St Peter's BOYATT WOOD

SUNDAY 21 DEC - ADVENT 4
10:00 - Family Communion
Led by the Revd Jill Kells Zoom
Communion Assistant - Jan Beal
Reading - Jan Beal Isaiah 7:10-16
Reading - Sue Clarke Matthew 1:18-25
Prayers - Jan Shearing
Welcomer - Steph Jones

MONDAY 22 DEC
No bookings

TUESDAY 23 DEC
No bookings

WEDNESDAY 24 DEC
08:30 - Morning prayer - chapel
16:00 - Christmas Eve Cribb Service
Led by the Revd Jill Kells
A retelling of the birth of Jesus Christ with readings, songs, drama and prayers especially for children and families, followed by seasonal refreshments.

THURSDAY 25 DEC
10:00 - Christmas Day Communion
Led by the Revd Jill Kells
Communion Assistant - Jan Shearing
Reading - Barbara Withers Luke 2:1-14
Reading - Steph Jones Luke 2:15-20
Prayers - Sarah Bates
Welcomer - Sarah Bates

FRIDAY 26 DEC - ST STEPHEN
No bookings

SATURDAY 27 DEC - ST JOHN
08:45 - Morning prayer - chapel

SUNDAY 28 DEC - CHRISTMAS 1
10:00 - Family Communion Zoom
Led by the Revd John Currin
Communion Assistant - Wendy Noble
Reading - Mike Moores Isaiah 63:7-9
Reading - Wendy Noble Matt 2:13-end
Prayers - Stephen Collyer
Welcomer - Barbara Withers

MONDAY 29 DEC - ST THOMAS
No bookings

TUESDAY 30 DEC
No bookings

WEDNESDAY 31 DEC
08:30 - Morning prayer – chapel

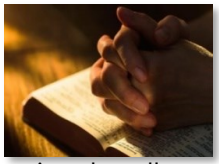
THURSDAY 1 JAN
No bookings

FRIDAY 2 JAN
No bookings

SATURDAY 3 JAN
08:45 - Morning prayer - chapel

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
14 Jan at 7.30 pm Alpha Course commences
1 Feb at 10am - Messy Christingle

FOR YOUR PRAYERS



- **Eastleigh Basics Bank, Eastleigh Street Pastors and School Pastors, Fledge, Eastleigh Christians Against Poverty (CAP), and Eastleigh Good Neighbours** and for all the work of Churches Together in Eastleigh.
- **Our local schools - staff, pupils and governing bodies**, praying that all may have a good rest over the Christmas holidays.
- **Our Stay & Play and Messy Church families,** giving thanks for them all, and praying for the teams arranging these groups will have a good rest over the Christmas holidays.
- **For our Youth Alpha group,** continuing their journey as new Christians.
- **For our home groups running on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings**, that through our engagement with the study materials and our sharing in discussion, we may be drawn deeper into relationship with God, the Holy Trinity, and better-enabled both to share our faith with our family and friends, and to grow as disciples (apprentices) of Jesus.
- **All who are adversely affected by global warming, and climate change**, and for wisdom as each of us tries to be a better steward of God's good creation; for the work of Christian Aid and Tearfund as they support the poor who are most affected by climate change. We pray especially for people in Sri Lanka and Indonesia suffering from recent devastating floods.
- **For peace in Israel and Gaza, and in Ukraine, Syria, Lebanon, Nigeria, Sudan and the DRC** Give thanks for the prospect of a ceasefire and peace in Gaza, and pray for justice and peace for Israelis and Palestinians, in Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank. Pray too for a ceasefire and lasting peace in Ukraine, and especially for Ivanna's home city of Ternobyl hit by Russian rockets recently; and for all the refugees, bereaved and homeless as a result of the last three years of war.
- **The Papa Keith Vocational Institute in Pallisa, Uganda**, and especially for Betty Alupot, who is studying business administration, sponsored by St Peter's.
- **The ministry of Compassion UK to children and families in poverty** both in this country and across the world, and for Ferdinand, Lulu and Rebecca, children sponsored by people from St Peter's.
- **Our Church of St Peter**, as we aspire to be a beacon of God's presence and love in our community. Pray that all who come through our doors this Christmas will know God's welcome and love in Jesus, and that we may all show that love to those to whom the Lord sends us.
- **Our Priest-in-charge, Jill,** as she leads our church in worship and mission.
- **Our Bishops - Philip, Rhiannon and Kelly** - as they lead and oversee our diocese in mission, and invite us to love, serve, grow and learn in the Name of of Jesus Christ.

