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Parish News Deadlines

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PARISH NEWS DEADLINES FOR
THE MARCH ISSUE:

(due to be published on 27th February 2015)

THURSDAY 12th February 2015 (MANUAL)
 entries should be submitted by 9.30 am to the Parish
 Office,

THURSDAY 19th February 2015 (ELECTRONIC)
 entries should be submitted by 9.30 am, please send
 contributions to stpetersmilton@btinternet.com

Please note that the dates listed are the last dates for
the Parish News copy. Entries will not be accepted after
these dates. this is to enable the Parish News to be
published on time.

Church Services

The usual monthly pattern of worship is as follows:
(Please check Sunday noticesheets for changes)

ST PETER'S CHURCH Baytree Road

Wednesdays: 10.00 am Holy Communion (said)

Sunday: 8am	10am
1st HC (said) - BCP	Holy Communion
2nd HC (said)	Holy Communion
3rd HC (said)	Family Service 'The Word'
4th HC (said)	Holy Communion

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, Kewstoke

Sunday 8am	10am
1st HC (said) - BCP	Holy Communion
2nd HC (said)	All Age Worship
3rd HC (said)	Holy Communion
4th HC (said)	Holy Communion.

St Peter's Church
Organisations



(please check St Peter's Sunday noticesheets
for changes)

JLU (Jesus loves us) Kids Sunday School
 During the 10am Sunday Service

Mothers' Union: (Meet in St Jude's Hall)
 1st Wednesday each month @ 2.00 pm
on the 3rd Wednesday of each month there is a Mothers'
Union Corporate Communion at 10am in St Peter's
Church. Secretary: Mrs Margaret Harrison (tel: 412271)

Monthly Prayer Fellowship Meeting
 is held on the 1st Wednesday of each month in the
 Vicarage at 7.30pm - ALL WELCOME

Nb. St Jude's Hall @ St Peter's Church (between the
 church & Baytree Rec).

St Paul's Church
Organisations



(please check St Paul's Sunday noticesheets
for changes)

Tiny Teds: Tuesdays (term time only)
 9.30am - 11am in St Paul's Church Hall
 Contact Juliet on 07980 384034 for details

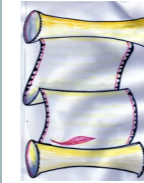
Choir: Practice @ 6.30pm Wednesdays

House Groups every Thursday
10.00 am at St Paul's Church Hall
 Everyone is welcome to come along and see what we do.
7.30 pm at Beth's home: 40 Priston Close, Worle.
 Please give Beth a ring (416009) if you are hoping to be
 there.

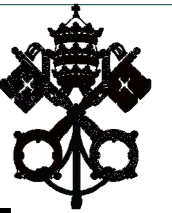
Monthly Prayer Fellowship Meeting
 held on the last Wednesday of each month in St Paul's
 Church, Kewstoke at 7.30pm - ALL WELCOME

St Peter's & St Paul's Prayer Ministry Groups

We meet on the 2nd Friday of each month in St Paul's
 Church Hall, when we pray for healing and for all in
 need in the united parishes of St. Peter's and St. Paul's



St Peter & St Paul
Parish News



February 2015

From the Vicar

Did you know that you grow a completely new layer of skin about once a month? Things are constantly changing—especially with the new year- and many new beginnings lie before us. I for one find changes exciting, a born optimist I'm mostly of the view that if something we've done a certain way for any length of time is coming to a close, it's meant to be, and the Lord will send something new and exciting to take its place. So what changes lie ahead for us in 2015?

Well the year was only a few days old when our Head Teacher Gillian Quick gave notice of her retirement at the end of the summer term. Gillian has done an amazing job, bringing Worlebury St Paul's from a small first school to full primary and we have a great deal to thank her for. I must admit the process of appointing a new Head at first appears long and quite scary, but so does the Grand National when you are standing at the start (no—I don't have personal experience!) but as we take each jump, one at a time, what at first seemed almost impossible gradually is accomplished. We have a really good board of governors at this time (although we still need Foundation Governors – please see me for more details) and I'm quite sure we will end up with a great new Head Teacher very soon. For your part, please pray – both churches – for wisdom and discernment, that we will appoint the right person for Worlebury St Paul's School.

