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**The Parish Office opening hours are:**  
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**Parish News Deadlines**

- ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME -

**PARISH NEWS DEADLINES FOR THE MARCH ISSUE:**

**(due to be published on 23rd February)**

**THURSDAY 11th February 2016 (MANUAL)**  
 entries should be submitted by 9.30 am to the Parish Office,

**THURSDAY 18th February 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 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**



*February 2016*

**From the Vicar**

I write this after Sunday lunch of bacon and eggs (delicious thanks Joan) having giving St Peter's quite a "roughing up" this morning. I was preaching on the "many parts but one body" (1 Cor 12) and how some people are in danger of becoming "spare parts". I think I may have been a little carried away, so before I continue I need to assure you all (on both sides of the hill) how much I appreciate everything you do for the Lord in our churches. I made the point about spare parts because over the years I've put many a good and potentially useful thing in my garage thinking it may come in handy one day. The problem is that if or when that day ever comes, I either can't find it or it's become broken or rusty (or both). How can we prevent ourselves from such a fate? **Praise the Lord!**

I was planning to do something on Isaiah this Lent, but after searching high and low I couldn't find anything suitable, yet as soon as someone asked if we could do something on praise I suddenly found loads of material. That's what we call the workings of the Spirit! So instead of Isaiah (who is still waiting in the wings) our Lent Course this year will look at how we are citizens of heaven, and in our heavenly home they praise God all day and every day. So we should be doing the same—constantly singing the Lord's song in this strange land - rejoicing in the sure and certain promise that we are on our way home. We are "ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven" as the famous hymn puts it, and no matter how much pain, temptation and misery the enemy may throw at us, we can laugh it back in his face. How do we do that? **Praise the Lord!**

When we are praising God we're not thinking of all the things piling up on our "to-do" lists, we're not worrying about what tomorrow may bring, and we're not fretting about something that happened yesterday. (Remember—when the devil reminds you of your past, just remind him of his future). Best of all, when we are praising God we are being powerful witnesses to the people around us. No one likes a long face, but smiles are infectious! Our Lent course follows the usual home-group slots of Wednesday mornings and Thursday mornings + evenings, with an addition session on Sunday afternoons at 3pm. More details can be found on page 3. The name of our course? **Praise the Lord!**

Speaking of the enemy, we've been under attack again at St Peter's, with graffiti and criminal damage to our recently landscaped garden of remembrance. The police know whose behind it all and it's just a matter of time before they catch them red-handed. To help we are installing CCTV cameras and getting back into the habit of setting the alarm system every night. This is quite a logistical nightmare as so many people currently have access. So we'll be changing the codes on the door in the very near future, which means that if you have the door-code you will have to ask Michelle for the new one AND the alarm codes. Ideally the fewer people in possession of these codes the better for security and administration purposes, so if you don't really need regular access we'd rather you arrange your visits when Michelle is in the office. One thing we can all do is to PRAY for protection of our church buildings and grounds.

Yours in Christ

*Geoff*





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## - ADVANCE NOTICE - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 6th March - Mothering Sunday

Sunday 20th March - Palm Sunday

Easter Services - see page 5

Saturday 2nd April - Coffee Morning (see page 6)

Sunday 10th April -APCM for St Peter's Church

### 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](http://www.simeonwood.com/Home.html)

Sunday 17th April - APCM for St Paul's Church

Thursday 5th May - Ascension Day

7.30 pm Joint Service at St Paul's Church, Kewstoke

Saturday 7th May - Kewstoke Fete (1pm - 4pm)

Sunday 15th May - Pentecost

15th - 21st May Christian Aid Week

Saturday 21st May - Coffee Morning @ St Peter's

10am - 12noon raising funds for Christian Aid

Sunday 22nd May - Trinity Sunday

Thursday 9th June - Confirmations

at St Paul's Church, WsM

Wednesday 29th June - Ss Peter & Paul

7.30pm Patronal Prayer & Praise

Joint Service at St Paul's Church, Kewstoke

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

at Wells Cathedral (2pm)

# Thank You

to everyone who helped over Christmas, either with their time or monetary donations

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on the following dates:

Tuesday 16th February

Tuesday 15th March

Tuesday 12th April

Mon 18th - Fri 22nd April

(Office would close on

Fri 15th April & re-open

on Mon 25th April)

