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Please note the Parish Office will be closed on the following dates:  
 Mon 3rd - Fri 7th October  
 (Office will close on Fri 30th October at 12noon & re-open on Mon 10th October at 9.30am)  
 Tuesday 18th October  
 Nb. On Wed 19th October Office will close at 11.30am

Did you know that you can get your photocopying done at the Parish Office? from just 6p per A4 copy.  
**We now do colour too!** - ask Michelle for more details

**Parish News Deadlines**

- ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME -  
**PARISH NEWS DEADLINES FOR THE NOVEMBER ISSUE:**  
 (due to be published on 25th October)

**THURSDAY 13th October 2016 (MANUAL)**  
 entries should be submitted by 9.30 am to the Parish Office,

**THURSDAY 20th October (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 see note on page 6 regarding future 8am Services**

**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)

**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)

**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 2016*

**From the Vicar**

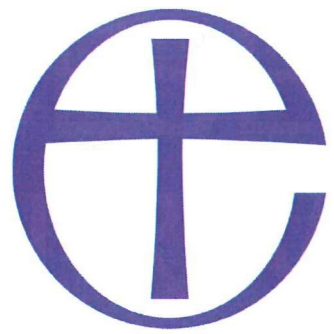
By the time you read this we will have welcomed Peter and Tamsin back to St Paul's for the baptism of young Matthew. I'm sure it will be a very special occasion for us all and it will be great to catch up with all the Berry family. I think you all know my views on baptising babies, but it's always that extra-special when I know the parents and godparents come fully understanding what they are doing and why, with a sincere wish to bring their child into the heart of God's family. I've shifted a long way from trying to persuade parents away from baptism and toward a Thanksgiving Service. But I still explain to them why I think infant baptism is a nonsense, if nothing else it makes people think about the real meaning of baptism and the importance of their vows. Just occasionally, having had it all explained to them, they choose to have a Thanksgiving instead. However, if they still insist on a baptism, I would never allow my personal opinion to stand in their (or God's) way.

So having made an informed decision, the parents and I are then faced with another dilemma, when do we do it? Some clergy insist that baptisms *must* take place within the main Sunday morning service. After all, a major part of the rite is to welcome the child and family into the church, and that can only happen when the main body of the church is present. However, there are several reasons why I sometimes offer a 'private' baptism in the afternoon. For starters the main 10am is usually a communion service, which is not very user-friendly if you're not a regular churchgoer and besides, baptism parties often include many children who can become a little tetchy when faced with a long 'grown-up' service. Any attempt to make the communion service more child-friendly incurs the wrath of the more traditional members of our churches and it's not long before some vote with their feet! Another problem with morning baptisms is when family members have a long way to travel and don't want an overnight stay. Yet another problem, especially at St Paul's, is the matter of space. Baptism parties are often up to 60. Adding that number of 'strangers' can disrupt a service considerably and I'm aware that some regulars give it a miss if they know there's going to be a baptism.

So what do we do? Well for starters I must accept that I can't please all of the people all of the time and stop beating myself up every time I 'weaken' and let them have a pm service. Secondly, those who grumble about baptisms upsetting their Sunday mornings must be more tolerant and selfless in welcoming newcomers into our midst, to share the faith they hold so precious, even though these families often never cross the threshold again. Which brings me to my third and most important point - we must remember that baptism, like weddings and funerals, may be the only occasions when some people would ever consider coming to church, and that makes this a rare and perfect opportunity to sow the seed, to show them Christ's love, to welcome them into His family and teach them His ways. So I will continue to offer afternoon baptisms, but I promise to try a little harder in future to persuade them to come and join us in the mornings where I'm sure they will be warmly welcomed into the heart of God's family.