St Peter's of course celebrates 50 years of ministry this year, and we have a number of events throughout the year, culminating the week commencing 29th June when the church will be open throughout the week, with displays from every group that participates in the life of the church – including a model railway! The high point of the week will be on the afternoon of Sunday 5th July when we welcome Bishop Peter to a barbeque and a "Car-Park Praise" (weather permitting). I hope members of both our churches will celebrate this great landmark together. At St Peter's I want this year to be a springboard for the next 50 years. I attended a very interesting training day at Wells recently entitled "Asset Based Community Development" (ABCD for short). Instead of looking for the needs of the community, you begin by looking at what you already have. At St Peter's perhaps the greatest asset we have is our building – it's enormous—and is rarely used to its full potential. So what can we offer our community? Space! I have a dream of turning St Peter's into the hub of everything that goes on in Milton (read Bishop Peter's piece page 3). A new hall, a worship/conference centre, a preschool – the list goes on. Crazy? Maybe, but if we are really serious about showing Christ's love to the people around us we have to begin with what we have, meeting their needs and grabbing the opportunity to show them His love at the same time.

And what of St Paul's? Well apart from a New Head Teacher, we had our first Worship & Mission meeting just before Christmas and a number of things were mentioned; We want to tighten our "pastoral net" so no one is forgotten. We want to pay our Parish Share with enough money left over for mission (that goes for St Peter's too). We asked God's blessing on Mike & Deb's new Coffee Mornings starting soon. We want to try a few Sunday afternoon services, and there were many other exciting new ideas discussed.

As I said earlier, I find change exciting, and I've been greatly encouraged by the way many of you grasp ideas and are eager to try new things. Above all we must pray. Amy painted me a fabulous poster for my study, "Keep calm and just pray". It almost sounds like a last resort, when actually prayer should be the very first thing we all do!

"Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts." Mother Teresa

Your servant in His name

Geoff

Diary

Dates correct at time of printing – please check Sunday noticesheets for any amendments

Weekly Events (February)

(Check weekly noticesheets for changes)

Mondays

8.30am Celtic Morning Prayer at St Peter's Church

3.00 pm Prime Time Christian Fellowship in St Jude's Hall (@ St Peter's)

Tuesdays (term time only)

9.30 am - 11am Tiny Teds in St Paul's Church Hall
Contact Juliet on 07980 384034 for details

Wednesdays

10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church

Thursdays

8.30am Celtic Morning Prayer at St Peter's Church

Please note from 26th February both of the Weekly House Groups will be hosting the Lent Course (p. 3)

10.00 am Weekly House Group (page 8 - St Paul's)

7.30 pm Weekly House Group (page 8 - St Paul's)

Fridays

8.30am Celtic Morning Prayer at St Peter's Church

7.30pm - 9.30 pm Drama Group in St Jude's hall
see Alan for further details

Nb. St Peter's Hall @ St Peter's Church, Baytree Rd
St Jude's Hall @ St Peter's Church (between the church & Baytree Rec).
St Paul's Hall @ St Paul's Church, Kewstoke

Dates for your Diary (February)

1st	Epiphany 4/Candlemas
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at both Churches
10.00 am	Holy Communion at both Churches
3.00 pm	Baptism @ St Peter's
4th	Mothers' Union (St Jude's Hall)
7.30 pm	Monthly Prayer Fellowship Meeting (Parish Prayers) @ St Peter's (p. 4)

7th	11am-2pm	ChAt Coffee Morning at the United Reformed Church, the Boulevard
8th	2nd before Lent	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion at both Churches
	10.00 am	Holy Communion @ St Peter's
	10.00 am	All Age Worship @ St Paul's
11th	11.00 am	Bible Study (St Jude's Hall) (tbc)
	7.00 pm	Deanery Synod @ Uphill
12th	12noon	Burial of Ashes @ St Paul's, Kewstoke (Ann Corfield)
13th	2.30 pm	Prayers for healing (p. 4)
15th	Next before Lent	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion at both Churches
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at both Churches
	4.00 pm	Healing Service @ St Paul's - All welcome
18th	Ash Wednesday	
	10am-3pm	Quiet Day @ St Peter's
	7.30 pm	Holy Communion @ St Paul's, Kewstoke
19th	11.30 am	Joint Benefice planning meeting (Geoff/Churchwardens/Readers) - St Jude's Hall
22nd	Lent 1	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion at both Churches
	10.00 am	Holy Communion at both Churches
	3.00 pm	Lent Course (1) - St Jude's Hall
	5.00 pm	Guides Thinking Day @ St Peter's
25th	11.00 am	Lent Course (1) - St Jude's Hall (page 5)
	7.30 pm	Monthly Prayer Fellowship Meeting (Parish Prayers) @ St Paul's (page 8)
26th	12.30 pm	Lent Lunch @ St Peter's (p. 5)
	7.30 pm	St Peter's PCC Meeting
28th	10am-3pm	Brownies Craft Fair - St Peter's Hall

Did you Know?



Your Parish Church...

