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Parish News Deadlines

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PARISH NEWS DEADLINES FOR
THE JUNE ISSUE:
(due to be published on 24th May)

THURSDAY 12th May 2016 (MANUAL)
entries should be submitted by 9.30 am to the Parish
Office,

THURSDAY 19th May 2016 (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 - Holy Communion
3rd HC (said) Family Service
4th - Holy Communion

PLEASE NOTE: the 8am Holy Communion at
St Peter's will only take place on the 1st and 3rd
Sundays of each month

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 to dates)

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)

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 to dates)

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: 13 Westbrook Road

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



May 2016

From the Vicar

I begin by officially announcing my retirement date, April 12th 2020, Easter Sunday in my 70th year. Why so long? Well I suppose the first reason is that I started late (I was nearly 50 before I finished my curacy). Secondly I don't have a clue what I'd do if I were to retire now. But the third reason was made clear to me only recently, when in three separate conversations in one week I was asked, "What might the diocese do with this church after you're gone?" It became clear that there's genuine concern that the diocese will close St Peter's the moment I'm gone. (If you're from St Paul's bear with me, your bit will come but it's important that you read this too). I can only assure St Peter's that no one in Wells has made the slightest suggestion that they may close the church when I retire. So is the Lord arranging things that I remain for as long as possible just to keep the wolves from St Peter's door? Or, knowing our gracious and generous God, does He not have something much grander in mind for us all?

Our Easter 3 gospel reading had dear old Peter falling flat on his face yet again. "I'm going fishing". Lesson one, Peter soon discovers when you try doing something that's not God's plan, you will fail! How often, have you immersed yourself into something that you know is not part of the Lord's plan and found yourself fighting a losing battle? Conversely – how many times have you experienced that amazing buzz that comes when we embark on a project *knowing full well* this is His will - and that we are part of it? As I've preached many times, when we do His work according to His will, everything just falls into place. When we set out to do our own thing, off our own bats, everything falls apart.

Had they been all fired up by the previous sightings and stories of His resurrection, I suspect they may not have gone fishing in the first place and would surely have recognised Jesus immediately. As I said on Easter morning, so often we are blinded by our own doubts and fears that we just don't see the Lord or realise His plans for us. Are St Peter's suffering a little from this? And what about you folks at St Paul's? Is there anything troubling you and holding your ministry back? We don't have to look far for the remedy; after recognising Jesus, Peter gets quite a grilling from Him, then receives that famous threefold blessing (coinciding with Peter's threefold denial of ever knowing Him). And what a blessing it is! "Feed my lambs." "Take care of my sheep." "Feed my sheep". In essence they all amount to the same thing, "Love one another." Most scholars agree that the "sheep" in this case are the disciples, and that Jesus is appointing Peter to be their shepherd. On a much smaller scale, a parish priest's job is to replicate Peter's role, you are the sheep – I am your shepherd. You have all the work to do—building the kingdom in Milton and Kewstoke—I just have to feed you! You are the Royal Priesthood – the real church of God. You are the ones to go out there and gather souls for the kingdom and despite whatever the diocese may think, that's not about church membership. Counting bums on seats on Sundays isn't going to cut the mustard on the last day. The real proof of the pudding will be about how many sheep end up in the right place—in the Father's sheepfold.

"Feed my lambs." "Take care of my sheep." "Feed my sheep". Bishop Michael Marshall used to say we have two stomachs; one for food and the other hungry for God, and I believe there are many ways to reach that stomach. First of course you have to fill the real stomach, you can't preach to a hungry man, but then according to the famous psychologist Abraham Maslow there are other basic needs; safety, love, esteem and self-actualisation. If you have the first three you can achieve the fourth. All of those three basics, you can get from your fellow human beings – if you're lucky. But you and I know where we can definitely get all three. I was thrilled to read Archbishop Justin's response to discovering his real father, but then he knew that already, Justin writes, "I know that I find who I am in Jesus Christ, not in genetics, and my identity in him never changes..." We have all we need in knowing we are God's children, adopted in His family (I feel a song coming on!) ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven. I'm preaching to the converted of course, but then I'm just feeding the sheep who are going to go and feed them out there!

