

# Church Window

The magazine for the parishes of

**St. Peter's**

Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon



**2026**

Happy New Year

**St. Leonard's**

Warmingham



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"I can do all things through him who strengthens me" *Philippians 4:13*

**January 2026**

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## God with us?

After all the chaos what then? After the family have gone home, after the presents have been long since forgotten about, after the parties have finished, what then? Collapse in a chair and wait for the children to go back to school and a bit of peace?

When the reality of life kicks in after Christmas how we approach things can make a huge difference. This is especially the case when the pressure builds, or when we feel lonely after all the socialising. When our joy was packed up with the decorations, what then?



Actually, there is great hope and encouragement for us. One deep and lasting truth of the Christmas message is found in what Matthew records in his retelling of Jesus birth. Telling about how Joseph hears from the Angel in a dream Matthew recalls the prophets saying

*“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel (which means “God with us”). Matthew 1:23*

When the challenges of life begin to mount again, if indeed they ever subsided, it is so important that we hold onto this truth, that Jesus was born as Immanuel – God with us. God does not promise us an easy life – he himself became a refugee early in his earthly life. God does not abandon us when things get tricky, rather, He is there alongside us, walking with us, supporting us. He is indeed Immanuel - God with us. Let us remind ourselves of this fact as we start 2026. Let us approach all things, know that God is with us, that He is Immanuel.

# From our November Registers



## Baptisms

*We welcome you into the Lord's family*



## Weddings

*Bless these thy servants*



## Funerals

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted"*

St Peter's

5th                  George Owen

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## A prayer for the New Year

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose years never fail and whose mercies are new each returning day: let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives, warming our hearts and giving light to our minds; that we may pass the coming year in joyful obedience and firm faith; through him who is the beginning and the end, your Son, Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## A prayer for Friends

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.  
—*The Aaronic Blessing (Numbers 6:24-26)*

# Warmingham Event Dates



**Sunday 11th January 2026**

Plough Service at 11.30am



**Monday 26th January**

PCC meeting in church at 7.30pm

## Warmingham Home Group

The next meeting will be on **Monday 19th January** at 2pm at the home of Helan Isherwood.

Please contact Helan on 01606 841711 for further details.



**Pancake and Coffee Morning**

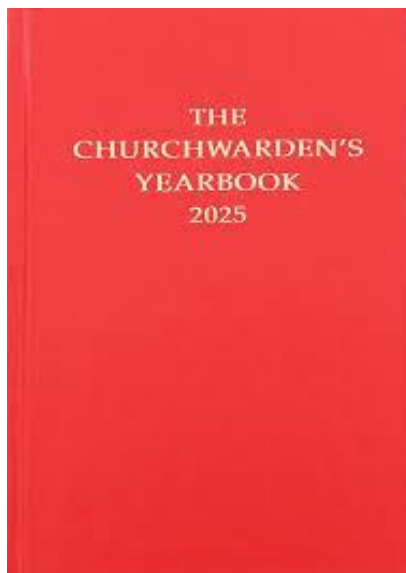
**Saturday 21st February**  
in the Village Hall

Watch out for details



## Vacancies - St Leonard's Church

Our current **Treasurer** is stepping down due to her work and family commitments. We are looking for a volunteer to join the PCC and take on this valuable role.



Our current **Churchwardens** will be stepping down from their role at the 2026 APCM. If you feel you may be interested, please speak to them for more information.

Our **Secretary** has announced that she will be stepping down from the secretarial role at the 2026 APCM. Please consider if you could take on this role.



So we are looking for volunteers to join the PCC and prepare to take on these roles. Do you have the interest and skills to take on these important jobs?

**ST PETER'S AND ST LEONARD'S**  
**PRAYER PICNIC**  
**THURSDAYS 12 NOON**  
**BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC**  
St Peter's Community Hall, CW1 4RD

## **From The Churchwardens .....**

A massive thank you to Helan and Steve for taking numerous services throughout the year. We rely on them so much and they willingly give up their time to prepare for these services.

Thanks also to the sidespersons who help on a Sunday morning when the churchwardens are busy with other things and also to those who help wash up after our refreshment Sundays.

Thank you to the timekeeper who at the present moment risks life and limb to go up the Tower to ensure the church clock is at the correct time and in working order.

Thank you to Amanda Richardson who without her I don't think the Wakes would go ahead. She is highly organised and the Wakes runs like clockwork on the day due to her organisational skills and to everyone who helps at the Wakes.