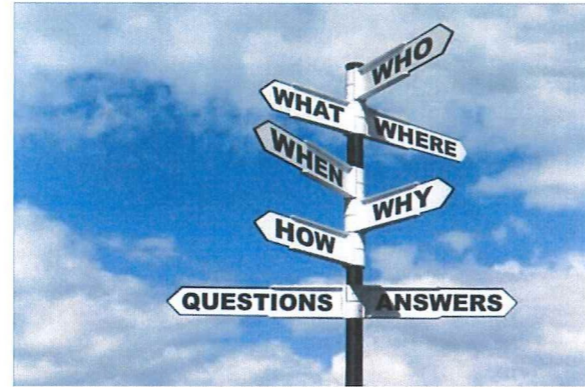
Yours in Christ

*Geoff*



# DIOCESE OF BATH & WELLS

Have you ever wondered if God is calling you to something more? Administrator, musician, teacher, preacher, activist, counsellor, healer, friend... there are many gifts to offer. Would it be helpful to meet with others to find out more?



## A Vocations Brunch is for you!

Come and explore with us the many ways to serve alongside conventional, fundamental roles like priest and Reader.

Brunches are free and informal. Meet recent ordinands, chaplains, members of the Vocations team and others.

Croissants and bacon butties - let us know you're coming so we have enough!

Email Rosalind Miles ([rosalind.miles@bathwells.anglican.org](mailto:rosalind.miles@bathwells.anglican.org)) or write to The Old Deanery, St Andrew's St, Wells, BA2 5UG.

**Sat 1 Oct 2016**

St Barnabas Church  
Southdown  
Bath  
BA2 1JX

**Sat 5 Nov 2016**

St Paul's Church  
Weston-super-Mare  
BS23 1EF

**Sat 12 Nov 2016**

St Mary's Church  
Centre  
Bishop's Lydeard  
TA4 3AT

Come between 10am - 12 midday

## ART for ART's sake!

No skill required.

A help each other, non threatening place just to paint or draw or just play with art.



£5 per session to include materials [paper, paint, pencils, crayon, pastels etc.] or bring your own.

**Fridays (During Term Time)  
1.30 pm - 3.30 pm  
in St Jude's Hall**

See Jo Coates for more details

The archway in St Peter's Church Garden of Remembrance has now been reinstated. Our grateful thanks to Gary Curtis who gave us his time & expertise free of charge.

*Gary has recently set up in business as GC Garden Renovations and can be contacted on  
Tel: 07854793393*

**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

## **Preparations continue for Archbishop's visit**

Posted on 30th August 2016 in [Connect](#), [News](#)

The finishing touches are being made to the itinerary for the visit of the Most Revd Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury from Monday 7 to Wednesday 9 November. The visit will see him crisscross the diocese and give him the opportunity to meet and pray with individuals and groups working on issues of importance in the diocese, including rural issues, education and the environment, as well as ministry and mission.

Monday 7 will see him arrive in Taunton where he will meet with educators from across the diocese before travelling to Exmoor to hear from individuals concerned with rural issues. On Tuesday he will work his way up to Wells, stopping at Glastonbury to undertake a prayer walk up the Tor.

Clergy and readers will be among those invited to attend a service with the Archbishop on Tuesday afternoon at Wells Cathedral. There will also be an opportunity to join him 'in conversation' at a public event at the Cheese and Grain in Frome at 7.30 on Tuesday evening. Tickets will be available soon via the Cheese and Grain website.

On Wednesday, after enjoying a breakfast with those involved with young vocations, he will head to Bath to find out about social action projects in the city and also inspect Bath Abbey's Footprint project. His visit will conclude with a farewell Eucharist at the Abbey.

Keep an eye on future issues of Connect and our social media channels for further information about the visit.

## **Classified Services**



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*

## **PHOTOCOPIES**

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6p per A4 copy (100+ copies only 5p per copy)  
8p per A3 copy (100+ copies only 7p per copy)  
Colour copying also available from 12p  
Prices correct at time of going to print  
(For contact details please see page 8)



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

Despite a depleted number of members for our Scripture Market we raised £60 for Mothers' Union funds. Many thanks are due to those who were able to attend, at our restart on the 7th September.

A Reminder that, at least, a deposit should be made for our Christmas Dinner with the balance to be paid by November.

An Air Ambulance talk is scheduled for our meeting on Wednesday 5th October 2016 and we hope for much interest. Also a donation for their great work in this field.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

God Bless You

Ann and Committee

### 8am Services at St Peter's

We regret to announce that from November the 8am Holy Communion will only be available at St Paul's. We are sorry for the inconvenience but recent low attendance has rendered this service unviable. The last 8am service at St Peter's will be on Sunday 16th October.