I told St Peter's last year that I wanted the 50th celebrations to launch the church into the next 50 years. That building is without doubt the most prominent on the Milton landscape and a huge asset, with enormous potential, not just to the church members, but to the whole community—to come in and be fed those essential needs. I suspect the greatest asset at St Paul's is much more pastoral. I often marvel at the way you care for one another, both in prayer and in practical ways. There was a time when the church was at the centre of the community, let's put it back there. Better still – let's put God back there - right in the centre of our society. We have 4 years left together—to offer our finest gifts to feed his sheep and lead them into His glorious sheepfold. I don't know if I'm to be like Moses and not actually see the end result, but it is my hope and prayer that by the time I retire, with your support, we will be able to show the diocese such a fabulous, powerful and exciting plan, that they wouldn't dare close either church down! Alleluia Christ is risen—He is risen indeed – *alleluia!*

Your servant in Christ,

Geoff

Christian Aid Week, the week we love every neighbour

We believe Jesus calls us to love others as our neighbours – and not just the ones next door or at the end of the street. We're all made in God's image, which means the whole world is our neighbourhood, and every person in it is precious.

Every May over 20,000 churches across the UK and Ireland come together in a remarkable way to raise money and help transform the lives of some of the world's poorest people.

Through the funds raised during Christian Aid Week (15-21 May) people in developing countries could be given a safe place to call home, and big strides could be made towards a world where everyone has enough food to eat, now and in the future.

This year, Christian Aid Week tells the inspiring story of families living on the low-lying islands on the Brahmaputra river, Bangladesh, who live a daily battle against the devastating and catastrophic effects of climate change.

Bangladesh's location, geography, large rivers and monsoon climate make it incredibly vulnerable to natural disasters, including floods and cyclones. Bangladesh is home to 160 million people - four fifths of whom live on less than £1.30 a day - making it one of the most densely populated countries on earth.

Every year, when the snow melts on the Himalayas, the Brahmaputra river swells and sends water into homes, spoiling crops and ruins families' only possessions. Homes can be destroyed, children swept away in rapid water and the land on which poor communities' lives are built on washed away. The people living beside this precarious river live in constant fear, and never feel safe or a place to call home.

Christian Aid believes the most vulnerable do not have to be swept away by the tide of poverty – however vast these problems may be, there are solutions.

Christian Aid partner GUK works with both women and men in poor rural communities beside the Brahmaputra river affected by the effects of climate change, including rising river waters, to give them somewhere that is safe, secure and dry to live.

GUK is supporting families suffering with the consequences of annual floods and is providing families, like mum-of-three Feroza's, with earth plinths to raise their homes 6-8ft above water, creating a safe place for them to rebuild their home and safely keep livestock. They are being introduced to new seeds for the new environment so they can grow essential crops.

Feroza, whose home has been swept away seven times, now has a flood-proof home, and the chance of creating a safe, secure future for her family.

She has received a Home Safety Package and the chance of creating a safe, secure future for her family. A Christian Aid Home Safety Package (£250) has also provided her with a goat, seeds and a wormery, all of which will give her a long-term income.

For the first time, her life is free from fear and her family are thriving. She said: "I had a dream but I did not have the ability to fulfil that dream. Now I can think about how to go further. Before it was just a daydream."

Help transform the lives of our global neighbours this Christian Aid Week by donating online at www.caweek.org, calling 08080 006 006, or texting 'SAFE' to 70040 to give £5.

(PLEASE ALSO SEE PAGE 5 for more Christian Aid news)

Vote now in the Radio Times Faith Award

Every year the Sandford St Martin Trust collaborates with the Radio Times magazine to celebrate the best TV programmes exploring issues of faith. Readers are invited to vote for their favourite from a shortlist of six programmes chosen by the magazine's writers and TV critics, below.

You can vote

online: radiotimes.com/sandford by
email: sandford@radiotimescomps.co.uk
or by **post** at: Radio Times/Sandford St Martin Trust Readers' Award, PO Box 501, Leicester LE94 0AA.

