

# Church Window

The magazine for the parishes of

## St. Peter's

Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon



## St. Leonard's

Warmingham




**2025**

**Happy New Year**

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

*Colossians 3:17*

**January 2025**

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That start of a New Year is always an exciting time. A time for a new beginning. Your 2024 may have been an absolute blast, with great success in all you did. It may have been the worst year of your life, a year you are glad to see behind you. Most likely it was a mixture of both highs and lows as most years are. Whether it was a success or not Isaiah 43 encourages us to look forward with God



*“Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past.  
See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”  
Isaiah 43:18-19*

What hope there is contained in these verses. God tells us to forget the things of the past. Or as it is translated in The Message version of the Bible,

*“Forget about what’s happened;  
don’t keep going over old history.”*

Somehow we manage to cling onto our mistakes of the past. We remember where we or others have failed. We are so good at holding onto the negative, replaying in slow motion where we missed the mark. But we can have hope, Isaiah tells us to forget. In 2025 let us not be held back by past mistakes, let us leave them with God and look forward.

And as we look forward let us do so in faith

*See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?*

God is doing a new thing. I want to encourage you to ask God what new thing He might want to do in your life. What step of faith might you take? Perhaps ask yourself, where is God calling you to serve others? Maybe you are called to pray more?

January is so much more than a new page on an empty calendar. It is a chance to step into the new that God wants for you. We can start each New Year and each new day afresh with God. So as 2025 begins, let us trust God that the past is behind us and step out in faith, looking for the new He is doing in us and through us.

# From our November Registers



## Baptisms

*We welcome you into the Lord's family*

## St Peter's

24th          Ziggy Francis Harrison



## Weddings

*Bless these thy servants*



## Funerals

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

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## Guidance Prayer:

Lord, we look toward you, our hope, our peace, and our comfort in this New Year. As we enter into the unknown of the coming year, we ask for your guidance and wisdom. Illuminate our path with your light so that we may walk in your ways and make choices that align with your will. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, we ask you to give us all around peace in our mind, body, soul and spirit. We want you to heal and remove everything that is causing stress, grief, and sorrow in our lives. Please guide our path through life and make our enemies be at peace with us. **Amen.**

## Forthcoming Events at St Leonard's

Our Treasurer at St Leonard's is stepping down due to work and family commitments. We are looking for a volunteer to join the PCC and take on this valuable role. Do you think you have the interest and skills to take on this important job? Please contact the Churchwardens to find out more.



### Warmingham Home Group

The next meeting is on **Monday 27th January** at 2pm at the home of Helan Isherwood. Please contact Helan on 01606 841711 for further details.

St Leonard's Church Porch



**Plough Service**  
**Sunday 12th January,**  
11.30am in Church



**Monday 13th January,**  
7.30pm in Church



Warmingham School paintings of Little Town of Bethlehem on display in St Leonard's Church.



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**Join St Leonard's,  
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## **Memorial Service on 8th December**

During the Morning Service on Sunday, 8th December a large congregation remembered those who had lost their lives in the Railway Tragedy at Minshull Vernon one hundred years ago, namely George and Mary Hollinshead and John Newton.

We were joined by a great many family members – great grandchildren, great, great grandchildren and even a great, great, great granddaughter! James Bennion and Robert Newton told us a little about each person and what an impact the untimely deaths had on both families.

We sang “Jesu, Lover of my soul”, which was one of the hymns sung at the Hollinshead funeral, and “O Rest in the Lord” was played by Ruth on the organ chosen from Mr Newton’s funeral.

After the service family members went outside to place flowers on the Hollinshead’s grave, which had been refurbished for the occasion. Family members provided a wonderful array of cheese, savouries and cakes for us all to share over a glass of wine, with tea and coffee in the Community Hall, with a few photo albums of the family for us to peruse.

I am sure that those who lost their lives would be pleased with how we remembered them, exactly one hundred years later.

## **Thank you**

Audrey Colquhoun wishes to thank folk from both churches for saving their used stamps which help raise money for St. Luke’s Hospice, for which the hospice are very grateful. If you could kindly keep saving your used stamps and give to Ruth who will pass them on to Audrey.

**Plough Service at St Peter’s**  
**Sunday 9th February at 7pm**  
followed by supper in the Hall. All welcome

On the 15th of December we were treated to a fabulous interactive Nativity service which was enhanced by the choir and hand bell team from Mablins Lane School. The talent of the pupils was plain for all to see. The hand bells engaged everyone and the beautiful voices of the choir brought smiles to the faces of all. Everyone then took part in the interactive retelling of the nativity story. Huge thanks go to the staff and pupils of Mablins Lane who made the service so very special.





This was followed by the Christmas Fair and what fun the Christmas Fair was. A big thanks to Ellen, Mick, Heather, Ruby and the rest of the team is thoroughly deserved for the fabulous time they created. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion with families enjoying the Christmas raffle, tombolas, name the elf and craft activities.

Santa paid a visit in his grotto and thrilled all the children, young and old, who went to see him. All receiving a lovely gift, having spent time with him, the smiles produced were huge. There were also copious amounts for Christmas themed refreshments which really did go down a treat.

The event raised £150 for St Paul's Pantry and £100 for Survive Abuse. A big well done and thank you.





Christmas arrangements at St Peter's



The **South Cheshire Concert Band Christmas Concert** at St Peter's was, once again, a wonderful evening that was enjoyed by all. The beautiful mix of carols and Christmas tunes filled the room with happiness. Rev. Paul found himself press-ganged into playing percussion for Troika. Conductor Albert Dunseath insisted Rev. Paul took part in the piece as it was in the line up on his request. Needless to say, no percussionists will be fearing for their jobs any time soon!

