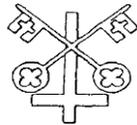


St Peter's Church Welcome



Rector:	Position vacant (interregnum)	
Churchwardens:	John Ingram	Tel: 810337
	Chris Taylor	Tel: 810880
Resident Minister:	Revd David Stokes-Harrison	Tel: 551117
Rural Dean:	Revd Keith Hodson	Tel: 750774

17 December 2017 Advent 3

7:45 am Holy Communion at Edgmond - JG
10:30 am Sung Eucharist at Edgmond - DSH

OT Lesson	Isaiah 61 1-4, 8-11	Stephen Powell
Epistle:	1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24	David Gill
Gospel:	John 1: 6-8, 19-28	Rod Bunyan
Intercessions are led by:		Jane Ryan
Offertory Procession:	Ann Parton and Denise Lees	

The Church has an Inductive Loop System for the hard of hearing.
Please switch your hearing aid to the 'T' position

Large print hymnbooks are available – please ask a Sidesperson if you require a copy

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO STAY AFTER THE 10:30 SERVICE FOR MULLED WINE AND A MINCE PIE



DSH = David Stokes-Harrison; PL = Paul Lewis;
JI = John Ingram; JG = Jane Gill;
PB = Phillip Brook; JF = John Fowler

Monday 18 December

7:45 pm Today is the Deadline for Ordering Christingles
Bellringing - Quarter Peal Attempt

Wednesday 20 December

7:00 pm St Peter's Carol Service here in Church - PL/JL see notice 3

Thursday 21 December

9:30 am Holy Communion at Edgmond - DSH
10:00 am Coffee & Chat in Church - see notice 7
7:30 pm Choir Practice (No Practice on 28 Dec & 4 Jan)
NO Compline Service



Friday 22 December

2:30 pm Memorial Service for Sylvia Harris - Preb. Ward

Saturday 23 December

10:00 am Christingle Preparations - All Help Welcome

Sunday 24 December - Advent 4

7:45 am Holy Communion at Edgmond - JG
10:30 am Sung Eucharist at Edgmond - JI
3:00 pm Christingle Service at Edgmond - Archdeacon Paul Thomas
11:30 pm Midnight Mass at Edgmond - Archdeacon Paul Thomas



- 1 **During the interregnum** our first point of contact should be the churchwardens, John Ingram (810337) or Chris Taylor (810880); then Revd David Stokes-Harrison, (551117) if the wardens not available; and then the Rural Dean Keith Hodson (750774), if Revd David Stokes-Harrison is not available. For an urgent need of a priest then Revd David Stokes-Harrison or the Rural Dean should be approached first.

2 **Christmas Tree Festival** - The Flower Guild are very pleased to report that as a result of the Christmas Tree Festival they are donating **£1000** to St Peter's Church. Very well done to all the organisers, sponsors and contributors.

3 **St Peter's Church Carol Service** will take place here in Church this **Wednesday, 20th December at 7:00pm**. Everyone is warmly invited to come along and join in.



4 **The New Stewardship Envelopes** are available at the back of the Church; please collect yours if you are in the envelope scheme. If you can deliver a neighbour's or friend's envelopes we would be grateful.

5 **Mulled Wine and Mince Pies** are served during Advent/Christmas at St Peter's, (as well as coffee etc. for those who would prefer that option), after the 10:30 service. If you can supply mince pies over the coming weeks, please could you complete the sheet at the back of St Peter's Church? Thank you



6 **Christingle Service** - The Christingle service will take place here in St Peter's Church, Edgmond on Christmas Eve at 3pm. They are available from the Village Shop or from the back of the Church. Please return the envelopes including your donation, indicating the number of Christingles required, to the Village Shop or the box at the back of the Church, **by Monday 18th December**. All your donations, including the collection at the service, will go to the Children's Society. **PLEASE NOTE:** All those who have attended this service in previous years will know how crowded the church becomes. Therefore, for Health and Safety advise we asked that no prams or pushchairs are brought into church for this service. Also, that long hair is tied back, and non-flammable clothes are worn. We also ask that you explain to your children the importance of standing very still when their Christingle is lit, and that they hold their Christingle orange carefully with both hands. Please encourage older children to set a good example to the little ones.



7 **The next Coffee & Chat morning is this Thursday, 21st December, following the 9:30am Holy Communion service. All welcome.** You do not have to attend the service to be able to have a cup of coffee/tea/squash. Just turn up at the Church at about 10:00am and join us for a cuppa and a chat.



8 **On Sunday, 31st December, there will be only one service in our Six Parishes** which will be 10:30am Holy Communion here at St Peter's.

Three candles are lit

Leader: One candle for hope, the second for the prophets of the Word, a third to tell of John the Baptist who called people to change their way of living to prepare for the coming of Jesus.



The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has never put it out. God sent a messenger called John, who came to tell people about the Light so that all should hear the message and believe. He himself was not the Light. This was the true Light.....the Light that comes into the world and shines on all people.

ALL: God of the poor in spirit, we thank you for John the Baptist and his call to change and walk in your way. Give us courage to follow you, listening to the good news so that we may make ready for you to be born anew in our lives. Amen

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Ollie Rothner

Thank you to pupils at St Peter's School for pictures drawn for the pew sheets during Advent

The Pew Sheet can also be found on our website at:  
<http://www.stpeterschurchedgmond.org>