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Please note the Parish Office will be closed on the following dates:
 Tuesday 13th September
 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

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Parish News Deadlines

- ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME -
PARISH NEWS DEADLINES FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE:
 (due to be published on 20th October)

THURSDAY 8th September 2016 (MANUAL)
 entries should be submitted by 9.30 am to the Parish Office,

THURSDAY 15th September (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, unless otherwise advised

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



September 2016

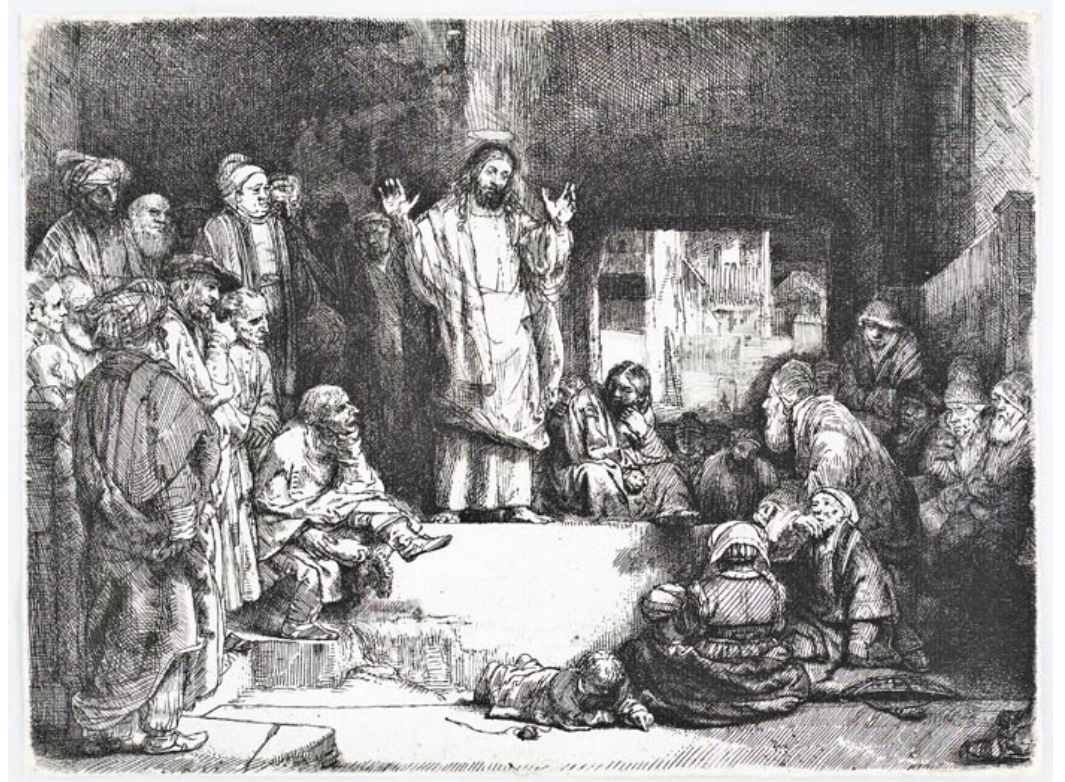
From the Vicar

Just lately I've felt all kinds of pressure to do more. (I have to say most of that pressure isn't coming from the people around me, it's nearly all internal) So last Wednesday's reading from Ezekiel 34 came as a bit of a challenge. On the face of it, Ezekiel seems to be having a right old go at shepherds, and you might well ask why he's so concerned about a load of sheep at a time when Israel was being scattered and plundered by the Babylonians. The answer of course is that like many of the prophets, Ezekiel was writing metaphorically. In this sense the sheep were the people of Israel and the shepherds the High Priests appointed to watch over them.

Last year I went on retreat entitled "A WIFI-Free week for the clergy". Brother Sam, our guide was very concerned - especially for our younger clergy, that through their smart-phones and social media they've become constantly at the beck and call of their flock, whilst at the other extreme, like the shepherds of Ezekiel some were taking things far too easy, "having a laugh" at God's expense and to the detriment of His sheep.

