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Notes & News

Sunday 5 April 2026

Easter Day

*** HAPPY EASTER! ***

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter as we celebrate the wonderful resurrection of Jesus which changed everything. To those who have fasted in any way over Lent, enjoy yourself today, but don't overindulge!

Jonathan



*** BUSH FAMILY FAREWELL – REVISED ***

Today is Lucy's last working day before she becomes Chaplain at the St Marylebone C of E Schools and Assistant Priest at St Marylebone Parish Church. Lucy will be licensed at the 6.00pm service on Sunday 3 May to which all are welcome. If you would like to come please contact the Parish Office by Monday 20 April and we'll decide how best to get there.

We will hold a leaving service for Lucy, Dave, Lydia and Dominic at St Peter's for the whole parish at 10.00am on Sunday 19 April, followed at 12 noon by a Bring and Share farewell lunch in the Church Centre. As usual for these lunches, please bring along any item of food – a main dish, side dish or dessert – which we will enjoy together.

If you would like to make a donation towards a farewell gift for Lucy and the family please either put cash in an envelope marked 'Lucy's farewell gift' and give it to Jonathan, Eliot Johnson, Chris Heisig, Patrick Phillipps or drop it in at the church office.

You can also give online at <https://givealittle.co/c/bushleavinggift> by Monday 13 April. Cards are available in each church to sign.



Sunday 5 April 2026 - Easter Day

Sunrise Service at Newark Priory – 6.30am

Joint Service with Parish of Wisley with Pyrford

Followed by Breakfast in the Church Centre

All Souls' 9.30am ALL-AGE COMMUNION

HYMNS 357, 109, 1072, 689

For the Epistle Acts 10: 34-43 (p1104)

GOSPEL John 20: 1-18 (p1089)

St Peter's 10.00am ALL-AGE COMMUNION

*This service will be livestreamed
and followed by an Easter Egg Hunt*

HYMNS 357, See what a morning, In Christ alone, 689

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GOSPEL John 20: 1-18 (p1089)

St Mark's 11.00am ALL-AGE COMMUNION

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GOSPEL John 20: 1-18 (p1089)

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

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

Monday 6 April **No Morning Prayer – Bank Holiday**

Tuesday 7 April Psalm 111 Exodus 12: 1-13

Wednesday 8 April Psalm 112 Exodus 12: 14-36

Thursday 9 April Psalm 115 Exodus 12: 37-end

Friday 10 April Psalm 116,117 Exodus 13: 1-16

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

*** PRAYER AND PASTRIES - MONDAY 20 APRIL 11.00am – NEW***

As part of our Year of Prayer initiative we are going to start monthly prayer times (with coffee/tea and pastries) instead of Morning Prayer that day. It will be held in the Vicarage, 66 Westfield Road and last 45 mins – 1 hour. We will be praying for the parish, for the needs of the community, our churches and mission partners. We would love to see a good number of people join us at this important time for the parish, so please come if you can. Contact Jonathan for more information.

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

The family and friends of Geoff Williams, aged 85, of Cobham, and for the family and friends of Kevin Blewitt, aged 62, of Hale End Court. and for Wendy Aplin, Peter Bliss, Alison & Ian Cole, Valerie Hendricks, Lynda Kirk, Chris & Denise Randall, Carol & Brian Whitehorn, and Mary Williams.

*** COMMUNITY FUN DAY - REVISED ***

Saturday 9 May 2.30-4.30pm at Mark's*

Plans are coming together for another great parish event together with New Life Church where we usually have 300+ members of our community come along.

This important event for the parish 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. Thank you!

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.

Wednesday 8 April	Community Garden Grp	St Mark's	11.00am
Wednesday 8 April	Community Fridge	St Mark's	1.30pm
Friday 10 April	Connections Café	Church Centre	2.30pm

*** CONNECTIONS CAFÉ – Friday 10 April – NEW ***

Our next meeting will be from 2.30pm to 5.00pm in the Church Centre; a place to chat over tea and coffee. Sandwiches and cake will be served from 4.00pm.

