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Please see page 7 for dates the Parish Office will be closed

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Parish News Deadlines

- ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME -

PARISH NEWS DEADLINES FOR THE FEBRUARY ISSUE:
(due to be published on 26th January)

THURSDAY 14th January 2016 (MANUAL)
entries should be submitted by 9.30 am to the Parish Office,

THURSDAY 21st January 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 HC (said) Holy Communion
3rd HC (said) Family Service
4th HC (said) Holy Communion

PLEASE NOTE: commencing January 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 over the Christmas period)

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 over the Christmas period)

Tiny Teds: Tuesdays (term time only)
10am - 11.30am 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: 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

December 2015/January 2016

From the Vicar

"Right here – right now"

I write my Christmas message in the wake of the tragic and mindless killings in Paris. The idea of peace on earth and goodwill to all seemed rather futile and lost – for a moment at least – but soon came those images of buildings around the world, famous landmarks lit up with the red, white and blue of the French flag in solidarity with the people of Paris, then the messages of love and support on social media, and my faith in humankind was renewed. At our "Memories" service that same weekend, people came to remember those loved ones who have gone ahead of us. I read from Isaiah. I don't have space to include the text here, but please take a moment to read Isaiah 61 verses 1 to 3.

Read it? Good! Are you wondering when? When will the poor get that good news? When will broken hearts be bound? When will the captives be freed? And when will comfort come to those who mourn? Well, how about right here, right now? Isaiah – like many Old Testament prophets, wrote in what's called "the perfect present tense". He was so certain of the events he predicted, he wrote them as if they were happening right there. About 700 years later, Jesus stood up in His home synagogue, read these words aloud, sat down and told them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing". Needless to say it didn't go down too well, they nearly took Him outside and stoned Him to death for blasphemy. But they didn't have the benefit of hindsight, they didn't understand (or perhaps didn't accept) this was the Son of God standing before them, neither did they know how many of Isaiah's prophecies Jesus was about to fulfil. Jesus was speaking in the here and now, in the same tense as Isaiah wrote these words. "The Spirit of the Lord is on me" - not "will be", not "has been" but "is" – present tense. And when Jesus put down the scroll He said to them "Today (present tense) this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing". One is tempted to ask, was Jesus quoting Isaiah, or was Isaiah quoting Jesus?!

Isaiah foretold so much, so accurately about Jesus, from the time and place of His birth to the time, place and gruesome nature of His death - even His resurrection (Isaiah 53:11 "after He has suffered, He will see the light of life"). God revealed His entire rescue plan for mankind to Isaiah, right down to such fine detail that it's hard to imagine how anyone can find this gospel of ours unbelievable!

Isaiah 61:1-3 is written in the present tense, and our response should be the same, right here, right now. Jesus didn't just come to stamp our visas for the Kingdom of Heaven, He came to bring a taster of that Kingdom to earth today, and charged us to continue to make it happen, right here, right now. That's why He taught us to pray "Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven".

The events in Paris came as a stark and shocking reminder of the frailty of life, but life goes on – it has to – there is no plan B until the day the Lord wills it to be. In the meantime we must continue to follow His example of selfless love and compassion. Doing the will of God, loving and supporting one another, living life "in abundance" as John 10:10 instructs and doing our very best to see our friends families and neighbours do the same. This is how Isaiah's prophecy will be totally and finally fulfilled, just as Jesus Himself fulfilled it in His life and ministry.

Isaiah was so right about Jesus, so right about everything He did and said. We must surely take comfort that the day of good news to the poor, the broken-hearted, the captives, the prisoners, and all who mourn, is right here, right now. Forget silly paper crowns from a Christmas Cracker, we are to wear a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and show off that garment of praise instead of despair. It's Christmas, and the Kingdom is nearer than ever, in fact it's right here, right now! Joan and I wish you all a very blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Geoff

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



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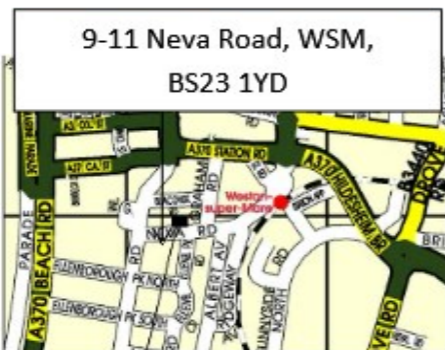


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This year we are asking for monetary donations towards the Carol Service refreshments at St Peter's on 13th December - Money can be donated to Sally or via the Parish Office

Knit for Peace

Daphne would appreciate any wool anyone could give to this group.

The stock we had is practically exhausted. Thank you to all who have already donated and which has been made up into useful items and sent to the needy.