Thank you to Helan for adding items to the church magazine and helping to compile it every month to make for an interesting and informative read.

Also thank you to everyone who maintains the churchyard and church field. Thank you to Anna and Sean Bidlea who have kindly taken it upon themselves this year to regularly cut the church field grass, to Ken and Robert Newton for strimming round the field, Les for cutting the hedge and Ed Walker for also keeping the grass cut.

Thank you to Ian Richardson who regularly empties the tote bags that are filled with grass clippings etc from the church yard and thank you to the community service people who turn up most Saturdays and keep the church yard in excellent condition, we are very grateful to them.

We apologise if we have missed anyone from the list, but to you all thank you for your help however large or small.



Christmas flowers at St Leonard's











Interactive Nativity at St Leonard's, Sunday 21st December







Christmas flowers at St Peter's









# St Leonard's Calendar of Services / Rotas

*Please check times of services carefully*

Date	Times and services	Sides-persons	Altar Flowers & Brasses	Cleaning
Sunday 4th January The Epiphany	11.30am Morning Service	Simon Moss	Jenny Sant	Helen and team
Sunday 11th January The Baptism of Christ (The 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany)	11.30am Plough Service	Jo Price	Elizabeth Richardson	
Sunday 18th January The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	11.30am Family Communion  1.00pm Baptism	Judi Baxter	Elizabeth Richardson	
Sunday 25th January The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	9.00am Holy Communion	Janet Furber	Claire Whittaker	
Sunday 1st February The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	11.30am Morning Service	Cecilia Royston	Claire Whittaker	

**Sunday 11th January**  
Plough Service, 11.30am



# St Peter's Calendar of Services

<b>Date</b>	<b>Times and Services</b>	<b>Readings and Readers 10.45am</b>	<b>Readings and Readers 7pm</b>
Sunday 4th January The Epiphany	9.00am HC 10.45am HC No Evensong	Ephesians 3.1-12 <i>Alan Culshaw</i> Matthew 2.1-12	No Evensong
Sunday 11th January The Baptism of Christ (The 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany)	9.00am HC 10.45am HC 7pm Evensong	Acts 10.34-43 <i>Irene Booth</i> Matthew 3.13-17	Joshua 3.1-8,14-17 <i>Alison Bate</i> Hebrews 1.1-12 <i>Andrew Hollinshead</i>
Sunday 18th January The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	9.00am HC 10.45am HC No Evensong	1 Corinthians 1.1-9 <i>Ruth Edge</i> John 1.29-42	No Evensong
Sunday 25th January The Conversion of Paul	No 9am HC 10.45am HC 7pm Evensong followed by a short HC	Acts 9.1-22 <i>Ben Entwistle</i> Matthew 19.27-30	Isaiah 56.1-8 <i>Chris Parkes</i> Colossians 1.24-2.7 <i>Sandra Parkes</i>
Sunday 1st February The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	9.00am HC 10.45am HC No Evensong	Hebrews 2.14-18 <i>Jane Dunseath</i> Luke 2.22-40	No Evensong



**Sunday 8th February**  
Plough Service, 7pm

## St Peter's Rotas

Date	Sidespersons	Offertory	Cleaning	Altar Flowers
Sunday 4th January The Epiphany	Robert Hodson	Philippa Goyer and Ann deRuiter	Audrey Bergin	Christmas flowers
Sunday 11th January The Baptism of Christ (The 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Epiphany)	Philip and Gail Barnes  Sandra Parkes	Paul Harvey and Ben Entwistle	John and Ruth Edge	Ellen Humphrey
Sunday 18th January The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	Albert and Jane Dunseath	John Edge and Ann Hughes	Phyllis Darlington and Dorothy Riley	Ellen Humphrey
Sunday 25th January The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	Philip and Gail Barnes  Sandra Parkes	Philippa Goyer and Ann deRuiter	Andrew Hollinshead	Sandra Parkes
Sunday 1st February The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	Robert Hodson	Paul Harvey and Ben Entwistle	Val Simcock & Paul Harvey	Sandra Parkes



