

PETERPOST

The Parish of St Peter and the Winchester Martyrs

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FATHER MARK WRITES: IT'S ALL ABOUT KING JESUS

We've come to the final week of our series exploring who we are as a parish and why we do what we do. We've shared this now because so many new people have joined us—both in person and online. We hope it's a helpful introduction for you. And for those who've been part of the parish for a while, we pray it's a refreshing reminder of our mission.

Over the past weeks, we've talked about:

- Our love for Scripture—because to know God's Word is to know God.
- Keeping things simple in mission, vision, and strategy.
- Reaching those who feel far from God.
- Becoming deeper, more open channels of God's healing love.
- Moving from consumers to contributors.

This weekend we celebrate the **Feast of Christ the King**, and it's the perfect way to end this series. Because ultimately, our parish is all about Jesus - worshipping Him as the Christ, the King of the Universe, and helping others encounter Him.

In the middle of St Peter's Square in Rome stands an ancient obelisk, once part of a pagan temple in Egypt. It was brought to Rome by Emperor Caligula and placed in the Circus of Nero—the very place where St Peter was martyred. That obelisk may have been the last thing Peter saw. Today, it bears a cross and two inscriptions:

- *Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat* - "Christ has conquered, Christ now rules, Christ now reigns supreme."
- "The Lion of Judah has conquered."

This is the language of victory. Christianity triumphed by the power of the cross - even over the might of Rome.

And so we proclaim:

Jesus is our Eternal King; our Most Merciful King; our Loving King Who offers us His Healing Grace; our Eucharistic King; the King foretold by the prophets; the King of Heaven and earth; the King and Ruler of All Nations; our King Most Compassionate toward His subjects; our King from Whom proceeds all authority; our King Whose Kingdom is not of this world; our King Whose Sacred Heart burns with Love for all mankind; our King Who is the Beginning and the End, the Alpha and the Omega; our King Who has given us Mary, the Queen, to be our dear Mother; our King Who will come upon the clouds of Heaven with Power and Great Glory; our King Whose Throne we are to approach with confidence; our King truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament; our King Who desires to heal us of all division and disunity; our King wounded by our human indifference; our King Who gives the balm of His Love with which to console His Wounded Heart; our King Who is the Great I AM within us, our Wellspring of Pure Delight. May He reign in our hearts!

These are our usual Mass times. For any changes or special celebrations, please check the back page for this week's full schedule.

ST PETER'S CHURCH WINCHESTER

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass, 5.30pm. Sunday 8.00am, 10.30am and 5.30pm.

Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday and Friday 12.15pm. Wednesday and Thursday at 10.00am.

Confessions: Saturday 9.30am to 10.30am and 4.30pm to 5.00pm.

Morning Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration 8.00am Monday to Friday.

ST THOMAS MORE'S CHURCH STOCKBRIDGE

Sunday Mass: 9.00am.

ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH WINCHESTER

Sunday Mass: 9.15am.

ST GREGORY'S CHURCH ALRESFORD

Sunday Mass: 11.00am.

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Jesus is the King of All Nations, True Sovereign of all earthly powers; subjecting under His feet forever the powers of hell; the Light beyond all light, enlightening us in the darkness that surrounds us; Whose Mercy is so Great as to mitigate the punishments our sins deserve; recognized by the Magi as the True King; the Only Remedy for a world so ill; Who blesses with Peace those souls and nations that acknowledge Him as True King; Who Mercifully sends us His Holy Angels to protect us; Whose Chief Prince is Saint Michael the Archangel; Who teaches us that to reign is to serve; the Just Judge Who will separate the wicked from the good; before Whom every knee shall bend; Whose Dominion is an everlasting Dominion; the Lamb who will Shepherd us; Who after having destroyed every sovereignty, authority and power, will hand over the Kingdom to His God and Father; Whose Reign is without end; kindness toward us is steadfast, and whose fidelity endures forever. May we serve Him forever!