Many thanks

Daphne Layton
(St Peter's Church)

**- ADVANCE NOTICE -
DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

Simeon Wood Concert

**Friday 15th April
7.30 pm at St Peter's Church**
Look out for more details coming early next year

For a sneak preview visit
www.simeonwood.com/Home.html

'Nativity Festival'

at St Peter's Church

Church open 9th - 13th Dec. (3pm - 7pm daily)*



If anyone has a nativity set that they are happy to loan for the display please let Jo Coates have it during the first week of December (Jo will be setting up on 6th December). If it has a story to go with it, place of origin, how long it has been in the family etc if they could write it out and Jo will get it ready to go with the set on display.

All related nativity sets accepted

Please note messages and nativity sets can also be left for Jo via the Parish Office.

***Volunteers are needed to welcome visitors, please sign up for a hourly slot on the rota in St Peter's Church**

THANK YOU

to everyone who Volunteers and helps with the running of St Peter's & St Paul's Churches - the flower arrangers, counters, the people who contribute, print and assemble the magazine, people who are involved & help with the services, refreshments, events, and all the other jobs that you do.

Your work is noticed and is

very much appreciated.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and looking forward to working with you all again next year.

The Parish Office will be closed for the following dates:

December 2015

Tues 15th

& 29th, 30th & 31st

(Office will close on Thursday 24th Dec. at 12noon & re-open on Monday 4th Jan 2016 at 9.30am)

January 2016

Tuesday 19th Jan.

Please note the Parish Office is also closed on Bank Holidays.



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

Our 75th Anniversary of St Peter's Milton Mothers' Union was duly celebrated with a cream tea and appropriately decorated cake plus a pictorial display of previous M.U. activities.. The tables decorated with flowers looked very festive and inviting and we were delighted to welcome both Alberta and Pauline, our indoor members, and Betty Whiting as Guest, as a former branch Leader of St Peter's M.U.

The minutes book recording the first meeting in 1940, also a letter from the Queen thanking us for our good wishes on her Golden Jubilee, amongst other memorabilia. A goodtime was had by all and Bridget thanked Margaret Harrison for her detailed planning and work, also her helpers.

Our Christmas lunch at the Beachlands Hotel on Wednesday 2nd December will complete this years' activities. We look forward to our 1st meeting on Wednesday 6th January 2016 (Don't forget subscriptions of £19) when we have Pat Haise talking on 'Holiday Diary'

See you there
God Bless You
Ann & Committee



FAMILY FUN TIME
at St Paul's Church Hall, Kewstoke

Saturday
5th December
3pm - 4.30pm

Get together with your family, friends and neighbours for free games, snacks and crafts.

Places limited so book now to avoid disappointment:
07980 384034 (Juliet)

A Date for your Diary!
Wednesday
9th December
10.00-12noon.

Kaye will be hosting a
'**coffee & mince**
pies morning'
at her home.

More details to follow!
- Please see St Paul's
Church, Kewstoke,
Sunday Noticesheets
for details

ChAt

Chaplaincy About Town, now incorporated in the Lighthouse Hub Building, North Street. Still welcomes it's previous friends plus all newcomers needing help now.

A Christmas Coffee Morning with cakes and coffee plus raffle, will be held on **Saturday 12th Dec. 10.30am - 12noon** for all to come and chat at the United Reform Church in the Boulevard, we look forward to seeing you there!



Stories

Toys



TINY TEDS STAY & PLAYGROUP

Tuesdays - term time -
Kewstoke church hall

(at the bottom of Monk's Hill)

10-11.30am

Call Juliet on 07980 384034 for more info.

Tiny Teds: friendly and informal but with structure and routine to start to prepare your little ones for pre-school

Enjoy a snack and chat with other parents/carers



Songs



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Jane and I have recently become grandparents for the first time and there is something very precious and wonderful about new life. This year there is a new baby in our family. And as Christmas approaches, we all find ourselves thinking about the image of baby Jesus lying in the manger. Our mind's eye paints a picture of an infant asleep in a stable. We might imagine his crying or laughter as he reacts to those around him; a tiny little figure in a fragile world. From the moment of his birth, Jesus is responding to those around him, longing to hear their voice.

In Jesus, God comes to us as an infant: approachable, pure, and eager for us to come close to him. As a child Jesus reaches out, arms outstretched eager for a response. Thirty three years later those same arms would reach out on the cross, outstretched and open to the world in love and forgiveness.

As we enjoy Christmas with our friends and family let's be reminded of this image. Let's pray for God's blessing and peace for all those in troubled parts of the world and pray they hear God's call and respond with love. Let us also pray for God's peace and blessing to fill our own lives and the lives of those around us.

Amidst all the noise and distraction of Christmas let's find a moment to be still and listen again to the call of Jesus. The Christmas message is as loud and clear today as any baby's cry: Jesus, the Saviour of the World, is here and he's yearning to hear our voice. May we respond by saying: 'O Come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.'

