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The Parish Office opening hours are:
Mon-Fri 9.30am to 12noon (Wed. 10.30am to 12noon)
Please note the Parish Office will be closed 12th - 16th & 20th October

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Parish News Deadlines

- ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME -

PARISH NEWS DEADLINES FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE:
(due to be published on 27th October)

THURSDAY 15th October 2015 (MANUAL)
entries should be submitted by 9.30 am to the Parish Office,

THURSDAY 22nd October 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
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)

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)
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

October 2015

From the Vicar

St Peter's PCC recently agreed to reduce their 8am communion services to two a month, on the first and third Sundays. I'm hoping St Paul's will follow suite, hosting the second and fourth Sundays. This would mean that when your 10am service is "All Age", communion will be available at the 8am in your "home" church. This is all to be confirmed but I felt the need to mention it here as there seem to be some misunderstandings.

First of all I need to stress that this is not entirely due to a shortage of clergy, (although it must be said that most of my retired colleagues would prefer not to rise at such an early hour, especially as the cold, dark winter mornings approach!) This matter came to the fore when I tried unsuccessfully to arrange 8am holiday cover for September/October. Bearing in mind our faithful but ageing clergy and with no guarantee of any others coming to retire here, this shortage is unlikely to improve. But there is also a matter of falling congregation numbers at these services. On recent Sundays we've been as low as 4 on both sides of the hill. John Hayward has kindly agreed to continue with the 8ams, (including 5th Sundays and my holidays) but even he agrees these days are numbered and we should be proactive in preparing for the inevitable. I understand some people are planning to come to the 8am communions to help the regulars "save their service". This is somewhat misguided as the regulars have seen this coming for some time and have raised absolutely no objections—in fact, some admit they only come every week to support the clergy!

We are however, a United Benefice - one church – and I thank those St Paul's folk who supported St Peter's 50th anniversary, this was also noticed and appreciated by the Bishop when he came. St Peter's will continue to hold the 10am communion service on Wednesdays and those who missed their 8am on a Sunday will be made more than welcome at that service.

Another misrepresentation heard recently is the word "permanent". This is not a case of managing decline, but focussing of efforts with the resources currently at our disposal. I prefer to be proactive in rationalising our mission as one church – *for now*. I'll never forget one particular prophet of doom, who predicted St Peter's would be closed in six months' time. That was about ten years ago! Both our churches have had, and will continue to experience times of growth *and* decline. I never say "never" and I never say "forever". Who knows what the Lord may bring in the years to come? These measures are by no means an admission of defeat, neither are they permanent—we are simply cutting the cloth *for now* and will continue to monitor things.

This proposal will make no difference to the current level at which I serve you. I will still lead two communion services every Sunday just as before. The difference will come when we no longer need to seek cover for holidays and sickness, with this new arrangement, all services could be covered by one priest and – as already mentioned – John remains available for the foreseeable future.

As mentioned at the top, this is all in the pipeline and everyone will be given plenty of notice as and when it begins. However, you will be getting a taste of things to come on September 20th when John is taking the 8am at St Paul's and there will be no service at St Peter's. The following Sunday (27th) things will reverse with the 8am at St Peter's and none at St Paul's. On the last Sunday of my holiday (Oct 4th) John will be back at St Paul's and there will be no 8am at St Peter's. I thank you in advance for what I know will be your most gracious and generous patience and understanding.

Your servant in Christ,

Geoff

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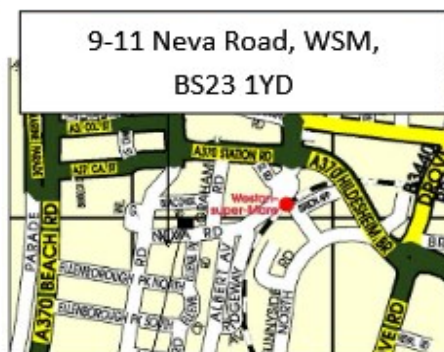


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Tax Justice

The Diocese of Bath and Wells has joined with Christian Aid South West to call for tax justice and raise awareness of the impact of tax dodging not only in our country, but for developing countries such as Zambia.

Changes in tax laws, systems and practices can have a hugely positive impact on the financial resources available for ending poverty. Taxation enables governments to build infrastructure, provide schools, hospitals and healthcare. It enables the creation of a safety net for the most vulnerable in society. In many developing countries, multinational companies dodge paying tax which means those countries lose vital income that they could use to lift themselves out of poverty, instead of being reliant on aid.

Calling for Tax Justice: discussion starters for church groups

As part of our commitment to the generous sharing of the Earth's resources and for tax systems that work for the good of all, we have worked with Christian Aid to produce a booklet for churches which can be used as a discussion starter for church groups.

'As Christians we are called to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God. This new resource gives us the opportunity to learn about the issue of tax justice, the impact of tax avoidance on our brothers and sisters in Zambia and reflect upon the role we can play in bringing good news to the poor' The Right Reverend Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells.

