5.00pm in the Church Centre. This will be our last meeting for 2025 and will be our Christmas Party.

There will be an opportunity to chat over tea and coffee, and a Christmas Tea will be served at 4.00pm.

For further information, or if you require a lift, please contact the Parish Office on 755852.

*** AN ECO-ADVENT – NEW! ***

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.

SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Friday 5 Dec		St Peter's Guide Dogs Carol Service 7.30pm		
	All Souls' 9.30am	St Peter's 10.00am	St Mark's 11.00am	St Peter's 5.00pm
Sunday 7 Dec	Morning Worship CW	Holy Communion CW and Sunday School	Morning Worship CW	St Mark's 6.00pm Revive Service
Sunday 14 Dec	Holy Communion CW	All-Age Nativity	Holy Communion CW	Evening Prayer BCP
Thursday 18 December		St Peter's 6.30pm	Woking Football Club Carols	
Sunday 21 Dec	Morning Worship BCP	Holy Communion CW and Sunday School	All-Age Service	6.00pm Carols by Candlelight
Monday 22 Dec			St Mark's 6.00pm Carols by Firelight	
Wednesday 24 Dec Christmas Eve	All Souls' 6.00pm Carols by Candlelight	St Peter's 4.00pm Christingle Service		St Peter's 11.15pm Midnight Communion
Thursday 25 Dec Christmas Day	All-Age Holy Communion CW	All-Age Holy Communion CW	All-Age Holy Communion CW	
Sunday 29 Dec	No service	No Service	St Mark's 11.00am Parish United Service	No Evening Service