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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 SEPTEMBER ISSUE:**

(due to be published on 22nd September)

THURSDAY 10th September 2015 (MANUAL)
 entries should be submitted by 9.30 am to the Parish
 Office,

THURSDAY 17th September 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**



September 2015

From the Vicar

August is always a quiet month, but this year illness made it even quieter for me. Two days after the celebrations at St Peter's I awoke with a very sore throat, which developed into a cold. The cold took its course but the chesty cough lingered until I eventually decided to see the doctor. He said I was generally run down and in need of a rest. He gave me two weeks off but joked that as I only work one day a week no one would notice! This got me thinking, would anyone seriously miss me? The cough was no better two weeks later so another doctor gave me antibiotics and a third week off. Did anyone miss me then? I'm still not quite right and have been keeping a fairly low profile – but has anyone missed me?

I think it's fair to say it's part of human nature to have a certain degree of self-importance and yet, as my dear old dad used to say, "The graveyard is full of indispensable people". The truth is that when you pull your fist out of a bucket of water, the hole left behind will be the measure of how much you will be missed! Why am I rambling on like this? Well, I think I'm suffering from VIP (Very Important Priest) syndrome. You see, for various reasons when one family wished to have three babies baptised together, I discovered I wasn't available on the Sunday they asked for. My first thought was to employ one of our Readers, but then of course, as Rev Jenny reminded me, baptism is a sacrament and can only be performed by a priest.

When the disciples ate without going through the ritual of hand washing, the Pharisees laid into Jesus "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?" Jesus replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites... you have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions."

Reading these words from Mark 7, I can't help wonder if the dear old Church of England isn't in danger of being branded "hypocrites" like the Pharisees. After all, we have enough canons and regulations to fill a library and they surely hinder our efforts to obey God's commandment to love and serve our neighbour. But there's another angle to this, many people hold their priest in such divine esteem (the very title "Reverend" says it all) to the point that when it comes to a pastoral visit, any other "mortal being" would be totally unacceptable. It would be easy to blame people for being old fashioned and blinkered (and perhaps a little self-important?) but we must remember that it was the church that set its clergy on such high pedestals in the first place!

We are a Royal Priesthood, every believer has the same duty and role to play. Unfortunately I can't change the canons and I vowed at my ordination to obey them. But there does need to be a degree of common sense, a certain amount of give-and-take, and a greater willingness to accept a brother or sister who comes in Christian love and wants to help fill gaps when I'm not there, otherwise we face the danger of hurting or even breaking willing hearts and overburdening an ever decreasing number of ordained clergy, even when they are retired.

At a recent Deanery Synod we were discussing how well or not we use the laity in our churches. The discussion was brought to a halt when a young man said, "the question we should be asking is why we use the word 'laity' at all?" The great commission to "go and make disciples of all nations" wasn't directed to a chapter of clergy but to all disciples!

Your not-very-important servant in Christ

Geoff

Archdeacon Ruth Worsley announced as next Bishop of Taunton

The Venerable Ruth Worsley is to be the next Bishop of Taunton in the Diocese of Bath and Wells. Ruth is currently Archdeacon of Wilts in the neighbouring Diocese of Salisbury, a position she has held since January 2013.

Archdeacon Ruth is "delighted to be heading to Somerset" as the 13th Bishop of Taunton.

After her ordination in 1996, Ruth served for 14 years as a parish priest in Nottingham in one of the poorest areas in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. During this time she served as an Area Dean and was made Dean of Women's Ministry for the diocese in 2007. In 2010 she took on the role of Parish Development Adviser in the Diocese of Southwark, based in Bermondsey. In 2013 she swapped inner-city life for Wiltshire.

Ruth said, "I am surprised and amused to be chosen as the next Bishop of Taunton as I grew up in a non-conformist church where women held no roles of leadership. I am delighted to be heading to Somerset to join the diocesan team in this wonderful part of the world, moving 'next door' as it were. It will be a great privilege to meet and serve everyone who lives and works in the county."

"In a diocese with such a mix of rural and more urban parishes, each I'm sure with its own distinct personality, I'm really keen to experience how our churches and the diocese are meeting those different needs. And how we can engage in the process of transformation, one which changes lives, both our own and others, and then influences the way in which we are 'Church' and brings about a renewed sense of community."