The vote closes on 8 May 2016*. If you vote for the winner you could win £1,000.

THE SHORTLIST

1. THE ARK

30 March 2015 **BBC1**
A touching and impressive one-off drama telling the Flood story, by former *EastEnders* writer Tony Jordan.

2. SONGS OF PRAISE FROM THE JUNGLE, CALAIS

16 August 2015 **BBC1**
Empathy and compassion shone through as Sally Magnusson and her film crew visited the makeshift church in the Calais migrant camps.

3. CALL THE MIDWIFE

15 February 2015 **BBC1**
RT's TV editor Alison Graham calls it "TV's most subversive show". And this episode, in which Sister Julianne's faith is tested when a mother refuses medicine for her baby, is no exception.

4. A SONG FOR JENNY

5 July 2015 **BBC1**
To mark the 10th anniversary of the London bombings, this factual drama with Emily Watson explored Anglican vicar Julie Nicholson's response to her daughter's death by the terrorists' bombs.

5. DAVID SUCHET IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PETER

3 April 2015 **BBC1**
The actor's enthused and skilled guide to the story of Peter, as told in the gospels.

6. CHILDREN OF THE GAZA WAR

8 July 2015 **BBC2**
In 2014, more than 500 children were killed in a 51-day war. Lyse Doucet, the BBC's chief international correspondent followed kids on both sides of the conflict, divided by religion.

St Paul's Parochial Church Council (PCC) 2016 - 2017

Vicar:
Rev Geoff Eales

Church Wardens:
Mike Tedstone
Caroline Baker

Deanery Synod (2014-2017)

Tony Griffin
Deb Low

Elected members:

2013 - 2016 Diana Connolly
2014 - 2017 Colin Devereux
2015 - 2018 Mike Jenkins
2015 - 2018 Carole Kitchen
2016 - 2019 Nancy Whyte
2016 - 2019 Dennis Palmer

Ex-Officio members:

John Leddy - **PCC Treasurer**
Mike Low - **PCC Secretary**
Sally Leddy - **Benefice Safeguarding Officer**

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Churchwardens:
Sally George
Roger Baker

Deputy Churchwarden:
Sue Baker

Elected Members:

2014 - 2017 Jessica Tweddle
2015 - 2018 Michael Hodgson
2015 - 2018 Jo Coates
2015 - 2018 Paula Rhodes
2016 - 2019 Elaine Evans

Co-opted members
Sharon Cooper (**Assistant Treasurer**)

Ex-Officio Members:

David Read (**PCC Treasurer**)
Michelle Cardi (**PCC Secretary**)
Sally Leddy (**Benefice Safeguarding Officer**)

REMEMBER TO VISIT THE CHURCH TENT WHEN AT THE BATH AND WEST SHOW (1-4 June)

Come and find us at our new venue near the Bandstand and the society offices.

While your children are given activities you can rest with a free cup of Fairtrade tea or percolated coffee and biscuit.

Enjoy the flower arrangements or spend time in the prayer corner.

Browse the regular Christian bookshop and shop for fairly traded food and goods from around the world.

Learn about The Farming Community Network.

Receive a warm welcome and go out refreshed.

Classified Services Directory



Slots available from £6 per issue - please contact the Parish Office for details (page 8)

Don't forget when responding to an Advert in our Directory to mention the Parish News

ADVANCE NOTICE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 11th June
Queen's 90th Birthday - Big Day of Celebrations at Worlebury
St Paul's School - Look out for details

Week commencing 18th July
Week of Guided Prayer @ St Peter's
Benefice event look out for lists in Church

Saturday 13th August
Tower, Tours & Teas
at St Paul's Church, Kewstoke

August - Holiday Club at St Paul's Church, Kewstoke

Saturday 5th November
Confirmations

PHOTOCOPIES

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6p per A4 copy (100+ copies only 5p per copy)
8p per A3 copy (100+ copies only 7p per copy)
Colour copying also available from 12p
Prices correct at time of going to print
(For contact details please see page 8)



1st Wed of each month, 2pm in St Jude's Hall

During our last meeting we were fortunate to have Alan Calaminus speak to us. He entertained us with some very amusing antidotes that happened to him during his amateur dramatics. From scenery falling to falling headlong onto the stage - the show must go on, whatever happens. Thank you Alan it did us all a power of good to laugh till we cried.