I left a high pressure job in the publishing business to do two years intensive training for the ministry. When I left Trinity College and began my curacy I felt a little like a spare part. My training incumbent advised me to balance my time between people, prayer, and preparation, and dear old bishop Jim Thompson added another "P" for private or personal time. He strongly urged all his new curates to make sure we take every minute of our days off, including the night before, plus an additional day a month, but when I returned to Trinity for my first meeting with my spiritual adviser, I complained that I didn't feel I was earning my wages. Howard laughed, "Your wages are hardly worth worrying about" and he explained the difference between a stipend and a salary, "In industry you are paid what you are worth, in ministry you are paid to be worth". We are in effect, paid to do nothing! We're paid to be set apart, whilst you, dear little sheep are busy scurrying around doing this and that, we your shepherds are paid simply to be here, gathering God's love and peace for you like petrol stations, so you can come to us and be filled on Sundays or the occasional emergency.

Howard gave me this picture, by Rembrandt, which I've kept close by me ever since. I've posted a larger copy in each church for you to see more closely. Jesus is preaching, and everyone is gathered around Him, listening intently to His every word, whilst in the foreground a little boy lies on his tummy, playing with a spinning top and doodling in the sand. "You" said Howard, "should be like this little boy, listening yes, but simply happy to lie at His feet, to be in His presence, to know that when you need Him, He is right there beside you". 20 years on, I still occasionally forget this little gem and find myself running around in ever decreasing circles, of no use to you, me or anyone else.



So I beg you to remember me and all our clergy in your prayers, that we may find the balance between the shepherds of Ezekiel and the info-tech lemmings of the 21st century. In return I will pray for you, especially those of you who think you should always be doing more, to take a look at this picture regularly, stop worrying about whether you are doing enough or what other people are doing, Don't get stressed about mind mission and evangelism, if we put Jesus at the heart of all we do the rest will just happen naturally, because no matter what we do, it will never be enough. God's grace is all we need, so let's come to Him as a child, after all, didn't He say the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these?

Yours in Christ

Geoff

Unaccountable mining devastating Zambia

Somerset's Christian Aid coordinator has returned from a visit to Zambia where she visited communities she said were 'devastated' by multinational copper mines and their associated industries. Fiona Daborn spent ten days in the southern African country hearing from communities in the Copperbelt Province who spoke of suffering water, air, noise and land pollution. People invited her into homes which residents said were threatening to collapse due, they believe, to nearby blasting.

Fiona was in Zambia to learn about projects funded by Christian Aid to tackle poverty and its causes. She said: "It was humbling to see the juxtaposition of these huge industrial plants and vast mines – one of which, KCM, is majority-owned by London-based Vedanta Mines plc – next to vulnerable families who have no protection and are forced to live with the consequences day by day. At the KCM mine in Nchanga, the cavernous open mine was just yards away from a residential area with no apparent attempt to seal off the perimeter."

Fiona also visited Mufulira, close to the border with Democratic Republic of Congo, where the vast Swiss-controlled Mopani Copper Mine injects sulphuric acid into the ground to extract copper and emits sulphur dioxide into the air as a waste product.

She explained: "For years, the local Kankoyo community, originally built for miners downwind from the plant but now experiencing high unemployment, breathed in stinking fumes. People told us how the corrugated iron roofs of their homes corroded quickly due to acid rain caused by the air pollution. The acid has also polluted the land so badly that only a handful of plants will grow."

"Christian Aid partner organisations have helped the community understand their rights and to organise so that they can effectively lobby the government and the mine for improvements and relief. One such partner, the Centre for Trade Policy and Development (CTPD), work focuses on liaising with communities and mines to empower local people to speak up for their rights and to campaign for improved transparency and accountability at the mines. If negotiation fails they will consider litigation and while we were there we met a lawyer hired to take a civil action forward against a multinational for contamination of water sources and land."

"Sulphur dioxide emissions have dropped dramatically as a result, after Mopani fitted new technology to stop almost all the emissions. Now the community is keeping up pressure for people's homes to be relocated. There was a real sense of David and Goliath in Zambia, with the poorest communities pitched into conflict with tremendously powerful multinational companies. But partner organisations are helping to turn the tide and giving communities the knowledge, confidence and skills to speak out for their rights."

"Their future impact will be much wider than the communities immediately next to mines, as our voices join together to insist that the mining companies are taxed fairly and transparently. This will mean that both mines and the Zambian Government can be held to account for the taxes the mines have paid and how the government spends the money."

"CTPD told us that an estimated US\$3 billion is lost each year due to multinational tax avoidance, tax evasion and tax give-aways from the government. That is 75% of the government's current budget. Our partner organisations are helping to bring about change so that Zambia can raise more taxes and provide effective social support for its citizens in the future, without the need for aid."