Featuring examples from Zambia, the booklet is designed to encourage reflection on the issue of tax, the role it plays in building a fairer society and the role Christians in Somerset can play. It includes practical ways we can give, act or pray together to make a difference as individuals and churches.

Download the document from www.bathandwells.org.uk or email Josie Halla to receive a hard copy.

For more information please visit www.christianaid.org.uk/southwest or contact the Bristol office on 01454 415 923 or email bristol@christian-aid.org.

Serving Your Local Community

Have you ever thought of becoming a Church School Foundation Governor?

The Diocesan Board of Education (the DBE) appoints over 400 foundation governors to be part of the governing body of its family of 180 Church of England schools across the Diocese.

Governing bodies are crucial in the successful running and management of schools and the people who give up their time to volunteer as school governors do so in the knowledge that they are serving their community and making a real difference to the lives of children.

As a new initiative, the DBE is looking to develop a 'pool' of volunteers who would be willing to serve as foundation governors to fill existing and future vacancies. In order to do this, we are working with SGOSS (School Governor One Stop Shop), a government funded, not-for-profit organisation who help recruit governors to schools across the country. Look out for the advertising campaign that will be coming to your parish soon!

For more about governance in Church of England schools, visit the Bath & Wells website at www.bathandwells.org.uk and click on the 'Supporting Children and Young People' tab, then on 'School Governance', or simply ask Geoff or Alison Deveraux.

If you think that school governance isn't for you, or that you can't commit the time, then how about volunteering as an Admissions Appeals Panel Member? Sometimes, parents are unsuccessful in securing their preferred school place for their child and on the occasions that this happens, they have a right to appeal the decision. Independent panels are set up to hear the appeal and if it is a church school, then the panel needs to have a church representative on it. Full training is provided by the Diocese's Admissions Consultant.

For further information, please contact the education department at education@bathwells.anglican.org

We look forward to hearing from you!

ADVANCE NOTICE

Details subject to change - please check future issues of the Parish News & see the Sunday Noticesheets.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, KEWSTOKE

CRAFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY, 14th NOVEMBER

10-1.00pm

KEWSTOKE VILLAGE HALL

LOTS OF WONDERFUL CRAFTS

Entry 50p

A GREAT PLACE FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

Sunday 15th November
'Memories'
Service

3pm at St Peter's Church

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)



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

Once again our Members lightened their purses and excelled themselves in choices of Biblical verses to match the goods on auction. A good time was had by all and £60 made for Mothers Union funds.

A reminder that **TUESDAY 6th October** is our next meeting when we look forward to hearing our speaker Debbie Clark from the Women's Refuge to which we contribute, especially at Christmas. We find now, that shopping vouchers etc are more acceptable than actual goods, due to transport and the availability of car drivers.

See you there
Ann and Committee

Harvest at Kewstoke

THANK YOU EVERYONE

who contributed flowers, food, time and talents to make the church so beautiful for Harvest and the lunch so good.

Also, thank you everyone who came and helped celebrate at the service and /or at the meal.

Your contribution and presence helped make the occasion special.

The arrangements were slightly different this year and your thoughts and comments would be welcome.

Mike & Caroline

Coffee Mornings

Please note Wednesday coffee mornings at St Paul's are taking a break for the Winter

They will restart in the Spring.

A big thank you to everyone for their support of the coffee mornings over the last seven months.

CHRISTIAN AID -THANK YOU



Loko had no choice but to make a back breaking, dangerous eight hour walk several times a week to collect firewood to sell – otherwise she feared her children would starve. Moved by this injustice Loko experienced, you responded. Whether you donated, collected, prayed, baked, walked, or abseiled – you did something amazing. You've helped to lighten Loko's burden by buying her the cow she so desperately needed. Loko's words say it all: 'You have brought me happiness.'

Hand Made Cards – by Michelle

Michelle is willing to make a small range of religious cards. We all know how lovely her hand made cards are and I for one would love to be able to give a special card with a bible verse and religious theme. Michelle would start by producing a few Christmas Cards and then perhaps, Birthday cards, Get Well cards and others.

Would this be of interest to you?

Please let Jacky or Michelle know if you would like this.

The plan would be to charge in the range of £1 to £2 per card with any profit split between Michelle and the Church.



RESPONDING TO THE REFUGEE CRISIS

A pastoral letter from the Bishop of Bath and Wells

We have all been shocked and upset by the recent pictures from Calais, Hungary and – most distressingly – the beach in Turkey where the body of little Aylan Kurdi was washed ashore.

It feels as if there has been a breakdown in the human race's ability to care for its weakest members. While the big picture of politics and civil war perplexes us, the individual tragedies go straight our hearts. We all want to do something.



The plans announced by the Prime Minister relate only to bringing to Britain refugees from the camps established in the countries surrounding Syria. With the vast numbers of refugees looking for support in Europe, I echo Archbishop Justin's comment that this is a slim response. There is human need on our doorstep as well. The United Kingdom could and should do more as a nation to help our European partners as they struggle to deal with all this. You may want to write to your MP about this.