**Monday 19th January, 7.30pm**  
in the Community Hall

# St Peter's January Book of Remembrance

- 1st Joyce Miriam Holland (2017)
- 2nd Selina Emily Wilde (1946), James William Broad (1994),  
Muriel Jessie Manifold (1997)
- 3rd Ronald Edward Brown (1978), Victoria Louise Patrick (1994)
- 4th Mary Maxwell (1993), William Ian Roger Darlington (2014)
- 5th Lucy Hanwell (2011), Rita McGrath (2003),  
Margaret Knapper (2016)
- 6th Revd Canon Gordon David Geddes (2011)
- 7th Kathleen Williams (1995)
- 8th Clifford Jones (1970), Ethel Elizabeth Blayney (2019)
- 9th Harriet Foster (1962), Alfred Edward Whitehead (1996)
- 10th Wilfred Overall (2021), Margaret Harvey (2024)
- 11th Stanley Bate (1982)
- 12th Samuel Herbert Moreton (1970)
- 13th Malcolm MacDonald (2003)
- 15th George Ernest Washington (1916), Laura Bayes (2000),  
Graham Barnes (2001), Janet Collins (2015)
- 16th Ellen Jinks (1960), Hilda Bate (1965)
- 17th Graham Edward Dowsett (1989), Lucy Eleanor Vernon (1993)
- 18th Alfred George Leech (1973)
- 19th Ralph William Broad (1965), Frantz Peter Nehammer (1954),  
Alan Ford (2017)
- 20th Joseph Henry Crawford (2012), John Epps (2023)
- 22nd Thomas Davenport (1979), Brenda Barber (2014),  
Eira Tempest (2019)
- 25th Samuel Crawford (1915)
- 26th Kathleen Mary Leech (2010), Mavis June Moore (2005),  
Mary Bramall (2023)
- 27th Walter Moses Bate (1984), Trevor Ernest Holland (2003)
- 28th Gordon Wood (2006), Kathleen Evans (2009)
- 29th Thomas Marshall Charlesworth (2013), Ann Elizabeth Smith (2015)
- 30th James Albert Roy Kavanagh (2011)
- 31st Ellen Callwood (1970), Gladys Walker (1983),  
Gladys May Thompson (1995), Horace Williams (2005)

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*



# News from Warmingham CE Primary

## Reflection of the year

As we draw near to the close of another year, it feels right to pause, reflect, and give thanks for all that has been. Working in a school is a true joy—no two days are ever the same. Each day brings new challenges, new laughter, and new opportunities to support children not only in their learning but in their growth as individuals. As a school, we are nurturing children so that they may *let their lights shine* brightly, becoming ambassadors of hope, kindness, and courage for the future.

This year has been filled with unforgettable experiences. Our children have enjoyed two residentials and a host of enriching trips—to Chester Zoo, Shrewsbury Prison, Chester itself, the New Vic Theatre, and the Anderton Boat Lift, to name just a few. Each adventure has opened doors to learning, sparked curiosity, and created memories that will shine brightly for years to come.

Looking ahead, we are filled with excitement for what the future holds. After Easter, we will welcome nursery-aged children into our school family, giving little ones the chance to join us in the year they turn four. What a joy it will be to see even more young lives begin their journey with us, ready to let their lights shine.

As we reflect on the past and anticipate the future, we hold fast to God's promise:

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

(Jeremiah 29:11)

May we continue to walk forward with faith, nurturing children who shine with love and purpose, carrying their light into the world.

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# Warmingham Village News

## January Diary Dates

Wednesday 7th	W.I. Meeting	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tuesday 13th	Walk 'n Talk	10.30am	Middlewich

## Warmingham & District W.I.

At the December meeting the members were entertained with a black and white Charlie Chaplin film - The Circus. Later in December there was a Christmas gathering at the Legs of Man where a three-course meal was enjoyed.

The first meeting of 2026 is on **Wednesday 7th January** when the committee will host a Social Event with Wine and Cheese tasting. The competition entries should be anything beginning with J for January.

At the February meeting on **Wednesday 4th February** one of the members will present First Aid & Defibrillator training.

The next meeting of the **Book Group** is on **Monday 12th January** when the book to be discussed is Raising Hare by Chloe Dalton.

The **Darts Group** will meet again in the New Year. For further information email the President as below.

Warmingham & District W.I. usually meets on the first Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors and new members are always welcome. For further information please contact President Sue Hill by email: [wiwarmingham@gmail.com](mailto:wiwarmingham@gmail.com)

## Walk 'n Talk

The next date will be **Tuesday 13th January 2026** for a walk along the canal at Middlewich. Meet at Helan's at 10.30am.

If you wish to join the walk please ring Helan on 01606 841711. You do not need to be a W.I. member to join this activity.

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