The talent of the concert band, however, was very much in evidence. The engaging music drew everyone in and no one left the room without being touched with the Christmas joy the band created. The evening ended with a raffle and refreshments.

Once again we wish to say a great big thank you to all the musicians for their time and effort, and to everyone who supported the event. We hope to host the South Cheshire Concert Band sometime in the not too distant future.



# St Leonard's Calendar of Services / Rotas

*Please check times of services carefully*

Date	Times and services	Sides-persons	Altar Flowers & Brasses	Cleaning
Sunday 5th January The Epiphany	11.30am Morning Service	Cecilia Royston	Mrs J Sant	Helen and team
Sunday 12th January The Baptism of Christ/The 1st Sunday of Epiphany	11.30am Plough Service	Helen Walker	Mrs E Richardson	
Sunday 19th January The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	11.30am Communion Service  4pm Informal Service	Lynne Case	Mrs E Richardson	
Sunday 26th January The 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	9am Holy Communion	Lesley Crank	Mrs C Whittaker	
Sunday 2nd February The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	11.30am Morning Service	Janet Newton	Mrs C Whittaker	

## St Peter's Calendar of Services

Date	Times and Services	Readings and Readers 10.45am	Readings and Readers 7pm
Sunday 5th January The Epiphany	9am HC 10.45am HC No 7pm Evensong	Ephesians 3:1-12 <i>Jane Dunseath</i>  Matthew 2:1-12	No Evensong
Sunday 12th January The Baptism of Christ/The 1st Sunday of Epiphany	9am HC 10.45am HC 7pm Evensong	Acts 8:14-17 <i>Ben Entwistle</i>  Luke 3: 15-17,21-22	Isaiah 55:1-11 <i>Alison Bate</i>  Romans 6:1-11 <i>Andrew Hollinshead</i>
Sunday 19th January The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	9am HC 10.45am HC No 7pm Evensong	1 Corinthians 12:1-11  <i>Gilly Booth</i>  John 2:1-11	No Evensong
Sunday 26th January The 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	No 9am HC 10.45am HC 7pm Evensong	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  <i>Alan Culshaw</i>  Luke 4:14-21	Numbers 9:15-end  <i>Chris Parkes</i>  1 Corinthians 7:17-24 <i>Sandra Parkes</i>
Sunday 2nd February The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	9am HC 10.45am HC No 7pm Evensong	Hebrews 2:14-18  <i>Irene Booth</i>  Luke 2:22-40	No Evensong

## St Peter's Rotas

Date	Sidespersons	Offertory	Cleaning	Altar Flowers
Sunday 5th January The Epiphany	Ben Entwistle	John Edge and Ann Hughes	Andrew Hollinshead	Christmas Flowers
Sunday 12th January The Baptism of Christ/The 1st Sunday of Epiphany	Philip and Gail Barnes  Sandra Parkes	Philippa Goyer and Ann deRuiter	Val Simcock and Paul Harvey	Kerris Fairclough
Sunday 19th January The 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	Ben Entwistle	Paul Harvey and Ben Entwistle	Audrey Bergin	Kerris Fairclough
Sunday 26th January The 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	Philip and Gail Barnes  Sandra Parkes	Alan and Margaret Culshaw	John and Ruth Edge	Shena Finch
Sunday 2nd February The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	Ben Entwistle	John Edge and Ann Hughes	Phyllis Darlington and Dorothy Riley	Shena Finch

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ST PETER'S AND ST LEONARD'S

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## 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 Everall (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 Dorothy Ethel Boothroyd (2012), 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. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## News from Warmingham CE Primary School

As you'll know from last month's issue, we are currently working towards gaining our 'SuperKind' award. The Social Impact Schools Award celebrates and showcases school's commitment to having a social impact and provides formal recognition of those schools placing social action and charity-work at the heart of their education.

What's wonderful to see is when the work we are doing in school starts to have an impact on the children especially when they independently decide to do something to support others. Niamh showed her generosity towards others by donating some of her clothes and toys to help those in need.

Roslyn prepared some gift bags for the children at a local special needs school. They don't receive much at this time of year because parents being carers and not being able to work. Roslyn chose some of the items from the basket she gets to choose things from when

she's done something special because she knew it would mean more to someone else.



It's a very Special Baby!



Some pictures from Otters and Hedgehog's Nativity production.





# TABLE TENNIS

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# Warmingham Village News

## January Diary Dates

Wednesday 8th	W.I. Meeting	Village Hall	7.30pm
Sunday 12th	Plough Service	Church	11.30am
Tuesday 14th	Walk `n Talk	Middlewich	10.30am
Every Thursday	Bellringing at the Church from 7.30pm - 9.00pm		

## Warmingham & District W.I.

At the December meeting on Wednesday 4th the members enjoyed an entertaining musical "Festive Tour of the World" with the Ukelele Lady.

The Christmas lunch on Monday 9th December was also much enjoyed at the Legs of Man.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 8th January 2025** and this will be a social evening with a Beetle Drive and refreshments of Soup and Apple Pie. The meeting is held in the Village Hall with a 7.30pm start.

The next meeting of the **Book Group** is on **Monday 13th January** when the book to be discussed is Small Things Like These by Claire Keegan.

The **Craft Group** meet once a month on a Friday afternoon in Sandbach.

The **Darts Group** meet at the Market Tavern in Sandbach on Monday lunchtimes.

The February meeting will be on **Wednesday 5th February**. 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 Sue Hill by email: [wiwarmingham@gmail.com](mailto:wiwarmingham@gmail.com).

## Walk 'n Talk

For the January walk on **Tuesday 14th** meet at 206 Long Lane South Middlewich at 10.30am.

If you wish to join the walk or just come for lunch please sign the list at W.I. or ring Helan on 01606 841711. You do not need to be a W.I. member to join this activity.

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