If you would like prayer for yourself or a loved one, please let Lauren in the Church office know and we will add your name to the list below.
This week we are praying for: Kathy Allen, Vanessa John, Ron McDougall, Tony Hayward, Bob Bysouth, Shelagh Lee and Finn.

PRAYER MINISTRY IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST AFTER OUR SERVICES

GIVING FOR THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

If you would like to support the worship and mission of St Peter's by making a one-off or a regular gift, here are the main ways:

a) ***Visit the Parish Giving Scheme website***: https://www.parishgiving.org.uk quoting parish name, Boyatt Wood, and parish code, 416010041, to set up your one-off or regular gift by direct debit. If you wish to make your gift tax-effective, the site will allow you to complete a gift aid declaration online too.

b) ***Set up a standing order with your online banking*** in favour of "PCC of St Peter's Church Boyatt Wood", sort code 60-18-46, account number 72281308, quoting your name as the reference. If you wish to make your gift tax-effective, please download a gift aid declaration here, then complete it and return it to the PCC Treasurer c/o the Parish Office.

c) ***Use the digital bank card reader at the entrance to the worship area*** to make a one-off gift of an amount of your choice. This will also enable you to make an online gift aid declaration should you wish to make your gift tax-effective.

d) ***Make a cash donation in the offertory plate*** available at all worship services.

If you would like to start regular planned giving, or to review your giving, to support the work of the Church through St Peter's, please speak to our Treasurer, Stephen Collyer - Tel: 07814 178806, email: *treasurer@parishofboyattwood.org.uk*.

THANK YOU to all who give regularly, or occasionally, to support the worship and mission of Jesus through St Peter's!

DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER

The latest edition of the diocesan newsletter can be viewed by ctrl+clicking here. This week's reflection for Advent is by the Revd Canon Professor Liz Stuart. If you would like a hard copy, please ask Lauren in the parish office.

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Parish Safeguarding Officer - Jenny Hawkins
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For any safeguarding concern for a child or an adult, whether within the church community or not.

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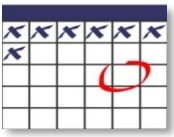


The rota for Dec/Jan may be downloaded by ctrl+clicking here. If you are unable to fulfil your slot on the rota, please arrange a swap, amend the printed rota in the Narthex and let Jan Shearing know. If you would like to be on the rota, please let Jan know – new people are always welcome!

O Come Let Us Adore Him

Christmas Services at St Peter's Church, Boyatt Wood.

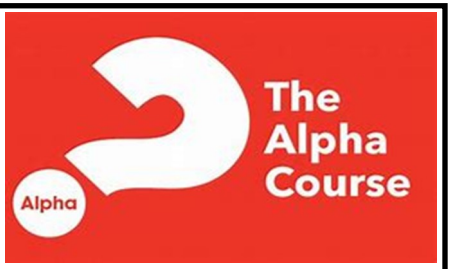
4pm on Wednesday 24th Dec - Crib Service

10am Thursday 25th Dec - Christmas Service

All are Welcome

Please do extend to everyone in our community our warmest welcome to all our Christmas celebration services, and pray for all wo have received the St Peter's cards through the post this week. ***THANK YOU to all who have contributed in any way to St Peter's Church worship and witness this Christmas! Wishing you a Christmas blessed with hope, peace, joy and love!***

Wednesdays 7.30-9pm
in St Peter's Church
Starting 14 January 2026



Would you or someone you know like to learn more about the Christian faith? The Alpha course is a series of interactive sessions designed to explore the basics of the Christian faith. It typically runs for 11 sessions in a relaxed environment where participants can enjoy refreshments (tea/ coffee and cake) and connection while discussing life, faith and meaning. The course is open to everyone and includes video talks followed by group discussions. For further details, please ask Jill, or simply come along to any of the sessions!

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – January 2026

- Launch service Sunday 18th January at Eastleigh Baptist Church (EBC), led by Thrive Church.
- The Bible to be read publicly in EBC from that point onwards.
- Saturday 24th January - a specific, public reading of the four Gospels at an open-air event in the town centre.
- If you would like to book one or more one-hour slots to read the Bible at EBC from 8am-9pm on Mon 19 - Fri 23 January, or outside in the town centre on Sat 24 January, please follow this link!