Tuesday 17th May

Tuesday 14th June

Tuesday 12th July

Mon 18th - Fri 22nd July

(Office would close on

Fri 15th July & re-open

on Mon 25th July)

Tuesday 16th August

Tuesday 13th September

Mon 3rd - Fri 7th October

(Office would close on

Fri 30th Sept & re-open

on Mon 10th October)

Tuesday 18th October

Friday 4th November

Monday 7th November

Tuesday 15th November

Tuesday 13th December

28th 29th & 30th December

(for Christmas - the Office

would close on

Friday 23rd Dec & re-open on

Tues 3rd Jan 2017)

The Office will also be closed on Bank Holidays

## 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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(For contact details please see page 8)





1<sup>st</sup> Wed of each month, 2pm in St Jude's Hall

We started our New Year programme with a very entertaining talk and projector show by Pat Hase well known in the U3A and many other organisations to whom she has given varied talks.

'A Holiday Diary 1836' (1 yr before Victoria became Queen) was written by an astute, 'Tight-fisted' business man with wife and daughters who came to Weston-super-Mare from Birmingham to 'Take the air'. Travelling by stage coach – outside – would have been quite an ordeal for them, but it was cheaper! Mainly the benefits were fully enjoyed by him, whether or not his wife and daughters did.

In the process of the story we learned many facts of old Bristol and Weston-super-Mare, which were intriguing.

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan @ 10.30am THE ANNUAL WAVE OF PRAYER is being held at St Paul's, Walliscote Road, in the Chapel, and all M.U. members are welcomed.

'Family History is the title for Rev Bob Coates as speaker at our next meeting on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016 See you there !

God Bless you all  
Ann & Committee

## - Advance Notice - Women's World Day Of Prayer

This year's Women's World Day of Prayer is to be held at:  
**St Peter's Church  
on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March  
from 10.30 am -12 noon approx.**

All are welcome to come and share in this lovely Ecumenical service written by the women of Cuba entitled 'Receive Children, Receive me'.



The service includes refreshments with a Cuban theme.

Jacky Mason



## Handmade cards by Michelle

Michelle is launching her new range of handmade greetings cards at a Coffee Morning on:

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
from 10am – 12 noon  
in St Jude's Hall**

As well as Birthday cards, there will be thank you cards, sympathy cards and blank cards.

If you wish to have a design and specific words, Michelle will create a unique design just for you.

As with the Christmas cards, these cards will all have a religious theme or message.

**STOP PRESS! Easter cards will be available in Church during Lent – look out for them.**

Jacky Mason

## Bishops Letter

As the new year gets underway so our thoughts turn to spring time and new growth. Even in the midst of a wet winter and the sometimes seemingly relentless flow from news channels of strife between nations and stories of sadness for individuals, we look forward in hope.

Hope is a peculiarly Christian virtue which St Paul puts alongside faith and love and it's a mindset for everyday life, not just for the afterlife. Our trust is in the promises of Christ that this life is not the end but those same promises can also renew us daily. The world is God's good gift and we are a special and much loved part of it – individually, and collectively. Shaping our future is a part of what following Christ is all about.

As I write I am preparing for a Bishop's Staff residential at Abbey House. We will meet in a spirit of prayerful reflection, seeking wisdom in the quiet and listening carefully for the voice that calls us and compels us to action. We are looking for ways to grow the church and to shape the future of what 'church' means in this part of the world. We will be rejoicing in all that we have and love and looking forward to see where the Lord is leading us. Seeking prayerfully and carefully to the call and leading of the Holy Spirit will be at the heart of all we will discuss together.

At the heart of our faith is the call to worship God, to proclaim Christ, to make disciples, to serve our communities and to further the Kingdom. The words *Sumorsæte ealle* (all the people of Somerset) come from the County motto. God's love is for "all the people of Somerset" and it is our task to be channels of that love.

As 2016 unfolds may it bring you much joy as we continue to put our faith and trust in Christ.

With warm Christian greetings

+ Peter Bath and Wells

- United Benefice of Milton & Kewstoke -

## 2016 Lent Course

# Praise the Lord!

Sunday afternoons from 14th February  
and Wednesday mornings from 17th February  
in St Jude's Hall.

