

Worship this Month in our churches:

Date:	Services at St Paul's, Tadley – RG26 3PB
Sun 4 th	9am Holy Communion (Steve) 10am Church on the Green Café Worship (Steve)
Sun 11 th	10am Messy New Year (Steve & the Messy Church Team) 5pm Benefice Evening Community Holy Communion (Steve)
Sun 18 th	9am Holy Communion in the Side Chapel (Rob) 10am Morning Worship (Rob)
Sun 25 th	9am LEGO Church (Steve and the LEGO Church Team) 10am Church on the Green All Age Communion (Steve)

Date:	Services at St Luke's, Pamber Heath – RG26 3DX
Wed 7 th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Cathy)
Wed 14 th	10am Midweek Morning Prayer (Myles)
Sun 18 th	11am Holy Communion (Cathy and Linda)
Wed 21 st	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Cathy and Linda)
Wed 28 th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Cathy and Linda)

Date:	Services at St. Marys, Tadley – RG26 4HQ
Sun 4 th	10.30am Epiphany Morning Worship (Chris and Lay Team)
Wed 7 th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Chris and Charles)
Sun 11 th	10.30am Holy Communion (Cathy and Charles)
Wed 14 th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Cathy, Charles and Paddy)
Sun 18 th	9am RISE (Chris and the RISE Team) 10.30am Holy Communion (Steve and Charles)
Wed 21 st	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Steve and Charles)
Sun 25 th	10.30am Holy Communion (Karen)
Wed 28 th	10am Midweek Holy Communion (Steve and Charles)

Date:	Services at St Mary the Virgin, Silchester – RG7 2HH
Sun 4 th	8am BCP Holy Communion (Karen) 10am First Sunday service (Karen)
Sun 11 th	10am Holy Communion (Karen)
Sun 18 th	10am Morning Worship (Karen and Lay Team)
Sun 25 th	10am Holy Communion (Cathy)

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January Newsletter

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As we approach a new year, you may also find yourself making a few New Year's resolutions. These are always easier to keep if you have friends around you to spur you on. Included in this newsletter are some great ways that you can get involved in Church life and our local community.

From February we will be running an Alpha course. If you've not been part of an Alpha course before, why not consider giving it a go? It is not just for new explorers, but for those of us who want a reminder of the basics of what we believe, and it's a chance to ask the questions about faith you may have been afraid to ask.

If you are trying to discern what God is calling you towards in 2026 do have a chat with any of the clergy or church leaders. There is a range of programmes run by the diocese to support lay and ordained ministries and lots of events in our churches and community that need your help.

You might like to use this prayer. It is a powerful way of pledging ourselves in God's service. You may want to say it each day during January.

**I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will,
place me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,
praised for you or criticized for you. Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.
And now, O wonderful and holy God, Creator, Redeemer, and
Sustainer, you are mine, and I am yours.
So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it also be made in heaven.
Amen.**

Thank you – to everyone who helped make our Christmas services so special. Thank you to everyone one who led services, read, helped with refreshments, sides people, musicians, and all the other jobs around our parishes that make Christmas so special in our churches. And thank you to the Christchurch Players cast and crew, headed up by Mike and Tina Absolom, for such a brilliant pantomime.

Coming up...

Sunday 28th December at 6pm – Benefice Carol Service at St Mary’s. OK, this is actually 2025, but it’s good to have a reminder that Christmas doesn’t end on 25th December. As we enter the new year we are fully in the Christmas season. Join together as one big church family as we celebrate the light of Christ arriving at this candlelit service. Please note, this is the only service in the benefice that day.

And in January 2026...

Sunday 4th – New Beginnings for 2026. The theme of our First Sunday services on 4th January across our churches is “New Beginnings” and Epiphany. As we begin a new year, it’s the perfect opportunity for us all to make a new beginning with God.

Sunday 4th at 10.30am – Epiphany Morning Worship at St Mary’s, Tadley. A special service as we celebrate the feast of Epiphany.