Five members were presented with long membership certificates, Maureen Clarke (67 yrs), Liz Vincent (56 yrs), Pauline Tapley, Daphne Layton and Alberta Mills (50yrs), Well Done Ladies !

Our next meeting - May 4th @ 2pm. The Rev Ann Farmer will be with us . All are Welcome.

Corporate Communion is held on the 3rd Wednesday each month.

God Bless you, Ann and Committee.

Bishops Letter

May is a special month. Not least because it is the month in which I was born. No special Birthday this year however and I'm not sure if I really want to keep counting! However it is also in this month that we mark the Birthday of the Church: the day of Pentecost, the day when the Spirit of God set his people alight with the wonder of what God had done for them. Those new believers couldn't help but tell their story.

During the week leading up to Pentecost (May 8-15) Archbishops Justin and Sentamu are calling on us all to pray in the words of the Lord, as he taught us to say, 'Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done'. They are encouraging us to pray for the evangelisation of the nation.

Within the diocese we are beginning to make our first strategic priority one of 'putting mission and evangelism at the heart of all we do'. This means that we want to make sure we stay true to that initial purpose of what the Church is all about, the same purpose as that small gathering of believers who wanted to share their story of faith with others.

'Mission statements' are common practice for most companies let alone churches these days. However the word 'evangelism' can make us feel somewhat uncomfortable. All the talk of radicalism and fundamentalism in the media can make us fearful of using the word. Perhaps some of us have even experienced an over-zealous believer seeking to browbeat us into thinking as they do. However it would be a shame to allow the baby to get thrown out with the bathwater.

Christ's last words to his disciples after his resurrection and before he left them to return to his Father, were "Go to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples." Evangelism means 'good news', or in it's active sense, 'bringing or announcing good news'. So what's so wrong with that?

The Old Testament tells a wonderful story of four lepers who, during the siege of Samaria by the Syrian army, decided that as they were already rejected by their families and starving they might as well throw themselves on the mercy of the enemy. On arriving in the camp they discover it abandoned and so stuff themselves with the abundant food remaining and claim the spoils of war. And then they think, "We shouldn't be doing this! We have good news and we shouldn't keep it to ourselves." (2 Kings 7:9 GNB)

If we have discovered the life-giving bread of Christ then shouldn't we too begin sharing it?

+ Ruth Taunton

Coffee Mornings
are held on
Tuesdays
10.00-12.00
At St Paul's Church Hall,
Kewstoke
All Welcome

* NEW GROUP * ART for ART's sake!

No skill required.
A help each other, non threatening
place just to paint or draw or
just play with art.

£5 per session
to include materials
[paper, paint, pencils, crayon, pastels etc.]
or bring your own.

Fridays (During Term Time)
1.30 pm - 3.30 pm in St Jude's Hall
See Jo Coates for more details

The Ornate & the Beautiful

The Ornate & the Beautiful is a stunning new exhibition at The Bishop's Palace & Gardens opening on 16 April and running until 2 September.

The exhibition will showcase artefacts and archival material charting the rich history of textile design and beautiful artefacts of worship through the history of the Church from 14th Century to modern day. On display will be items from the collections of Downside Abbey, The Bishop's Palace and Wells Cathedral, many of which have never been on public display before.

Aside from the historic examples of vestments the exhibition will feature photographs of some of the items in use and smaller items of stunning jewellery and adornment.

The focus will be on telling the story of the fine craftsmanship and the awe inspiring beauty of the textiles and will be supplemented by interpretation contemporary to the creation of these artefacts, as well as contextual interpretation of fashions in church vestments linked to the ever changing history of the church.