- is open every day for anyone and everyone
- is available to you for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals
- has special care for Kewstoke and Worlebury including both primary schools
- offers opportunities for worship every week, which everyone (from everywhere) is welcome to attend:
 - 8.00am Holy Communion
 - 10.00am Holy Communion
 - All age worship
- (2nd Sundays) provides special activities for families and children including 'Messy Church' and 'Summer Holiday Club'

St. Paul's Parish leaflet

We are distributing a leaflet to all homes in the parish headed 'Did you know.....' with the intention of informing all parishioners of the place of their parish church in the community and how they can help to ensure it will be there for future generations. It lists all that the church does and explains the financial implications of maintaining this. It clears the misunderstanding of some people that the Parish Share is funding that the church receives from the Diocese!

It then goes on to explain how the building and all the work of the church is financed and how this money is spent. Finally it asks for help to support the work of the church by making a donation (preferably gift aided) or by using a standing order to give regularly.

Distribution is to all houses in the village during January and to the rest of the parish, including Worlebury by Easter. If you would like a copy or know of anyone to whom it should be sent there are spares in the church porch.

Mike

Mothers' Union



2015 sees us celebrating the 75th Anniversary in February, thus it is appropriate that the Lady Day Service is to be held here at St Peter's Church on 25th March at 2.30

At our meeting in January, the Rev Robin Vincent gave an enlightening talk on the work of Amnesty international.

Our meeting on 4th February will be a talk about the work of ChAt.

Please note our AGM will be on 4th March, both February & March meetings start at 2pm

Communities are built around people

Something we are all seeing, whether we live in a town or a village, is that many local pubs are closing down. Currently this is at the rate of about 31 a week. There are now about 55,000 pubs in the UK, down from about 68,000 thirty years ago. Whether we use them or not and whatever our view may be on drinking, pubs support more than a million jobs in the UK and contribute significantly to the economy of their local area.

A recent study from Northumbria University says more than that. A thriving village pub it says gives a village greater community spirit and supports local social events and businesses. Pubs it claims are significant in promoting community cohesion, especially in rural areas. That is probably uncontroversial. But the same study also concluded 'that village pubs were also found to be more important to local life than the parish church'. That is something which I might want to take issue with.

I suppose it depends what you mean by contributing to local life. But I am very clear that parish churches are often at the very heart of the communities they serve and contribute significantly to creating, sustaining and developing thriving communities. In many communities it is difficult to imagine what life would be like without the local church being present and active in bringing people together and supporting them in every kind of need.

In Somerset new housing developments are being planned in a number of places. But, as developers often acknowledge, building houses does not automatically build communities. So one of the things that we as a diocese will need to give more thought to in the future is: 'how we can use the resources that we have to turn those groups of new houses into caring, inclusive and welcoming communities?'

Communities are built around people. They do not simply emerge unless people consciously value the place where they live and strive to make it a better place for everyone who lives there. Living and sharing our faith in Jesus, serving our communities and engaging with local concerns are ways in which we can contribute to making our communities welcoming and joyful places for all.

I enjoy visiting a pub and there is no doubt that they can be a meeting point and hub for local communities. That is true of churches as well, but they are much more than that. A church is a place 'where heaven and earth meet'.

With warm best wishes,
+Peter Bath and Wells

- **United Benefice of Milton & Kewstoke** -

2015 Lent Course

"Living your faith"

Sunday afternoons from 22nd February (nb. none on 15th March) and Wednesday mornings from 25th February in St Jude's Hall.

From 26th March there will be Thursday morning sessions at St Paul's Church hall and Thursday evenings at Beth's.

Please put these dates in your diaries:

Sunday afternoons, 3.00pm, St Jude's Hall, Milton
22nd Feb & 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th March

Wednesday mornings, 11.00am, St Jude's Hall, Milton
25th Feb & 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March

Thursday mornings,

10.00am, St Paul's Church Hall, Kewstoke
29th Feb & 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March

Thursday evenings,

7.30pm, at Beth's (40, Priston Close, Worle)
29th Feb & 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March

There are 5 parts to the course, if you can't make every week at the same time, please feel free to come to whichever group you can, regardless of which church you attend, we're all very friendly!
Best bring your bible and a notebook.

- St Paul's, Kewstoke - Lent Lunches

Look out for dates and details coming soon

- St Peter's, Milton - Lent Lunches

We will be having Lent lunches on Thursdays in Lent this year. We will start on Thursday 26th February, 12.30 pm - 2.00 pm in St Jude's Hall. Lunch will consist of soup, roll and cheese. Tea/coffee to follow. There is no charge but donations to Christian Aid will be warmly welcomed.

If you would like to host a lunch or sponsor a lunch, please see Jacky Mason.



We host these lunches now instead of doing a door to door collection and this is our main event to support the work of Christian Aid. Your generosity is always much appreciated. If you want to know more please come and have a chat Jacky Mason.

Classified Services Directory



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