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The Parish Office opening hours are:
Mon-Fri 9.30am to 12noon (Wed. 10.30am to 12noon)
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Parish News Deadlines

- ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME -
PARISH NEWS DEADLINES FOR
THE APRIL ISSUE:
(due to be published on 22nd March)

THURSDAY 10th March 2016 (MANUAL)
entries should be submitted by 9.30 am to the Parish
Office,
THURSDAY 17th March 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**



March 2016

From the Vicar

Poor Gill Putnam recently discovered what it's like to be unwanted, rejected and "persona non grata" as she returned to Jerusalem following her Christmas break. On arrival at the airport she was frog-marched into the immigration office and interrogated by a non-too-gracious lady, who told her in no uncertain terms that she had overstayed her welcome and had one week to leave the country, not returning until she had all the right papers and visa to stay and work there. There has followed a long and frustrating process including a new passport and many conversations with the Israeli Embassy. As I write, Gill is still waiting for her new passport and all the paperwork necessary to return to her work with Bat-Col. It is a real eye-opener for Gill as indeed it should be for us, to remember the plight of the thousands of people fleeing their war-torn and desperate homelands for a better life where they can bring up their children in peace and safety. Please pray for Gill that she might return to what God is calling her to do—and for those poor and desperate refugees. On a more positive note, Gill has suggested that we might consider a parish trip to the Holy Land as she has all the connections, hotels and expert guides to help us. Might this interest you? Please let me know if you would be interested in a trip sometime next year.

The good news this month is that our Zambia-Link money, which has been held in Wells for several years, is finally winging its way to All Saints Mbala, where it will be put to good and much needed work in the churches and vicarage. I hope this will inspire us all into renewing our pen-links with the folk we've been writing to, and that a much stronger and closer bond will be renewed between our two churches. If you have lost touch with your pen-pals, or joined us since our Zambia link went quiet, please let me know and I will try and arrange a new pal for you. They are still waiting for a new vicar, so please remember that in your prayers.

Bishop Ruth writes about mothers in this month's issue. It's now 5 years since I lost my mum and Joan and I still miss her—especially at Christmas when she used to come down and spend the holiday with us. Every Mothering Sunday we are reminded that we all have mothers, even those of us who never had the privilege of knowing them, and that we should take the opportunity to thank God for them, wherever they may now be, for the life, for the teaching, for the example they gave us to follow. This year as I wrote our Lent Course, session three reminded me of another mother we all have and depend on every day of our lives. Whether you call her Mother Earth or Mother Nature, this miraculous sphere of life supports us with air to breathe, water to drink and countless different foods to eat. We are the exact distance from the sun we need to be, we even have moon to govern the tides which wash our beaches twice every 24 hours. Add to this the fantastic variety of animals and vegetation of every shape, size and colour and we can surely say that we are truly blessed to live on such a big beautiful planet. So this Mothering Sunday let's remember our beautiful Mother Earth, and thank God for creating her so perfectly, just another reason to keep on praising the Lord!

Your servant in Christ

Geoff



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How about joining a wonderful group of volunteers and help out at the Weston Child Contact Centre?

Sessions are on the 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month between 10am and 1pm at Ashcombe Children's Centre

You can volunteer for one or more of the sessions depending on how much time you have to spare.

For more information please contact us on 07583912198
The contact centre makes it possible for children to continue relationships with non-resident parents.

Weston super Mare Flower Club



Flower Arranging Demonstrations and Workshops
St Georges Village Hall Willow Close St Georges
Weston-super-Mare BS22 7XF
Every 4th Monday Monthly
Beginners and Newcomers very welcome
Telephone 01934 415034 or 413140
for further information

Come and join us at one of our events, you don't have to be a flower arranger to enjoy an afternoon watching our demonstrators producing magnificent

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 2nd April
Coffee Morning (see page 6)

Sunday 10th /24th 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 soon

For a sneak preview visit
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)

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(For contact details please see page 8)



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

Rev Bob Coates was the speaker for our last meeting, his subject was 'Family History' and he gave us many tips on how to start researching. He volunteers weekly at the Town Public Library on Tuesdays, approx 10-12noon to help anyone, and answer questions on the subject.

He also gave us an insight into his background of Church life and Ministry from a student with a degree of Chemistry and Physics.

Our M.U. Annual General Meeting will be held at our next meeting on Wednesday March 2nd 2016 and it is important that we have a good attendance so that plans can be discussed fully. We give thanks for the smooth running of our Branch, to Margaret, Ann, Jenna, Geoff and Delia, but they need good support from the rest of us.