Reflecting on the atrocities in Tunisia, Ruth added, "In the light of the pain of the past few weeks we can all see the need to build bridges and forge relationships which will heal hurt, stand firm in the face of evil, and ensure that God's compassionate love and justice are expressed in our lives."

Ruth's first engagement as Bishop of Taunton-designate was a tour of the YMCA's George Williams Centre at Bridgwater, which supports local young people without a safe place to stay by providing accommodation, advice and counselling as well as encouraging the wellbeing of the local community with everyday opportunities to get active. Ruth then travelled to Churchfield Primary School, a Church of England Academy in Highbridge to meet school children and staff.

Welcoming Ruth, the Rt Revd Peter Hancock, Bishop of Bath and Wells said, "I am delighted by this appointment. Ruth is going to bring a wealth of experience in town and country to her new role as Bishop of Taunton. I look forward to sharing in the service of Christ with her and know our parishes, schools, chaplaincies and all our communities will benefit from the gifts she brings."

"The mission of the Church will be greatly enhanced through Ruth's contribution to the leadership of the diocese as together we seek God's vision for the people and places of Somerset."

Ruth will be ordained and consecrated as a Bishop by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby in London this autumn. She will then be officially installed as Bishop of Taunton in Wells Cathedral later this year. Ruth will live in Wells and work from the Bishops' Office at the Bishop's Palace in Wells, alongside Bishop Peter Hancock.

You can read more and watch a video message on the diocesan website at www.bathandwells.org.uk. The Bishop of Taunton's role is that of a Suffragan Bishop. Ruth's role will be to support the Bishop of Bath and Wells, who is the Diocesan Bishop, much akin to a deputy.

**Date
for your Diary:**
**The service of
welcome to the
diocese will take
place on
Saturday
3rd October
at 2.00pm in
Wells Cathedral,
and will be
combined with
the Reader
Licensing
service.
Everybody
is most
welcome!**

ADVANCE NOTICE

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



Mission Open Forum

Co-presented by the Mission Forum & School of Formation

The Second Half of Life

Nurturing & supporting a positive view
of older people & the Church

Saturday 10th October 2015

9.30am - 1.00 pm at The Old Deanery, Wells

(BYO lunch and stay until 2.00pm to continue the conversation)

The contemporary Christian writer, Richard Rohr emphasizes the potential for a further journey during the "second half of life" and the possibility of a spirituality in which the experiences and difficulties of the first half of life can be stepping stones to spiritual development in later life. "If today we do not have a strong spirituality of aging, if we idealize youth more than old age, if we do not age gracefully, I wonder how much we have lost?"

The next Mission Open Forum, co-presented by the Bath & Wells Mission Forum and School of Formation, will focus on those journeying in the second half of life.

We will look at the demographics of the Diocese and the issues around aging that we are facing in our churches and in our communities and act as a conduit for conversation and action at a local level. We will also consider the statistics that show many aged 50+ un-churched people no longer have an understanding of the Christian faith and the Church, and look at ways of engaging them and how the resources, rhetoric and culture of a typical church needs to reflect this. In exploring the spirituality of aging, we will discuss how to nurture and support the continued spiritual growth of those in our churches and wider communities who are in the second half of life. And we will seek to inspire more positive and hopeful views which allow a shift in perspective to see older people not as elderly but as elders, with a wealth of spiritual gifts and experiences to share with us.

Questions? Please contact Josie Halla, Secretary to the Mission Forum
Email: johanna.halla@bathwells.anglican.org | Phone: 01749 685104

OCTOBER

Pets Service

*In commemoration
of St Francis*

3.00 pm on Saturday

10th October

at St Peter's Church

Concert:

Bold Brass &

The U3A Glee

Club

7.00 pm on Saturday

24th October

at St Peter's Church

*Look out for more details in
the October Parish News*

Healing

Service

4.00 pm on Sunday

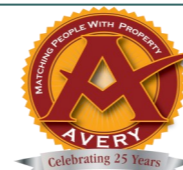
25th October

at St Peter's Church

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

We hope that members managed to find some sunshine during our summer break and our looking forward to restarting our monthly meetings with a Scripture Market.