Because we share life with Him through baptism, we also share in His kingly office:

“Jesus Christ is the one whom the Father anointed with the Holy Spirit and established as priest, prophet, and king. The whole People of God participates in these three offices of Christ and bears the responsibilities for mission and service that flow from them.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 783)

So let me ask:

How can you glorify the Lord by your life? How can we as a parish bring glory to God in our centenary year?

It begins by accepting Christ the King as Lord and surrendering our lives to Him—every day. We do this when we give priority to His teaching in our choices, especially moral decisions. We must not exclude Christ from any area of life. He must have sovereign power over our bodies, thoughts, hearts, and will.

Let's make this our prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank you so much for sending King Jesus into my life. King Jesus, I am sorry for all my sins and I ask you to forgive me of all my sins. I commit my life to you and your will in my life. I declare you as the Lord and Love of my life. Please deliver me from the kingdom of darkness and bring me into your kingdom of light. O King Jesus, I surrender myself to you. Take care of everything.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

November – A Month to Remember: As November comes to a close we take a quiet moment to remember those we love who have died and to pray for their peace. This month is a gentle reminder that our prayers still matter and that love continues beyond this life. You might like to offer a Mass, visit a cemetery or simply pray: “*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*” A simple act - a simple prayer - a simple moment of love.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

TOMORROW! Sing for St Cecilia – Come & Sing! St Stephen's Church – Saturday 22nd November, 10am–12noon: Join us this Saturday for a joyful Come & Sing morning as we celebrate the Feast of St Cecilia, patron saint of music. Whether you love singing, haven't sung in years, or simply enjoy good company, you are warmly invited. Drop in at any time, stay for the whole session, or just join for a couple of hymns - everyone is welcome. We'll sing much-loved favourites, enjoy uplifting music together, and share a relaxed, friendly atmosphere with tea, coffee, and plenty of time to chat.

Bookshop – Advent Is Near: Prepare Your Heart and Home - Christmas is coming! As November unfolds, the air is filled with quiet excitement and joyful expectation. Advent is almost here—a time to pause, prepare and make room for Christ in our hearts and homes.

Our Parish Bookshop is here to help you get ready for this special season. Discover: Advent calendars and booklets, Christmas cards (including CAFOD designs), Nativity sets and meaningful gifts, 2026 diaries, liturgical Bible diaries, missals and Morning & Evening Prayer books. The new encyclical has also arrived—a wonderful addition to your spiritual reading. Come in, browse, and enjoy the Advent spirit! 🌟 Every purchase supports the life and mission of our parish—**thank you!**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

FIRST READING

First reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 122(121):1-2. 4-5. R. cf. 1

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel Acclamation:

R. Alleluia, alleluia

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

R. Alleluia

GOSPEL

Luke 23:35-43

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Cf. 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Lord's Flock Meeting - Sunday 30th November, 1:00pm to 3:00pm: Next meeting will be at St Peter's Pastoral Centre.

Feast of St. Francis Xavier - Indian Community Mass: To celebrate the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, we will be celebrating an extra Mass at **6:00pm on Weds 3rd December, in St. Peter's Church**. All are welcome to join us, especially members of the local Indian Community. There will be refreshments in the Pastoral Centre afterwards.

CWL Soup and Pud Lunch: The next lunch will be held in the Pastoral Centre on **Friday 5th December 12.30pm-2.00pm** supporting Winchester Salvation Army at Christmas time. Delicious homemade soups and lovely puddings for a suggested donation of £7, please come along and join us.

Jo Tanter RIP: We are saddened to share the news of the passing of our dear friend and devoted parishioner Jo Tanter, who died peacefully on 14 November. Jo was a woman of extraordinary kindness and quiet strength whose generosity touched every part of parish life - from St Peter's School and the PTA to her decades of service with Covenant with the Poor, the Trinity Centre, Emmaus and the Sanctuary Welcome Hub. She brought light to every place she served and hope to every person she met. Jo will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. To read the full tribute please [click here](#).