See you there.

God Bless you
Ann & Committee

Weston Walk of Witness Good Friday 2016



Out on the streets sharing
our love for Jesus
Friday 25th March 12.00-13.00

Carry a cross representing your church and either meet us at the start or at the Italian gardens at 12.30 (please ok from leadership).

We will be gathering at Emmanuel Church, (near the Town Hall at 12noon before processing to the Italian Gardens where we will share Testimony of the Power of the cross, worship and give out hot cross buns.

The Worle area walk of witness will meet at 11.15 outside the Co-op in Worle Highstreet where there will be a short service.



CTWD (Churches Together Weston & District)
Email: president@ctwd.org.uk
Tel: Ian 07972299185

Easter Sunday SONRISE Celebration Sunday 27th March

Please come and join us for a short service at 6.30am on the promenade between the Grand Pier entrance and the café on the left (as you face the pier).



Followed by a Churches Together breakfast at the Salvation Army Hall.



Handmade cards by Michelle

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

Saturday 2nd 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.

(Please note this date may be subject to change - please check the weekly noticesheet)

Jacky Mason

STOP PRESS! Easter cards now available in Church – look out for them.

Bishops Letter

Bishop Peter reminded us last month of the hope we have in the God of promises as we look to uncertain futures. We can trust God to remain faithful and immovable whatever our circumstances. Easter has always been a moveable feast although the Archbishop is now taking soundings from other church leaders to see whether we can 'fix a date' for Easter. I wonder how easy that will be!

We are now part way through Lent and the first Sunday of this March is Mothering Sunday which is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent. This was traditionally the day when people would gather to worship, to 'rejoice' ('laetare'), at their 'mother' church, a large local church or often the Cathedral. As this practice developed so those in service would have the opportunity for a short holiday, to return to their homes, to their mothers, often bringing small presents or gifts. It was a welcome moment of festivity in the season of abstinence and austerity. A sign of things to come...

However for some of us, Mothering Sunday can be the most painful day of the year as we remember the loss of a loving parent, whether known or not; or the bereavement of never having been able to be a parent oneself; or the death of a child we have loved and longed for. It can mean that some find it too difficult to be in church that week. Perhaps as we approach Good Friday it gives us a small insight of what it might mean to have been Mary watching her Son die on that cross.

So how about a different take on Mothering Sunday this year? We might focus on remembering those who have 'given birth' to us by inspiring our faith or where we ourselves have played a part in someone else's discovery of Jesus as a friend and Saviour. Who might you remember, give thanks for and pray for?

+ Ruth Taunton

Happy Birthday to Mothers' Union!

This year will see Mothers' Union mark 140 years of faithful Christian outreach to families of all faiths and none. Since 1876, when Mary Sumner first brought together parents in her own parish to build their confidence in bringing up their children in the Christian faith, we have grown to an organisation of over four million women - and men - in over 80 countries of the world.

Why celebrate 140th, rather than wait for 150th? In the Old Testament of the Bible, in the first book of Samuel, there is the story of Samuel marking an unlooked for victory against the mighty Philistines by erecting a stone between Mizpah and Shen, naming it "Ebenezer" meaning "stone of help" as a permanent reminder of the leading and guidance of God "Thus far has the Lord helped us".

Over the past 140 years, Mothers' Union has faced, and will continue to face, many challenges. Family life is under increasing pressure and the call on our resources is higher than ever. But we can look at how we are meeting these challenges and say, like Samuel, "Thus far has the Lord helped us."

The same chapter in Samuel recounts how throughout Samuel's lifetime the Lord helped him and Israel meet the challenges they faced. As we mark our 140th year, the future of Mothers' Union is very much on our minds. Our celebrations are not only about celebrating how God has led and blessed our mission, but how He is leading us into our future ministry, guiding us as we discern the needs in our communities that are necessary for stability for both families and society as a whole.

During 2016 over 500,000 people will benefit from Mothers' Union's support for family life. Many more will know the support of our membership without any tally being taken - because not only our programme work but in their daily lives our members support families in prayer, in voicing their support for policy changes that benefit families and in their practical support.