Come, on September 6th, with your goodies, plus Bible verses and money for the Auction, also, at least, a deposit for our Christmas dinner at Beachlands Hotel on December 2nd.

A good afternoon and splendid tea was enjoyed by some of our members at Delia's house on Wednesday 5th August for which we thank Delia's kindness.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 2nd September.

God Bless you
Ann and Committee

St Mark's Gospel: A Dramatic Retelling

This is a rare opportunity to hear and engage with a whole gospel in a dramatic retelling of St Mark's Gospel at the historic Bath Abbey on Saturday 26 September.

Canon Gerald Osborne, Rural Dean of Pewsey and a Canon of Salisbury Cathedral, appears as St Mark reciting the entire Gospel to his scribe, Petronius, played by professional scriptwriter, Colin Heber-Percy. An impressive feat of memory, Canon Osborne has learned the entire 11,000 word Gospel in full and created a dramatic interpretation for others to enjoy and be inspired.

Centred around the identity and authority of Jesus and what it means to follow him, St Mark's Gospel is a thrilling and powerful story of encounters, observations, questioning and testing. Canon Osborne said: "Long ago I was inspired by this gospel. I am convinced that Mark's main source was the Apostle Peter himself, while Mark is always careful to name or indicate eyewitnesses to each event. Written within 30 years of the resurrection and certainly within the life times of many of those eyewitnesses we are very close to a first-hand account of Jesus' life."

Canon Osborne's performance, which lasts about 2 hours, is in support of the international development charity Send a Cow which works with some of Africa's poorest rural communities to give them the hope and the means to build sustainable futures for themselves. He has been trustee of the charity since 2008 and is Chair of its UK board. He has also been farming in Wiltshire since 1987 and was ordained in 1999.

The performance commences at 7pm. Tickets are £5 in advance and include refreshments at the intermission. They are available from Bath Box Office in person or online www.bathboxoffice.org.uk and by calling 01225 463 362.

If you have any further questions please contact Ann Hatton at Send a Cow on 01225 874 222.



Devoted Followers

A devoted follower of a not very successful football team once observed that "No matter how many losing seasons you might have had in the past ... the good thing is that all teams get a fresh start once September begins."

Of course, the football season now seems to begin in the middle of summer, hardly a whistle or a cheer away from the climax and hype of the previous one, but I confess that I've always found there to be something of 'a new start' once September comes. Yes, we have a new football or rugby season, and this year there's the World Cup just around the corner too, but there's also a return to school or university and in many churches a new autumn sermon series, home group study or initiative in the community on which to embark.

For all of us here in the diocese, there will soon be a new 'episcopal season' as we welcome Archdeacon Ruth Worsley to be our new Bishop of Taunton. She is sure to bring us new gifts, insights, experiences and encouragement borne of her rich ministry in various places. She will challenge us too and help us to see and experience the things of God in new, fresh ways.

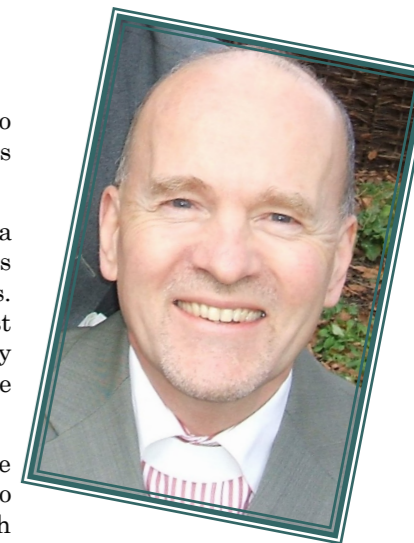
May I suggest we begin this month remembering her and her family in our prayers as they settle in and she begins her new ministry here? Pray too that as we travel together, all our lives, not least hers will be blessed and become a blessing to those we serve in the name of Christ.

I know that the devoted football supporter to whom I referred earlier would begin each season full of optimism for the season that lay ahead ... but hope would soon disappear.