Hope in Scripture: a series of talks for the Jubilee Year of Hope - Recordings & Presentations Now Available on Parish

YouTube Site: As part of our observance of the Jubilee year of Hope, Deacon Martin has been delivering a series of talks on "Hope in Scripture". The series has covered how Hope is depicted in the Old Testament, Gospels, Acts of the Apostles, the letters of Paul, and the "general letters". The "live" sessions ended on 14th November - but there is still a chance to watch the recordings of the presentations at a time of your choice, and at the pace you choose. For the videos of all 4 sessions - please [click here](#), and are on the Parish YouTube site - please [click here](#); or scan the QR code here: Each session also has a link to a copy of Deacon Martin's presentation. We hope you will enjoy watching the presentations; please do pass on the link [click here](#) to anyone whom you know, who may be interested.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUTH

Start of First Holy Communion Preparation with Led Adoration and Advent Jesse Tree Activity Sunday November 30th 12:30pm – 2:00pm: All are welcome to a time of led Eucharistic Adoration with Fr Mark in St Peter's Church at 12:30pm, followed by a family Advent Jesse Tree activity in the Pastoral Centre Hall. Those beginning this year's First Holy Communion preparation will stay on for a short meeting to formally begin. If you would like to attend adoration and the Jesse Tree activity but are not in this year's First Holy Communion preparation group, please email hpope@stpeterswinchester.org.uk by Friday November 28th (numbers needed for resourcing).



St Peter's Youth Group, Years 7–11: Looking for something fun to do on a Friday night? Come hang out with us! Meet new people, play games, relax, and enjoy free snacks in a safe and friendly space. Next meetup will be **Friday 5th December, 18:00–20:00 at the Pastoral Centre**. No need to sign up, just show up and bring your friends! (Consent forms will need to be filled in for new attendees).



Kingdom Seekers Advent Retreat - Theme: 'Our Hope is in Jesus' Saturday December 13th 9:00am - 1:00pm: A half day retreat of prayer, fun activities, music, food, reflection and creativity, all centred around why we can place our hope in Jesus. If you have a child in Years 5 through 9 (age 9 - 14) who has made their First Holy Communion, why not encourage them to come along and join our current members for the morning. Sign up link coming next week!



Kingdom Seekers Information Session – Parents and Children, Saturday December 13th 1:00pm: We are very much looking forward to welcoming new members in January. Kingdom Seekers is a parish formation and service programme which seeks to grow our young people in their faith, and to help them take first steps in becoming Christian leaders with servant hearts. Members are currently planning some exciting ventures for next year! Just come along to the **Pastoral Centre at 1:00pm** with your child for a short info session to find out more (or **rejoin your child at 1:00pm** if they are attending the retreat).

SCHOOL

St Peter's Catholic School: [Click here](#) for the newsletter.

FUNERALS

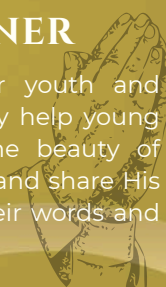
Laura Wilson RIP - 24th November at 12:15pm.
Matt Paterson RIP - 28th November at 12:15pm.
Ann Theresa Kirby RIP - 4th December at 1:00pm.

Jo Tanter - RIP

Funerals will take place at St Peter's Church. Please pray for their family and friends at this difficult time. May God grant them eternal rest.

PRAYER CORNER

Let us pray that our youth and children's ministry may help young people to discover the beauty of friendship with Christ and share His love with others by their words and actions.





OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2025 | YEAR C

Baptism Annual Celebratory Mass and Buffet Saturday January 10th 10:30am - 1:00pm. Open to all those who have **had a child baptised** in the parish **during the last year**. Mass will be celebrated in St Peter's Church followed by a finger buffet in the Pastoral Centre Hall. A beautiful opportunity to come together and celebrate the new life our little ones have received. Invitation with sign up coming soon.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place **each Sunday at St Peter's and St Stephen's** (excepting 1st Sunday at St Peter's and 2nd Sunday at St Stephen's when there is Family Mass). All children who haven't yet made their First Holy Communion are welcome to join us! From January, we will also be offering a **session before the 10:30 Mass at St Peter's** for those who have **made their First Holy Communion**, looking at and exploring together the readings and theme for that Sunday. More details soon!

Messy Church: Tuesdays Termtime 10:30am – 12 noon Pastoral Centre Hall. Everyone welcome! Drop in for messy play, good company, a hot drink and snack, crafts, Bible story and songs. Donation only. To find out more email messychurch@stpeterswinchester.org.uk

Children and Families – Opportunities to Serve: We know many of you already serve so beautifully. Thank you! There is a place for everyone, and the Lord blesses us in so many ways when we serve. Have you thought about joining the rota to help **welcome as a family** at one of our family Masses at St Gregory's, St Peter's or St Stephen's? Perhaps your child might like to contribute by **reading** at a family Mass, or by joining the **altar serving team**? If your child loves to sing or play an instrument, why not encourage them to join the **children's music ministry** for family Masses, and do look out for announcements about a new parish Youth Choir coming soon. There will also be other opportunities to **serve as a whole family** over the coming months, so watch this space!

Don Bosco Summer Camp 2026 – Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth – 26th July to 1st August 2026:

Looking for an unforgettable summer adventure? The Don Bosco Camp offers a week of fun, faith and friendship for boys finishing Year 6 up to Year 11. Set in the beautiful grounds of St Cassian's Centre in Kintbury, west of Newbury, it's a chance to get outdoors, try new activities and grow in confidence. Each day includes Mass, with plenty of time for games, challenges and relaxed time with friends. From archery and bouldering to tournaments and campfires, there's something for everyone - especially those who might not usually get a summer break. Inspired by St John Bosco's belief that every young person deserves joy and opportunity, the camp creates a welcoming, safe and supportive space. Want a quick overview of what to expect at the camp [Click here](#) - for further information regarding pricing (including an early bird offer) and to book a place.



NEWS ACROSS THE DIOCESE

ADoRE: Pilgrims of Hope – Signposts to the Kingdom - 22nd November, join the final ADoRE Pilgrims of Hope meeting for 2025 on zoom. Dr. Hannah Vaughan-Spruce will speak on guiding others with faith and hope. The day also includes live-streamed Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, and prayer, helping us all become beacons of light in our communities. To register and attend remotely please [click here](#). More information about ADoRE [click here](#).

A Day With Mary: A day of instruction, devotion and intercession, based on the message of Fatima in 1917. Bournemouth Oratory Richmond Hill, Bournemouth BH1 1BZ - **Saturday, 29th November**. From **9:30am to 4:30pm**. Please bring a packed lunch. Further information for A Day With Memory [click here](#).

Women's Retreat Day - Saturday 29th November, Catholic Mothers Portsmouth and Catholic Mothers Southampton invite Catholic Women, including those with babes in arms, to join them from 9.30am - 4pm at Sacred Heart Church in Waterlooville (PO7 7SR) for a Women's Retreat Day. The speaker will be Fr Thomas Hiney. Lunch will be provided and a donation of £10 per person is suggested. You can book via the QR code on the poster (click on the picture) or by emailing [Catholic Mothers Southampton - Click here](#).