Our activity this month will be boardgames. For further information or if you require a lift please contact the Parish Office on 755852

Sunday 12 April

Easter 2

9.30am	All Souls'	Morning Worship (CW)
10.00am	St Peter's	All-Age Worship <i>(accompanied by the Band)</i> <i>This service will be livestreamed</i>
11.00am	St Mark's	Morning Worship (CW)
6.30pm	St Peter's	Evening Prayer (BCP)

*** LUCY'S LETTER ***

I am writing this last Lucy's Letter during Holy Week, which is also my last "working" week in the parish. As we approach the cross in this most holy of times, I am reminded afresh of God's grace and God's goodness.

It has been such a privilege to serve among and with you for these last three years. You have welcomed me and my family in and enabled me to spread my ministry wings! I am so grateful for the way in which you upheld us when we were grieving and continue to support us – I felt your prayers so keenly in those tricky days.

I leave with mixed emotions – excitement, gratitude, and of course sadness at leaving such a supportive community. But if the events of Easter teach us anything, it is that God is with us in all things. And that is my encouragement to you this month, to have that resurrection hope that we claim on Easter Sunday. It is not a hope that minimises pain or tries to sweep hurts under the carpet, it is a hope that comes within and through the pain, a sense that God is there through it and God rises – and ultimately we will rise too, no matter what is going on at the moment. May you all know God's goodness and God's grace both individually and as a church community, now and in the years to come.

Every blessing, Lucy

*** CRAFT AND CHAT – NEW ***

Craft and Chat's next meeting will be on Friday 17 April, 2.30pm to 5.00pm in the Church Centre.

Bring along your own craft projects or just come for a chat. Tea, coffee and biscuits served throughout the afternoon. For further details contact Pauline Wilde 722098 or the parish office.

*** SURREY CHURCH TOUR by the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust**

Saturday 2 May 2026 10:15am – 3.30pm *

In my role as a member of the Surrey Hills Society Events Committee, I have been able to persuade the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust to run a day-long event on Saturday 2 May, which involves visiting three of the most interesting Surrey churches, located in and around Albury

If you're interested you need to apply for a ticket via the Surrey Hills Society website (www.surreyhillssociety.org) the tickets for non-members are only £20 and £14 for members. . If you know anyone who might want attend this event perhaps you could let them know? Many thanks
Anthony

PS I should add that at two of the three churches there will be tea and cake, and various local experts will be giving a talk at all three churches.

10.15am St Peter & St Paul, Albury, 41 Church Lane, Albury, Guildford GU5 9AJ (*Dropping off passengers is suggested before parking on the public roads nearby. Please note that there is a hill going up to the church*).

Our tour with Rev Andrew Pearson starts at 10.15am with coffee at **St Peter & St Paul Church in Albury village** close to the Post Office. Built on a hillside site by William McIntosh Brookes, this Grade II listed Romanesque-style church was inspired by the 12th Century Eglise Saint-Pierre at Thaon, Normandy. Its tall tower, plain interior and panoramic setting above the Tillingbourne Valley make it a distinctive landmark.

11.45am Albury Old Saxon Church, Albury Park (Old St Peter & St Paul Church), Albury, Guildford GU5 9BH (*Enter the Albury Estate private road and park outside the church on the grass*).

Our second church is **Albury Old Saxon Church, Albury Park**. Rev Andrew Pearson will show us around this charming, ancient Grade I listed church, dating from Saxon and Norman times, it is a flint walled gem, set amongst the trees of beautiful Albury Park above the gently running River Tilling. It is full of contrasts and surprises.

1.15pm Lunch is suggested at The Percy Arms pub, 75 Dorking Road, Chilworth, Guildford GU4 8NP – please arrange and pay for this yourself or bring a packed lunch to eat wherever you wish.

2.30pm St Michael's, Farley Green, Shophouse Lane, Albury, Guildford GU5 9EE (*There is no parking outside the church as it is a private drive but we have permission to park at the south end of the Green where indicated by signs*). Our third and final church is **St Michael's, Farley Green**. Again, Rev Andrew Pearson will show us around. The church is a converted 19th Century barn, which replaced an earlier building, one of several in a yard farmed in 1839 from Brook Farm. It was built between 1840 and 1880.