With warm best wishes,

+Peter Bath and Wells



St Peter's Church, Milton
invites you to a

NATIVITY FESTIVAL

A Church full of Nativity sets, of all shapes and sizes from all around the World.

9th - 13th December
3.00 pm - 7.00 pm

Tea, coffee & mince pies
will be available

Come and get into the **REAL**
Christmas Spirit!



Carol Services

At St Peter's Church, Milton
Sunday 13th December

3.00 pm

Carol Service

followed by refreshments and another chance to see the Nativity Festival

(incorporating Carols for the Housebound & Disabled)

At St Paul's Church, Kewstoke
Sunday 20th December

4.00 pm

Candle-lit Carol Service

All Welcome

Diary

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

December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Sundays in December at St Peter's

6th	Advent 2 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00 am Christingle Service (no Holy Communion)
13th	Advent 3 8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00 am Holy Communion 3.00 pm Carol Service (page 3 & 7) <i>followed by another opportunity to see the Nativity Festival (page 3 & 7)</i>
20th	Advent 4 8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00 am 'Happy Birthday Jesus' Family service
27th	Christmas 1 8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00 am Holy Communion

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Sundays in December at St Paul's

6th	Advent 2 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00 am Holy Communion
13th	Advent 3 8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00 am 'Christingle' All age Worship 2.00 pm Thanksgiving Service
20th	Advent 4 8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00 am Holy Communion 4.00 pm Carol Service
27th	Christmas 1 8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00 am Holy Communion

Weekly Events (December/January)

(Check weekly noticesheets for changes)

Mondays

8.30am Celtic Morning Prayer at St Peter's Church

Tuesdays (term time only)

10 am - 11.30am 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
(3rd Wednesday Mothers' Union Corporate Communion)
(Please note no Service on 23rd & 30th December)
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
7.30pm - 9.30 pm Drama Group in St Jude's hall
see Alan for further details

Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Christmas tree in St Peter's Church, on Friday 11th December at 6.30 pm
Refreshments will be available

Dates for your Diary (December)

5th	3.00 pm 'Family Fun Time' (see p.5)
9th	10.00 am 'Coffee & Mince Pies' (see p.6) 3pm-7pm Nativity Festival @ St Peter's (p.3 & 7)
10th	3pm-7pm Nativity Festival @ St Peter's (p.3 & 7)
11th	2.30 pm Prayers for healing (page 8) 3pm-7pm Nativity Festival @ St Peter's (p.3 & 7) 6.30 pm Christmas Tree @ St Peter's (see above)
12th	10.30am ChAt Coffee Morning (p.6) 3pm-7pm Nativity Festival @ St Peter's (p.3 & 7)
15th	Parish Office Closed
16th	11.00 am Bible study (St Jude's Hall)
24th	12.00 noon Parish Office Closes (reopens 4/1/16)

CHRISTMAS EVE

&

CHRISTMAS DAY

(see page 5)



Christmas at St Peter's Church, Milton

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, 24th December

4.00 pm Crib service
11.30 pm Midnight Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, 25th December

9.30 am Christmas Communion

Christmas at St Paul's Church, Kewstoke

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, 24th December

4.00 pm Crib service
11.30 pm First Communion of Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, 25th December

9.30 am Holy Communion (sung)

Sundays in January at St Peter's

3rd	8.00 am Epiphany (Christmas 2) Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00 am Holy Communion
10th	10.00 am 1st Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion
17th	8.00 am 2nd Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion followed by 8.30 am Breakfast Club 10.00 am Family service
24th	10.00 am 3rd Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion
31st	10.00 am 4th Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion

Sundays in January at St Paul's

3rd	8.00 am Epiphany (Christmas 2) Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00 am Holy Communion
10th	8.00 am 1st Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion 10.00 am All Age Worship
17th	8.00 am 2nd Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion 10.00 am Holy Communion
24th	8.00 am 3rd Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion 10.00 am Holy Communion
31st	8.00 am 4th Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00 am Holy Communion

January 2016

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Dates for your Diary (January)

1st	NEW YEARS DAY
6th	2.00 pm Mothers' Union (St Jude's Hall) p.6
8th	2.30 pm Prayers for Healing (p.8)
11th	10.30 am Meeting re Women's World Day of Prayer (St Jude's Hall)
14th	9.30 am Parish News Deadline (manual) p.8 Nb. Parish Office will close at 11am today 11.30 am Joint Benefice Planning meeting @ St Paul's Church hall, Kewstoke
19th	Parish Office Closed (page 7)
21st	9.30 am Parish News Deadline (electronic) p.8 7.30 pm Milton PCC meeting (Vestry)

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