Discover the timeless beauty of Gregorian Chant! The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth is delighted to announce the Portsmouth Gregorian Chant Course 2026, to be held at St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth. This unique series of workshops offers a wonderful opportunity to explore the ancient and peaceful art of Gregorian Chant. Whether you're a complete beginner or an experienced singer, all are welcome to take part. Course Highlights:

- 🎵 Three one-day workshops: **10 January, 14 February, and 14 March 2026**
- 🎵 Suitable for beginners and experienced singers
- 🎵 Learn about chant history, Latin pronunciation, rhythm, modes, and leading chant in worship
- 🎵 Led by Dominic Bevan, professional music director, with Monastic instructors
- 🎵 Each session concludes with a live liturgical performance in the Cathedral. Open to adults and children (7+), of all backgrounds and faiths.

To learn more [click here](#) and [click here](#) about the course and to register please [click here](#) or scan the QR here.



Pilgrimage to Portugal (Lisbon and Fatima): Join St Swithun Wells Parish on a pilgrimage to Portugal from **Thursday 30 April to Monday 4 May 2026**. We'll visit Lisbon, birthplace of St Anthony, Fatima, site of Our Lady's Apparitions, and Tomar. Each day includes Mass, with a beautiful candlelight procession in Fatima. The cost is £879 per person (half-board, breakfast and dinner included), staying in three-star hotels—two nights in Lisbon and two in Fatima. Coach transport to and from Heathrow available. To book, visit www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/Is1103. If you have any questions, please email Fr. Raffaele Cossa - [click here](#).

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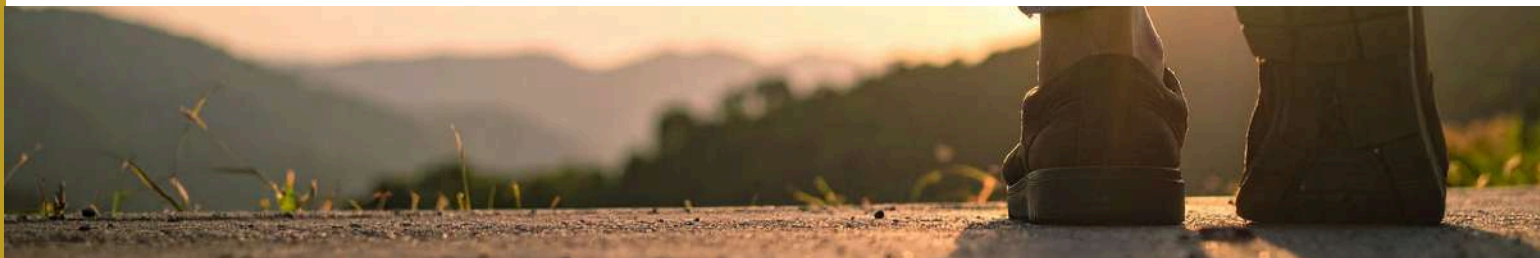
SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:

In Person Safeguarding Training (6 December'25, Pastoral Centre): With the assistance of the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, we will be running a new blended course which covers both children and adults at risk between 10:00am and 1:00pm. There is an open invitation to all volunteers whether you need a DBS or not.

This is an opportunity to have your training re-validated for the next three years, it also allows for those who'd prefer to have in-person in preference to online. You may have been contacted directly and if possible you are encouraged to attend if you'd prefer to have an in-person session in preference to having to complete online.

If you could let me know if you are interested in attending by **registering by 1 December 2025**, please [click here](#) as this will assist in the preparation for the day with the Diocese.

Gerard Dailly- Parish Safeguarding Minister



PILGRIMAGES

Parish Centenary Pilgrimage Plans 2026 - UPDATE:

Parish pilgrimage to the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk ([Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady, Walsingham](#)): There are still a few spaces available on this Pilgrimage on the **10/11th of August 2026**. If you would like to join those already booked to attend or would like more information please contact pilgrimage@stpeterswinchester.org.uk as soon as possible please. We have an option on some remaining rooms that will expire shortly.