There has never been a more challenging, or more exciting time to be part of Mothers' Union; to be part of bringing positive change to family life. To find out how you can help Mothers' Union mark 140 years of faith in action contact your local Mothers' Union or our central Supporter Care line on 020 7227 0620 or email communications@mothersunion.org

This year's Women's World Day of Prayer is to be held at:
St Peter's Church
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.

www.wwdp.org.uk Registered Charity Number 233242

Diary

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

March 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	30	31		

Sundays in March at St Peter's

6th	Mothering Sunday (Lent 4)
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am	Holy Communion
3.00 pm	Lent Course pt 4 (St Jude's Hall)
13th	Lent 5
10.00 am	Holy Communion
3.00 pm	Lent Course pt 5 (St Jude's hall)
20th	Palm Sunday
8.00 am	Holy Communion followed by
8.30 am	Breakfast Club
10.00 am	Third Sunday Family Service
27th	Easter Day
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Holy Communion

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

Sundays in March at St Paul's

6th	Mothering Sunday (Lent 4)
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am	Holy Communion
13th	Lent 5
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	All Age Worship
20th	Palm Sunday
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Holy Communion
27th	Easter Day
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Holy Communion

Weekly Events (March)

(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)

Thursdays

8.30am Celtic Morning Prayer at St Peter's Church

Nb. Weekly House Groups:

Please note both groups will be running our Lent Course
- See weekly noticesheet for when the normal groups resume.

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 (March)

2nd	11.00 am	Lent Course pt 3 (St Jude's Hall)
	12.00 noon	Lent Lunch (St Jude's Hall)
	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union (St Jude's Hall)
3rd	10.00 am	Lent Course pt 4 (St Paul's Church Hall)
	7.30 pm	Lent Course pt 4 @ Beth's (13 Westbrook Rd)
4th	10.30am	World Women's Day of Prayer @ St Peter's All Welcome - See page 3 for details
9th	11.00 am	Lent Course pt 4 (St Jude's Hall)
	12.00 noon	Lent Lunch (St Jude's Hall)
10th	9.30 am	Parish News deadline (manual) page 8
	10.00 am	Lent Course pt 5 (St Paul's Church Hall)
	7.30 pm	Lent Course pt 5 @ Beth's (13 Westbrook Rd)
	7.30 pm	Milton PCC Meeting (St Peter's Vestry)
11th	2.30 pm	Prayers for healing (page 8)
15th		Parish Office Closed
16th	11.00 am	Lent Course pt 5 (St Jude's Hall)
	12.00 noon	Lent Lunch (St Jude's Hall)
17th	9.30 am	Parish News deadline (manual) page 8
(see 'Lent & Easter 2016' opposite for service dates & details)		
24th	9.30 am	Worlebury School Easter Service @ St Peter's
30th	11.00 am	Bible study (St Jude's hall) - tbc

Lent & Easter 2016

- United Benefice of Milton & Kewstoke -

Praise the Lord!

2016 Lent Course continues

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.

Sunday afternoons, 3.00pm, St Jude's Hall, Milton

(6th & 13th March)

Wednesday mornings, 11.00am, St Jude's Hall, Milton

(2nd 9th & 16th March)

Thursday mornings, 10.00am, St Paul's Church Hall, Kewstoke

(3rd & 10th March)

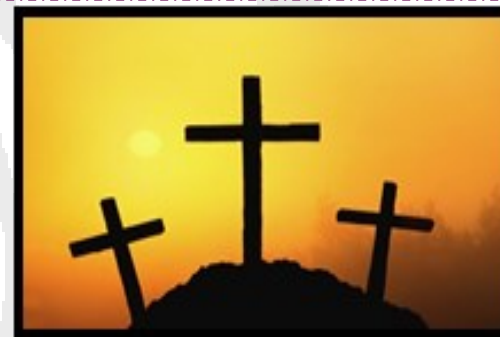
Thursday evenings, 7.30pm, at Beth's (13 Westbrook Road)

(3rd & 10th March)

Lent Lunches

There will be Lent lunches served every Wednesday through Lent, 12noon at St Peter's 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



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

11am - 2pm @ St Peter's Milton, Church open (see Holy Week details above)

8am - 6.30 pm Day of Prayer @ St Paul's Church, Kewstoke

(Look out for more details or see Deb Low)

7.30pm United Holy Communion @ St Peter's

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

25th March - Good Friday

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

12noon Walk of Witness at Emmanuel Church (Churches Together Event) page 6

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

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

27th March - Easter Sunday

6.30 am Easter Sunday SONRISE Celebration on Weston promenade (Churches Together Event) page 6

8am Holy Communion & 10am Holy Communion @ St Peter's Church, Milton

8am Holy Communion & 10am Holy Communion @ St Paul's Church, Kewstoke

- All Welcome -