Rev Geoff Eales

### Thanks

to everyone who helped in any way to make this year's Holiday Club at St. Paul's one of the best ever! We had 31 children plus some on a waiting list, sharing in all the fun, stories, food and worship over the 5 days. There is a huge challenge for us now - how do we engage with these families, most of whom find Sundays increasingly difficult for worship? We will be having a meeting at the beginning of October to discuss - watch out for details. If you would like to see some of the outcomes, there is a display in the church side chapel and wall displays in the church hall.

St Paul's Church, Kewstoke

Matthew Berry  
is being  
christened at the  
10.00am service  
on 2nd October,  
Tamsin & Peter  
would love to see  
all their St. Paul's  
friends at  
this special  
service.



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### Refugee and Migration Day at Wells Cathedral

Monday 10 October 2016, 2.00pm

A variety of speakers will be presenting a series of short talks from 2pm in the Nave of Wells Cathedral exploring the topic "Migration - The Next Move", including a representative from Somerset County Council who will be giving a brief summary of local projects. The event (which will be chaired by Bishop Ruth Worsley) is followed by refreshments in the Cathedral's Education Room, a 'Question Time' informal discussion and opportunities to explore how we might make a difference.

The event is free although donations will be welcomed on the day to cover costs; we hope to have enough voluntary contributions to be able to make donations to related charity projects.

To book: you are welcome to turn up on the day but we cannot guarantee availability. To secure your place, please book via the Cathedral's website at [www.wellscathedral.org.uk](http://www.wellscathedral.org.uk)

### Bishops Letter

Looking ahead I am excited that the Archbishop of Canterbury is visiting our diocese for three days in November. I'm excited because he'll be praying with us, encouraging us in our new strategy to put mission and evangelism at the heart of everything we do, and encouraging us at parish level to be active in our local communities. The programme for 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> is still being finalised, but I am delighted he will be visiting all three archdeaconries, meeting farmers and overseas students, leading a prayer walk, speaking in several venues and hopefully experiencing and enjoying something of the scenery he will see as he travels among us.

I have had the privilege of meeting Archbishop Justin on a number of occasions and I am humbled and encouraged by his faith and commitment. Inevitably in just three days he will only get a snapshot of the Diocese, but I know that all who meet him or hear him speak will be moved by his deep personal commitment to Christ. It is clear that his relationship with Jesus and his life of prayer are at the very heart of all that he is and does. I look forward to his stay with us and the leadership that he offers to our Church and our nation and internationally in his daily ministry.

Encouraging others is part of the ministry of the Body of Christ and so this October can I encourage you to join in with Thank Your Vicar Week which is 16 - 23 October. We all respond well to appreciation and encouragement and whilst the work of our clergy often goes unnoticed I'm sure each one of us can think of a special moment when we've received something through the ministry of our clergy. This is the grace of God, working through the Holy Spirit and through his followers. We are all called to be followers, disciples of Christ, and we pray that through our lives and the lives of those around us that the Kingdom of Heaven comes closer and that God's love is known more clearly. As we grow as disciples we come to see more of God, we experience more of his grace and we discover know more of the good things he has planned for us all.

So, I'm excited about the Archbishop's visit but I'm even more excited about what's already going on in our lives and our parishes and all this is still to come. As we continue to walk with Jesus and listen to his words we come to understand and experience more of his love. This starts with prayer as we open ourselves to God and respond to the love he has for us. And it continues with encouragement. As we meet and share with each other we can bear one another's burdens and rejoice in the amazing grace that we find in our togetherness.

As autumn comes upon us and as we approach the cold of winter may we warm one another with fellowship and love. As the evenings begin to draw in let's make time for some stillness and quiet to discover the peace which floods our lives when we turn our hearts and minds to God.