From 11th February 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  
14th 21st 28th Feb & 6th 13th March

Wednesday mornings, 11.00am, St Jude's Hall, Milton  
17th 24th Feb & 2nd 9th 16th March

Thursday mornings,  
10.00am, St Paul's Church Hall, Kewstoke  
11th 18th 25th Feb & 3rd 10th March

Thursday evenings,  
7.30pm, at Beth's (13 Westbrook Road)  
11th 18th 25th Feb & 3rd 10th March

There will be 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 Peter's, Milton -  
Lent Lunches

There will be Lent lunches served every Wednesday through Lent, 12noon in St Jude's Hall

There will also be lent lunches throughout Holy Week (Mon - Thurs), with bible readings and a collection for Christian Aid

## Ash Wednesday

- 10th February-

## Quiet Day

*led by Victor Barley*

at St Peter's Church  
Begins with Holy Communion at 10am,  
due to end about 2.30pm  
after Lent Lunch & Prayer

## Holy Communion

7.30 pm at St Paul's Kewstoke  
at St Paul's Church, Kewstoke

## - All Welcome -

- St Paul's, Kewstoke -  
Lent Lunches

Look out for dates and details coming soon

# Diary

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

## February 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	27
28	29					

### Sundays in February at St Peter's

<b>7th</b>	<b>Last after Epiphany</b> 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00 am Holy Communion
<b>14th</b>	<b>Lent 1</b> 10.00 am Holy Communion 3.00 pm Lent Course (St Jude's hall)
<b>21st</b>	<b>Lent 2</b> 8.00 am Holy Communion followed by 8.30 am Breakfast Club 10.00 am Third Sunday Family Service 3.00 pm Lent Course (St Jude's hall)
<b>28th</b>	<b>Lent 3</b> 10.00 am Holy Communion 3.00 pm Lent Course (St Jude's hall)

**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

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<b>14th</b>	<b>Lent 1</b> 8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00 am All Age Worship
<b>21st</b>	<b>Lent 2</b> 8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00 am Holy Communion
<b>28th</b>	<b>Lent 3</b> 8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00 am Holy Communion

### Weekly Events (February)

(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)  
11am - 12noon Lent Course in St Jude's Hall (p.3)

#### 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)  
**Please note from 11th February both of the Weekly House Groups will be hosting the Lent Course (p. 3)**

#### 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

### Dates for your Diary (February)

3rd	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union (St Jude's Hall)
6th	12.00noon	Baptism @ St Paul's Church, Kewstoke
8th	1.30 pm	Funeral - Pamela Kellaway @ St Paul's Church, Kewstoke
10th		<b>ASH WEDNESDAY (page 3)</b> 10am - 2.30 pm Quiet Day @ St Peter's 7.30 pm Joint Holy Communion @ St Paul's
11th	9.30 am	Parish News deadline (manual)
12th	2.30 pm	Prayers for healing (page 8)
16th		Parish Office Closed
17th	12.00noon	Lent Lunch (St Jude's Hall) page 3
22nd	10.30 am	Rehearsal: Women's World Day of Prayer @ St Peter's 6.00 pm Guides Thinking Day Service @ St Peter's
24th	12.00noon	Lent Lunch (St Jude's Hall) page 3
27th	5.00 pm	Blessing - Mark & Zoe @ St Paul's Church, Kewstoke 7.00 pm Bold Brass & the Baytree Singers Concert @ St Peter's Church (page 5)



# Concert Bold Brass & The Baytree Singers on Saturday 27th February

Followed by Refreshments

7.00 pm at St Peter's Church  
Tickets available on the door (£5 each)



### ADVANCE NOTICE

# Easter 2016

## Holy Week

St Peter's Church will be open 11am - 2pm during the week (21st - 24th)

for quiet reflection at the tableau. There will also be Lent Lunches, with bible

readings and a collection for Christian Aid in St Jude's Hall at 12noon

### 24th March - Maundy Thursday

7.30pm United Holy Communion @ St Peter's

All welcome (nb. no service at St Paul's)

### 25th March - Good Friday

10am Easter Garden (activities for Children and families) @ St Paul's

2pm "At the Cross" Service @ St Paul's

2pm "At the Cross" Service @ St Peter's

### 27th March - Easter Sunday

8am Holy Communion & 10am Holy Communion @ St Peter's

8am Holy Communion & 10am Holy Communion @ St Paul's

**- All Welcome -**