COMMUNITY

Advent Retreat at Lynton: Sisters of Mary Morning Start Advent Retreat **12th to 14th December:** Taking place at Lynton Convent, Devon, EX35 6BS. Lifts available from Tiverton Parkway train station. An invitation for women aged 18-35 to come and spend a time of prayer and study with our contemplative community. For more information or to book a place please email Sisters of Mary Morning Star by [clicking here](#).

CENTENARY - NEWS | DONATE | CELEBRATE - 2026

SAVE THE DATE – St Peter's Centenary celebrations begin soon!

Join us for **Light of the World**, a breathtaking three-night event on **2nd, 3rd & 4th February 2026 (5:30–8:30pm)** that will transform St Peter's Church into a beacon of beauty, welcome, and wonder. As Candlemas marks the start of our 100th year, we invite everyone—of all faiths and none—to experience the church in a whole new light. Wander through stunning illuminations inside and out, enjoy uplifting live music, pause for prayer and reflection, and share in the warmth of community hospitality. This is more than an event—it's an invitation to encounter St Peter's as **A Place for All, filled with light, hope, and joy.**

Then, on **6th February 2026**, celebrate our story with the **Centenary Pageant: "Locus Iste (In This Place)"**—a vibrant production of drama, music, dance, and storytelling that brings to life the journey of our worshipping community from Reformation times to today. Featuring parishioners of all ages and cultures, this joyful event reflects our Centenary theme: **A Place for All. Performances at 4:00pm and 7:00pm in St Peter's Church**, with refreshments in the Pastoral Centre. Free entry with tickets (available soon); donations welcome.

More information to follow soon - WATCH THIS SPACE!

Email: centenary@stpeterswinchester.org.uk



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Deadline for items for newsletter requests submit by **Wednesday mid-day!**

PARISH BANK DETAILS:

If you wish to make a payment or donation, please use the following details: Parish Bank Account Name: CDP St Peter & Winchester Martyrs, Sort Code: 30-93-04, Account Number: 00890996 & Reference details (e.g. offertory, SVP, etc). You can also use the Contactless machine at the back of St Peter's or visit our website.

Date	Times	Where	Intentions
Sat 22 Nov St Cecilia Sunday VIGIL Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	Vincent Bulatis RIP
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Souls in Purgatory
Sun 23 Nov Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	8:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Sunniva Cowling Kelly
	9:00AM	Mass at St Thomas More's	Deceased Whiteman & Brooks Families
	9:15AM	Mass at St Stephen's (Jubilee Choir)	People of the Parish
	10:30AM	Mass at St Peter's (Family Mass)	Friends & Family of Michael Mayhew-Arnold
	11:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	John Considine & His Speedy Recovery
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Anniversary of the Death of Tony Way
Mon 24 Nov St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	12:15PM	Funeral Mass at St Peter's (Lauren Wilson RIP)	
Tues 25 Nov St Catherine of Alexandria	8:00AM	Morning Prayer, Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	Intentions of the Neil Family
	12:15PM	Mass at St Peter's	For the Soul of James Heward
Wed 26 Nov Week 34 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
Thur 27 Nov Week 34 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration with Mass at St Peter's	For the Parish Intercessory Prayer Team
Fri 28 Nov Week 34 in Ordinary Time	8:00AM	Morning Prayer & Adoration at St Peter's	
	10:00AM	Mass at St Gregory's	For the Repose of the Soul of Oliver Robin Blair
	12:15PM	Funeral Mass at St Peter's (Matt Paterson RIP)	
Sat 29 Nov Our Lady Sunday VIGIL Year A	9:00AM	Mass at St Peter's	The Soul of Julia Cave
	9:30AM to 10:30AM	Confession at St Peter's	
	4:30PM to 5:00PM	Confession at St Peter's	
	5:30PM	Mass at St Peter's	Andrei Saunders RIP

Watch live or catch up later on our [**YouTube channel**](#)— all services from St Peter's, including Morning Prayer and Adoration, are livestreamed.

[**St Peter's - Livestreaming Notice September 2025**](#)