By contrast, devoted followers of Jesus are people whose hope is placed in the one whose love, grace and mercy never fail; they come as gifts for each new day. Jesus will not ultimately disappoint his people.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope (Romans 15:13)

Archdeacon Andy



A chance to see some of
Somerset's finest churches

Two one-day coach tours from
Weston-super-Mare

Tour A Thursday, 10th September

This tour visits Emmanuel Church, WsM; and the parish churches of Brent Knoll; North Petherton; Trull; Taunton St John the Evangelist; and East Brent

Tour B Saturday, 12th September

This trip starts at Emmanuel Church, WsM; then goes to the parish churches of Congresbury; Nailsea; Chew Magna; and Compton Martin; and the chapel in Charterhouse

Seats - £20 per person per tour

please note all profits will go to the Somerset Churches Trust's Ride & Stride initiative and be given out as grants to churches

To book seats contact
Richard Tulloch on 01725 511486 or 01749 670777 or at
richard.tulloch@bathwells.anglican.org

Diary

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

Sundays in September at St Peter's

6th HARVEST FESTIVAL
 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.00 am Holy Communion
 12.00 noon Harvest Lunch (see below)

13th Trinity 15
 8.00 am Holy Communion
 10.00 am Holy Communion

20th Trinity 16
nb. No 8am Service at St Peter's - All Welcome at St Paul's
 10.00 am Third Sunday Family Service

27th Trinity 17
 8.00 am Holy Communion
 10.00 am Holy Communion

Sundays in September at St Paul's

6th Trinity 14
 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
 10.00 am Holy Communion

13th HARVEST FESTIVAL
 8.00 am Holy Communion
 10.00 am All age Worship
 tbc Harvest Lunch

20th Trinity 16
 8.00 am Holy Communion
 10.00 am Holy Communion

27th Trinity 17
 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 (September)

(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)
 10am-12noon Coffee Morning in St Paul's Church hall (see Sunday noticesheet for 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

Dates for your Diary (September)

2nd 2.00 pm Mothers' Union (St Jude's Hall) page 6
 3rd 7.30 pm Milton PCC Meeting (St Jude's Hall)
 5th 3.00 pm Family Fun Day @ St Paul's (page 5)
 9th 11.00 am Bible study (St Jude's Hall)
 10th 9.30 am Parish News deadline (manual) page 8
 7.30 pm Worship & Mission Meeting @ St Peter's
 11th 2.30 pm Prayers for healing (p. 8)
 15th Parish Office Closed (page 8)
 17th 9.30 am Parish News deadline (electronic) page 8
 11.30 am Joint Benefice Planning meeting
 23rd 11.00 am Bible study (St Jude's Hall)

Harvest Celebrations



Celebrate Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church, Milton on Sunday 6th September at 10.00 am

There will be a bring & share Harvest lunch from 12noon.

Look out for the sign up sheet in Church

Somewhere to Go would very much appreciate your gifts of dried and tinned food this harvest. Please bring them along to the service. Thank you

Celebrate Harvest Festival at St Paul's Church, Kewstoke on Sunday 13th September at 10.00am

followed by Harvest Lunch

- Look out for more details coming soon in St Paul's Sunday noticesheet



St Paul's Family Fun Church
 Come and join us on:
Saturday 5th September
*Games, Snacks,
 Crafts & Worship*

At St Paul's Church Hall, Kewstoke

3pm - 5pm (free admission)

Pre-school & primary age children & parents

WBW WESTON BIBLE WEEK

Reframing Christianity for the 21st century?

Three talks and discussions led by Rev Andy Hickford, Senior Minister and elder at Maybridge Community Church in Worthing.

Andy is going to Biblically unpack what it means to be a Christian in today's world and how we can set a strong foundation for a robust missional discipleship fit for this generation.

FOR THE THREE SESSIONS WE WILL BE LOOKING AT:-
 Monday: God's partnership *with us*... adoption
 Tuesday: God's partnership *in us*... transformation
 Wednesday: God's partnership *through us*... discipleship

Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th September 2015 - 7.30pm
 at Christ Church, Montpelier, WsM, BS23 2RH

For more information - please contact: Rev Geoff Hobden Tel: 01934 707981
www.westonbibleweek.org.uk