Monday 5th at 7.30pm – Silchester PCC Meeting in St Luke’s Church.

Sunday 11th from 10am – Messy Church at St Paul’s. As always there will be crafts, stories, and lots of breakfast. We’ll be thinking about our hopes for the new year? God is the God of hope and nothing is impossible with him. As always take part in as much or as little as you wish, arrive and leave when you are ready.

Sunday 11th at 5pm – Benefice Evening Community Holy Communion at St Paul’s.

Monday 12th from 10.30am to midday – St Paul’s Morning Get-together. This is the first morning Get-together or 2026! Everyone is welcome. Why not bring a friend or neighbour along for food and friendship? Please note, the Get-togethers now take place twice a month. (This month on 12th and 26th January.)

Friday 16th from 8am to 10am – St Mary’s Breakfast. Join us for a great cooked or cold breakfast and lots of chat! This month we’re raising money for the Charity of UCLH (University College of London Hospital) which supports research into the early diagnosis and improved treatment of an adult autoimmune system disease.

Friday 16th from 10am to 11.30am – Oaks and Acorns meets at St Luke’s. A new group for people young and old. The group, which will run every week during term time, will have activities suitable for every age. There will be refreshments mid-morning followed by singing, stories, a time for sharing, all ending with a short prayer. Please come and join us in this new venture. We’d love to hear your thoughts.

Sunday 18th at 9am – RISE Breakfast Church in St Mary’s Hall. Join together for breakfast, crafts, stories, and breakfast!

This year St Paul’s Church is 60! We are planning some ‘Big 0’ events! If you have any stories or photos of St Paul’s from over the years, please share them with Steve, Jean Kyle, or Deanne Wagstaff as we begin to plan the celebrations.

Sunday 18th at 10.30am – CTAT Unity Service at St Paul’s. A special service led by CTAT as we come together as a community. Please note, apart from RISE there are no other service in the benefice this Sunday.

Thursday 22nd at 7pm for a 7.30pm start – CTAT AGM for 2026 at The Salvation Army, Mulfords Hill. This year CTAT has contributed well over 6,000 hours of work to the community, something to join together and celebrate! At this meeting we will appoint new officers. Everyone is welcome to come.

Sunday 25th at 9am – LEGO Church at St Paul’s, Tadley. After its successful launch last November, LEGO Church is back every 4th Sunday of the month at 9am. For kids (and big kids) of all ages. Come along and enjoy breakfast and building! Every brick tells the story of God’s creativity. Families are welcome to stay for our 10am service for all ages.

Monday 26th from 10.30am to midday – St Paul’s Morning Get-together. The second of our Get-togethers this month. Everyone is welcome.

Thursday 29th at 1.30pm – Let’s Pray! meets at St Mary’s, Tadley. A chance to pray together for our world, our community, our family, and our friends.

Saturday 31st at midday– Pub lunch in the Pelican, Pamber Heath. Everyone welcome.

New Alpha Course

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Regular events every week and Home Groups

Mondays	Christian Meditation Group in Silchester St Paul’s Morning get together (12 th and 26 th January)
Tuesdays	St Paul’s Gardeners meet but taking a break until spring Home Group meets in Pamber Heath Prayer Group meets at St Paul’s, Tadley
Wednesdays	Worship at either St Luke’s or St Mary’s, Tadley at 10am St Mary’s café is open from 8.30am The Wednesday Weeders meet outside St Mary’s from 10am Living Word the online homegroup meets
Thursdays	St Luke’s Coffee Morning from 10am Let’s Pray! monthly prayer group (next date 29 th January) Home Group meets at 7.30pm in Tadley
Fridays	Home Group meets at 4pm in Pamber Heath Breakfast at St Mary’s (next date 16 th January) Oaks and Acorns meets at 10am in St Luke’s Tadley Men’s Shed meets at St Mary’s