Yours in Christ,  
+Peter Bath & Wells

In commemoration of St Francis we invite you to a

## Pets Service



Saturday 15th 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  
2nd October  
4.00 pm

at St Paul's Church, Kewstoke

All

Welcome

# Diary

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

## October 2016

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### Sundays in October at St Peter's Church, Milton

2nd	Nineteenth after Trinity
	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00 am Holy Communion
9th	Harvest Festival (Trinity 20)
	10.00 am Holy Communion
	followed by Harvest lunch (p.5)
16th	Twenty-First after Trinity
	8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
	10.00 am Third Sunday Family Service
	2.00 pm Baptism
23rd	Last after Trinity
	10.00 am Holy Communion
30th	4th before Advent
	Joint Service at St Peter's - All Welcome
	10.00 am Holy Communion

### Sundays in October at St Paul's Church, Kewstoke

2nd	Nineteenth after Trinity
	8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00 am Holy Communion including Baptism of Matthew Berry (p.6)
	3.00 pm Healing Service (p.3)
9th	Harvest Festival (Trinity 20)
	8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
	10.00 am All Age Worship
	followed by Harvest Lunch (p.5)
16th	Twenty-First after Trinity
	8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
	10.00 am Holy Communion
23rd	Last after Trinity
	8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
	10.00 am Holy Communion
30th	4th before Advent
	8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
	10.00 am Joint Service at St Peter's - All Welcome
	Nb. No separate 10am service at St Paul's

## Weekly Events (October)

(Check weekly noticesheets for changes)

### Mondays

8.30am Celtic Morning Prayer at St Peter's

### Wednesdays

10.00am Holy Communion (said) at St Peter's Church  
(3rd Wednesday Mothers' Union Corporate Communion)

(Please note Bible Study restarts on 19th October  
- see Alan for further details)

### Thursdays

8.30 am Celtic Morning Prayer at St Peter's

10.00 am Weekly House Group (page8)

7.30 pm Weekly House Group (page 8)

### Fridays

8.30am Celtic Morning Prayer at St Peter's

1.30 pm - 3.30 pm Art for Art's Sake (page 7)

7.30pm - 9.30 pm Drama Group in St Jude's hall  
- see Alan for further details

## Dates for your Diary (October)

Parish Office closed 3rd- 7th Oct (page 8)

### Wednesday 5th October

2.00 pm Mothers' Union (St Jude's Hall) p.6

7.30 pm Milton Worship & Mission meeting  
(St Jude's Hall)

### Thursday 7th October

9.30 am Worlebury School Harvest Service  
@ St Peter's

### Thursday 13th October

9.30 am Parish News deadline (manual) p.8

### Friday 14th October

2.30 pm Prayers for healing (page 8)

### Saturday 15th October

3.00 pm Pets Service @ St Peter's (p.3)

Tuesday 18th October - Parish Office Closed

### Wednesday 19th October

11.00 am Bible Study (St Jude's Hall)

Nb. Parish Office will close at 11.30am today

11.30 am Joint Benefice Planning meeting  
- (St Peter's Vestry)

7.00 pm PACT meeting (St Jude's Hall)

### Thursday 20th October

9.30 am Parish News deadline (electronic) p.8

### Tuesday 25th October

2.30 pm Mothers' Union Deanery Meeting  
(St Jude's Hall)

### Saturday 29th October

10am-4pm Lynne Castel Art Exhibition  
in St Peter's Hall

- raising funds for Somewhere To Go  
- look out for more details

# - Harvest Celebrations - Sunday 9th October

Celebrate Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church, Milton  
on Sunday 9th October at 10.00 am

followed by Harvest Lunch

Harvest lunch tickets £5 - available from  
Sally George, Roger & Sue Baker and the Parish Office



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 9th October at 10.00am

followed by Harvest Lunch

Harvest lunch is a bring and share meal after the service on 9th October.

Also please can you donate packets & tins on Saturday or at the service.

Lots of help needed to decorate the church on Saturday morning, 8th October.



## ADVANCE NOTICE - Dates for your Diary

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

Friday 4th & Monday 7th November - Parish Office closed

### Saturday 5th November

2.00 pm Confirmations @ Wells Cathedral

### Sunday 6th November

3.00 pm 'Memories' Service at St Peter's Church

Our annual service to remember those

we love and see no more

- All Welcome -



Sunday 13th November - Remembrance Sunday

### Saturday 26th November

7.30 pm WorleWind Band Festive Concert

@ St Peter's (look out for ticket details)