

Christmas at St Peter's

Christmas is one of the best times to try church. Here at St Peter's we have lots of things to see and do over Christmas - some of which are great for helping children understand the meaning behind all the food and gifts, while having some fun too. You would be very welcome to come along to any of our services.

Thursday 7th December

2:00pm Diamond Club

Come and join the festivities in the church hall; as the choir for Woodmansterne Primary School come and sing.

Thursday 14th December

9:30am Bus Stop Café

An informal carol service at our drop in café in the church hall. Carols, readings alongside coffee, tea, chocolate biscuits and sausage rolls.

Sunday 17th December

6:00pm Carols by Candlelight

A family-friendly service of well-known carols and readings

We hear Carols so often in the shops and on the radio that they're like a soundtrack for December. It's really special to hear them in church as part of the telling of the Christmas story.

Monday 18th December

4:30-6:00pm Let's celebrate Christmas

Discover the Christmas story through play and activity: craft, games, obstacle course, firepit and toasted marshmallows (we hope to be joined by some 4 legged friends), food and drink served. Aimed at Primary aged children and younger. Takes place outside and inside the church. You will need to book a free place using this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lets-celebrate-christmas-tickets-767549750967?aff=oddtcreator>

Christmas Eve

4:00pm Christingle Service

Short joyful services aimed at children

Christingle services use a special symbol, a decorated orange, to explore the story of God's love for the world at Christmas. The orange represents the world. The sweets represent God's creation. The candle represents Jesus,

the light of the world bringing hope to those in darkness. The red ribbon around the orange represents the love of God and the blood of Jesus. There will be a collection in aid of the Children's Society.

11.15pm Traditional Midnight Communion

This late-night service starts on Christmas Eve and ends just after midnight, so you're among the first to celebrate Christmas! Holy Communion (also called The Eucharist or The Lord's Supper) is when the congregation shares bread and wine remembering Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.

Christmas Day

10.00am Christmas All Age Communion

Start your Christmas Day celebrations with us! A joyful service for the whole family with some well-known carols and Holy Communion.