Our churches have already been asking what they can do to help, and collections of money and goods have already been taking place on a more or less ad hoc basis. We see practical needs, and it is natural to want to help. However, rather than start up lots of small-scale collections, I would encourage churches to work through established agencies who are already working in the field. These agencies have the skills and experience to do this work – whether that be at Calais or in Jordan, the Lebanon, or Syria itself. As regards the people at Calais, the UK and France are well-resourced countries. The agencies on site can buy what they need if they have the money: collecting and delivering supplies may not be the most helpful thing unless it is known there are resources to deliver and distribute them fairly.

Some people have already expressed their desire to open their home to a refugee family, offering rooms or meals. This is a generous and hospitable gesture. The time is not yet right for this to happen – we will have to wait for the Government's relocation scheme to be worked out. When refugees arrive, churches will be in the forefront of those offering assistance, and we will need to do this well. It will not be an easy task. There will be issues of language, dealing with vulnerable and traumatised people, finding suitable schools, and so on. Again, we will do best to work with agencies who know what they are doing.

The Right Reverend Peter Hancock
The Bishop of Bath and Wells

In commemoration of St Francis we invite you to a

Pets Service



Saturday 10th October at 3.00pm

St Peter's Church, Baytree Road, Milton

Don't forget to bring your furry, feathered or scaled friend with you!

Healing Service

Led by Rev Bob Coates
Preacher: Rev Geoff Eales

**Sunday
25th October
4.00 pm**

at St Peter's Church, Milton

All
Welcome



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



Diary

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

Sundays in October at St Peter's

4th	Trinity 18
nb. No	8am Service at St Peter's - All Welcome at St Paul's
10.00 am	Holy Communion
11th	Trinity 19
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Holy Communion
18th	Trinity 20
8.00 am	Holy Communion
8.30 am	Breakfast Club
10.00 am	Third Sunday Family Service
25th	Last Sunday after Trinity
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Holy Communion
4.00 pm	Healing Service

Sundays in October at St Paul's

4th	Trinity 18
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am	Holy Communion
11th	Trinity 19
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	All age Worship
3.00 pm	Baptisms
18th	Trinity 20
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Holy Communion
3.00 pm	Baptism
25th	Last Sunday after Trinity
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

Weekly Events (October)

(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
 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



The service of welcome to the diocese for The new Bishop of Taunton

Archdeacon Ruth Worsley

will take place on

Saturday 3rd October 2.00 pm in Wells Cathedral,

and will be combined with the Reader Licensing service.

Everybody is most welcome!

Dates for your Diary (October)

3rd	2.00 pm	Service @ Wells Cathedral (see above)
6th	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union (St Jude's Hall) page 6 (nb different day to normal)
9th	2.30 pm	Prayers for healing (p. 8)
10th	3.00 pm	Pets Service @ St Peter's (p. 3)

The Parish Office will be closed 12th—16th & 20th October

12th	10.30am	Meeting re Women's World Day of Prayer @ St Peter's
14th	11.00 am	Bible study (St Jude's Hall)
15th	9.30 am	Parish News deadline (manual) page 8
21st	11.00 am	Bible study (St Jude's Hall)
22nd	9.30 am	Parish News deadline (electronic) page 8
24th	7.00 pm	Concert @ St Peter's (see page 5)
29th	7.30 pm	St Paul's PCC Meeting (in Church)
31st	5.30 pm	Light Party @ St Paul's (see page 5)

St Peter's Church, Milton

THANK YOU

from Sally Martin & Courtney for joining them on the 23rd August to help celebrate their birthdays.

Your presence was very much appreciated. Also a big thank you for all the cards & gifts

Saturday
24th October

Concert:
Bold Brass &
The U3A Glee Club

Followed by refreshments

7.00 pm

Tickets available

on the door

(£5 each)



St Paul's Holiday Club – 'Pyramid Rock'

A huge thank you to everyone for the great Holiday Club held at St Paul's in August. The theme was 'forgiveness', based on the life of Joseph. The children took part in crafts, games, worship, fellowship and a great sense of being part of the life of the church on a daily basis. All those who started on the Monday were there every day and they all learned the memory verse from Mathew -

If you forgive others the wrongs they have done to you, your Father in heaven will also forgive you, Matthew 6: v 14

We 'rapped' it, said it as a group and individually and discussed its meaning and implications for all of us in our everyday lives. Friday was made complete with a service to which parents & carers were invited to share with us all that we did during the week followed by a party in the church hall. What wonderful outreach to our children and families and we already have a list for next year! One visitor to the church said that they had not expected the church to be so 'alive' on a weekday!

**SATURDAY 31st OCTOBER 2015
 ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, KEWSTOKE**

5.30 – 7.00pm

An event for all the family!

Come and join us for lots of fun, games, craft, stories, food and finding out about the best light there is!

No charge, but numbers are limited, so please ring to register: 01934 414366 (leave message if necessary).

No fancy dress, bring a pocket torch

Children under the age of 7 to be accompanied - all parents welcome