**KEWSTOKE
CHURCH &
VILLAGE FETE**
Saturday 7th May
1.30pm - 4.00pm
Kewstoke Village Hall

Donations
please of
Books,
Bottles
Bric-a-Brac
Raffle prizes,
Cakes
Toys,
In fact,
ANYTHING!
**LOTS OF HELP
WANTED
ON THE DAY**
Thank you!

Diary

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

May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	26	28
29	30	31				

Sundays in May at St Peter's Church, Milton

1st	Easter 6
	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00 am Holy Communion
8th	Easter 7
	10.00 am Holy Communion
15th	Pentecost
	8.00 am Holy Communion
	10.00 am Third Sunday Family Service <i>followed by Agape Style Lunch to launch Christian Aid Week - look out for details</i>
22nd	Trinity Sunday
	10.00 am Holy Communion
29th	Trinity 2
	10.00 am Holy Communion
	3.00 pm Baptism

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Weekly Events (May)

(Check weekly noticesheets for changes)

Mondays

8.30am Celtic Morning Prayer at St Peter's Church

Tuesdays

10am—12noon Coffee Morning in St Paul's Church hall (p.6)

Wednesdays

10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Church
(3rd Wednesday Mothers' Union Corporate Communion)
11am - 12noon Bible Study in St Jude's Hall
(fortnightly - check diary/weekly noticesheet for dates)
- see Alan for further details

Thursdays

8.30am Celtic Morning Prayer at St Peter's Church
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
1.30 pm - 3.30 pm Art for Art's Sake in St Jude's hall (p. 6)
7.30pm - 9.30 pm Drama Group in St Jude's hall
see Alan for further details

Dates for your Diary (May)

2nd	Bank Holiday
4th	11.00 am Bible Study (St Jude's Hall)
	2.00 pm Mothers' Union (St Jude's Hall)
5th	Ascension Day
	<i>Nb. Polling Station in St Peter's Church & St Jude's Hall for the Police & Crime Commissioner Election</i>
	7.30 pm Joint Service @ St Paul's Church, Kewstoke - ALL WELCOME
7th	1.30 pm Kewstoke Church & Village Fete (p.3)
9th	Locking Visitations @ St Martins in Worle
12th	9.30 am Parish News deadline (manual) page 8
13th	2.30 pm Prayers for healing (page 8)
14th	12noon Wedding @ St Paul's Church, Kewstoke (Jack & Charlotte)
	Christian Aid Week 15th—21st May (see pages 2 & 5)
17th	Parish Office Closed
18th	11.00 am Bible Study (St Jude's Hall)
19th	9.30 am Parish News deadline (electronic) page 8
	7.30 pm Milton PCC Meeting (St Peter's Vestry)
21st	10.00 am Coffee Morning (St Jude's Hall) Fundraiser for Christian Aid (see opposite)
27th	7.30 pm Kewstoke PCC Meeting (St Paul's Church Hall)
30th	Bank Holiday

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



Christian Aid Week: the week we love every neighbour

Picture a young mother of four. Her husband has left. She has no land. No assets. No savings. And the only work she can get is backbreaking manual labour for as little as 74p a day. Her home has been flooded several times, and last August it flooded again. This is Morsheda. She's our neighbour, and she desperately needs our help.

From 15-21 May, our church will join with more than 20,000 others across the country for the sake of people like Morsheda. We are holding a coffee morning on Saturday 21st May from 10am – 12 noon in St Jude's Hall. Do come along to share coffee/tea/hot chocolate and cake (YES, there will be cake!) This fundraiser complements the Lent Lunches that so many of you organised, attended, enjoyed and gave (very generously)

A Home Safety Package from Christian Aid could raise Morsheda's home on an earth plinth, safe from the flood plain, and give her resources to invest in things like farm animals, seeds and a composting kit – giving her the tools she needs to build a better future. A new chance at life for Morsheda costs as little as £250.

**Can we raise enough to help someone like Morsheda? – Together we can.
Look forward to seeing you on 21st May for Coffee (AND CAKE!)**

Jacky



We believe in life before death

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