Our tour of these three most interesting churches concludes at 3.30pm.

*** FINANCIAL GIVING TO THE CHURCH – NEW ***

As part of our Christian discipleship we should give regularly to God's work at our local church which receives no money from the government of Church of England. Regular giving enables us to provide our Sunday services, maintain our churches and serve our community. If you are not a regular giver can we encourage you to do so in one of three ways:

1. **Join the Parish Giving Scheme** – this is an excellent scheme which enables you to give a fixed amount every month and if you are a taxpayer automatically gives us Gift Aid, saving a lot of work for our Gift Aid secretary and helping our cash flow. You can easily change the amount you give online or with a phone call. For more details or to join the scheme go to <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home> or pick up a leaflet in church.
2. **Give by standing order** – set up a standing order with your bank to give regularly to the parish, weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually. If you are a tax payer please fill out a Gift Aid form so our Gift Aid secretary can claim it back. Standing order and Gift Aid forms are available in each church.
3. **Give in the weekly collection in church** – you can put cash or a cheque made payable to 'The Parish of St Peter Woking' in the collection plate on Sundays and if you are a tax payer use the white envelopes at the back of each church to Gift Aid it. Or use the card reader at St Peter's and St Mark's which enables debit/credit card transactions.

If you ever wish to make a one-off donation or want to find out more about financial giving to the parish please go to www.stpeterwoking.org/giving, speak with Jonathan or our treasurer, Louise Webb, treasurer@stpeterwoking.org.

*** REVISION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL ***

We are entering another period of revision of the Church Electoral Roll, which needs to be revised before the Annual Meeting on 10 May. If you are resident in the parish or have attended public worship regularly at one of our churches in the past six months and you are baptised and aged 16 or over, you can be added to our Electoral Roll, which is like a membership list. Please fill in an application form, available in each church, sign it and return it to me or one of the churchwardens.

You can then attend and vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where the elections take place for the churchwardens and Church Council representatives. If you are already on the Electoral Roll, please let me know if any of your details have changed since last year.

The closing date is 12 April 2026. – Brigitte Morton, Electoral Roll Officer, 70 Elmbridge Lane, Woking, email: brigitte.morton@sky.com

*** WANTED – HOLE-DIGGER! – NEW ***

Would you be able to help prepare holes in the Garden of Remembrance at St Peter's for interment of ashes? We usually have 5-10 interments per year, mostly on Saturdays at 12 noon, and require someone to prepare the plot, ideally just beforehand, but it can be a day or so before, and then manage records of the plots. Tools are available; it is not too strenuous.

There is payment each time and training will be given. If you, or someone you know, would be able to help please let Jonathan or Pauline know.

*** SOUTH WOKING FOODBANK ***

With the cost of living crisis affecting many people and with the start of the school holidays our local foodbank is more in need than ever for supplies. Can you help with any of the following?

Tins: Baked beans, soup, pasta, tomatoes, tuna, vegetables, fruit, custard, rice pudding, meat (including corned beef, ham, curry, Spam, hot dogs, pies

Cupboard items: Fruit juice, squash, cereals, pasta, rice, pasta sauce, instant noodles, biscuits, sweets, coffee, tea, sugar, jam, marmalade, honey, long-life milk, cooking oil.

Toiletries: shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, female hygiene products, soap.

Cleaning: washing up liquid, all-purpose cleaner, bleach, cleaning cloths, laundry detergent, kitchen rolls, toilet rolls.

Please put your donated items in the container within the Sainsbury's Local shop at Kingfield or in the containers in All Souls' and St Mark's and in St Peter's porch when the church is open. The New Life Church, of course, would also welcome any cash donations.

Thank you.

*** REFRESH EXTRA – HELP NEEDED ***

Could you help us at Refresh Extra with our young people? We meet on Tuesdays from 4.00-5.00pm, with games, toast and chats. Could you be on a rota to help? Please speak to Jonathan for more information.

