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**Dear Friends,**

As we begin a new liturgical year, Jesus gives us a simple but powerful command: **“Stay awake.”** In Advent, we remember His first coming in Bethlehem, we open our hearts to His daily coming in grace, and we look forward to His final coming in glory. To stay awake means to be attentive - to notice the ways Christ is present and speaking to us right now.

Just as Mary carried the Child Jesus within her, we too are invited to welcome Him into our souls, to let His presence grow in us, and to allow His life to shape our own. Christ comes quietly, gently, often in the small moments of our day. If we are not watching, we will miss Him.

So how do we stay awake? By cultivating a living relationship with Jesus: setting aside time for daily prayer, receiving the sacraments, and serving those around us with love. These simple acts keep our hearts ready for the Lord who comes “at an hour you do not expect.”

**This Advent, remain vigilant. Look for Him. Listen for Him. Love Him in prayer and in your neighbor. If you stay awake, you will discover that Christ is already near - and constantly coming to you with grace.**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (Year A)

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 5.30pm	St. Peter's	Liliane - RIP	Adoration followed by Mass at 6.00pm
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael's St. Peter's	Michael Ventham - RIP	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> Rosary at 10.40am followed by Mass
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>Fr. Maria's Day off</b>	St. Alexander Briant
Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 9.30am	St. Peter's	Michael Ventham - RIP	
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 10.00am	St. Michael's	Mike Amphlett - RIP	St. Francis Xavier
Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am	St. Peter's	Rosie & Mikey - Int.	St. Osmund
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am	St. Peter's	Destiny & Harmony - Int.	

### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

In St. Peter's Saturday 5.30pm to 6.00pm

In St. Michael's Wednesday 10.30am to 11.00am

**A Warm Welcome:** today is Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November. As always, we welcome visitors and newcomers to join our "regulars," asking Almighty God to bestow His blessings and graces on us all. You are most welcome to join us for coffee and tea in the Parish Hall.

## CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE AT ST. PETER'S

We shall be having a Christmas Hamper Raffle at our carol singing in December. Please leave any donations towards this hamper in the sacristy.

Many thanks, Lina Watts

## ANNUAL PARISH MAGAZINE

We plan to publish our review of the year in the shape of the annual parish magazine early in 2026 and it would be lovely to include items from as many people as possible. If you are involved in any aspect of church life, either in a formal group (Legion of Mary, flower arranging, sacristan, music, social events etc.) we would love to hear from you. A few short lines explaining what has been going on and some photos would be wonderful.

If you want to write something longer, expressing your thoughts on any aspect of church life that would also be welcome. Maybe you joined in a pilgrimage or visited an interesting site during the year? And we would love to include something from people, including children, who have celebrated a sacrament this year, including Confirmation, weddings and baptisms - the latter possibly from the parents perspective unless we have had some adult baptisms!

Please send any items for this as soon as possible either to the parish office or to Jane Archer at [jwhaley1@aol.com](mailto:jwhaley1@aol.com). Feel free to contact Jane on 07812137161 if you have any questions.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ST. PETER'S**



First Holy Communion preparation course will commence on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026. The sessions will run from 10.10 – 10.50am on alternative Sundays. The sessions are for both children and at least one parent to attend each week. There will be a parents' meeting on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 10:30am for more details. If you would like your child to prepare for First Holy Communion, please collect a registration form from the back of the church and return it to the sacristy by Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> of December so that course resources may be prepared. **The First Holy Communion will take place at St. Peter's on June 7<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 11.00am Mass.**

### **ST. MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

Do you have an hour to spare to decorate our church for Christmas? If so we'd love to see you at a brief meeting after mass on Sunday Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. No previous knowledge required. Male, female and any age. – Margaret

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## **A FESTIVE AFTERNOON AT ST. PETER'S!**

Get ready to step into the Christmas spirit! On **December 21<sup>st</sup>**, right after the 12:00pm Mass, **St. Peter's Hall** will burst into life with joyful **Christmas carols** and a delightful **Nativity play** performed by our parish children.

Bring your family and friends for an afternoon filled with music, laughter, and the warm glow of community celebration. And parents - if your children would like to be part of the Nativity play, please pass their names on to **Sarah Wembridge**.

Let's come together to celebrate the season with songs, smiles, and the timeless story of Christmas. **All are warmly welcome!** 🎅 ✨



**A JOYFUL WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST BELIEVER IN CHRIST**



Our parish community rejoices as we extend hearty congratulations to **Mrs. Swathi**, who received the Sacrament of Baptism this past Saturday at **St. Peter's**. Swathi embraced this beautiful step of faith with deep conviction and joy - an inspiring reminder that God calls each of us in His perfect time.

Her adult baptism was a moment filled with grace, hope, and the warm support of our parish family. Let us continue to **keep Swathi in our prayers** as she begins her new life in Christ and grows in faith within our community. May God bless her and her family abundantly on this sacred journey!

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### **LEGION OF MARY**

Legion of Mary will take place at St. Peter's meeting room on Monday at 6.00pm. All are warmly welcome...

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### **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CHURCH IN TETBURY**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 - January 5<sup>th</sup> 2026.**

**On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of November, in the hall after Mass , we are preparing St. Michael's Christmas tree for this festival.**

**The theme this year is 'hope'**

Please come and add your comments of 'hope' to decorate our tree.

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### **UPCOMING WORKS AT ST. MICHAEL'S – PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

Parishioners are advised that essential maintenance work will soon be taking place at St. Michael's. To prepare for repairs to the hall roof, scaffolding will be erected around the hall on **9<sup>th</sup> December**.

The roof work is scheduled for **10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December**, during which time access around the hall may be limited. We kindly ask everyone to take extra care when visiting the site. Once the work is completed, the scaffolding will be removed on **15<sup>th</sup> December**.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we carry out these important improvements to keep our parish facilities safe and well-maintained.

Please note that ITV will be hiring St. Michael's Hall on the following dates:

**4th, 5th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 13th, 15th, and 16th December.**

The hall will not be accessible to parish groups on these days.

Access **may be permitted on Saturday 13th December** for essential setup for Sunday activities, but this should be kept to a minimum and arranged in advance.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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### **CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS**

Traditionally the Christmas collections, along with that at Easter, are the only collections given to the priest during the year and is an important way in which the parishes support the unsalaried priests of the Diocese. Envelopes for your gift are available on the tables at the back of the church, and donations can also be made using the Dona machines. You can also write a cheque made payable to 'Fr. Mariaselvan'

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## **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

<b>Place</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>
<b>St. Peter's</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> 5.00pm</b>
<b>St. Peter's</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> 9.00pm</b>
<b>St. Michael's</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm</b>

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

<b>St. Michael's</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> 9.00am</b>
<b>St. Peter's</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> 11.00am</b>

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## Offertory Collection

### Last Week:

**St. Peter's:** £ 437. 54 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

Second Collection: £ 60.30

**St. Michael:** £ 58.02

Second Collection: £ 24.50