"It was an inspiring visit and underlined to me how we are all joined together by a powerful common desire to champion justice and dignity and equality. More than that I came back knowing that we are moving towards that goal and I look forward to sharing these stories and experiences with audiences across Somerset."

Fiona travelled to Zambia with Joanne Dallas, the daughter of the late Bishop of Taunton the Rt Revd Andrew Radford who visited Zambia twice while in office due to its close links with the Diocese of Bath and Wells. After Andrew's untimely death from a brain tumour ten years ago aged just 62, Joanne and her family have now launched an appeal in his memory to raise £5,000 to fund Christian Aid projects in Zambia. Jo, who works for Christian Aid as a legacy officer, said the gift of transformed lives in the country he loved would be a fitting tribute to her father.

Donations to Bishop Andrew's page can be made online:
<https://light.christianaid.org.uk/in-memory/Andrew-Radford>

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

St Peter's Flower Fund

Once again we appeal for funds to decorate the Church with flowers.



If we all remembered birthdays, anniversaries and other happy occasions with a donation, this could be acknowledged on a small card for the giver.

Anyone can put flowers in the Church, they do not have to be 'arranged' there are plenty of vases in the cupboard!!

We now have a very depleted band of flower arrangers but Jo, Sue, Alan, Elaine, Betty, Kath will assist if needs be.



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



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 Colour copying also available from 12p
 Prices correct at time of going to print
 (For contact details please see page 8)

THE NO-EXCUSE SUNDAY

In order to make it possible for everyone to attend church next week, we are planning a special no-excuse Sunday.

1. Cots will be placed in the vestibule for those who say, "Sunday is my only day for sleeping in."
2. Eye-drops will be available for those whose eyes are tired from watching TV too late on Saturday night.
3. We will have steel helmets for those who believe the roof will cave in if they show up for church services.
4. Blankets will be furnished for those who complain that the church is too cold. Fans will be on hand for those who say the church is too hot.
5. We will have hearing aids for the parishioners who say, "The pastor doesn't talk loudly enough." There will be cotton for those who say, "The pastor talks too loudly."
6. Score-cards will be available for those who wish to count the hypocrites.
7. We guarantee that some relatives will be present for those who like to go visiting on Sunday.
8. There will be TV dinners available for those who claim they can't go to church and cook dinner too.
9. One section of the church will have some trees and grass for those who see God in nature, especially on the golf-course.
10. The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies to create a familiar environment for those who have never seen the church without them.

See you in church!
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1st Wed of each month, 2pm in St Jude's Hall

Our last meeting with Hilary Hughes, Liaison Officer for knitted goods, a very pleasant helpful lady despite her pompous title, - was very enlightening.

We were shown examples of the work our M.U. knitters had produced; dainty, small, doll like garments, booties and bonnets, hand sewn gowns for still born babies, baptism teddy bears, and puppets, for trauma situations.

For older folk, knee blankets, muffs containing pockets, and 'twiddle' muffs.

For Seaman's Mission at Portishead, beanie hats are made.

In their outreach they also fund 'away from it all' holidays, paying towards travel expenses and days out. We praise the dedicated knitters of our own branch Ellen, Pauline and Daphne.

A reminder for members that we restart our meetings on Wed. 7th September, with a Scripture Market, so be prepared with your Bible verses and corresponding goodies, to make our usual success.

We hope you have enjoyed your spasmodic summer!

Looking forward to meeting you all again on the 7th

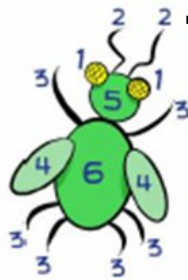
God Bless you All
Ann and committee



Coffee Morning
Saturday 3rd September
10am - 11.30am

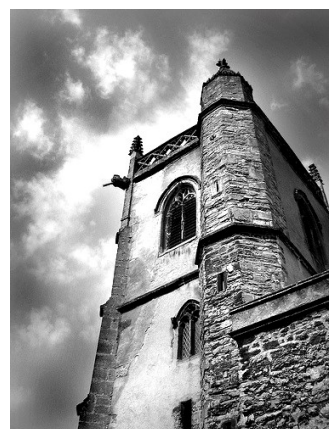
13, Fair Hill, Shipham
Join our local group for a coffee!
Please donate new or 'old' yarn
to keep local group knitting.
New members always welcome!

Friday 30th Sep-
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BEETLE
DRIVE

6.30pm
St Paul's Church Hall
With coffee &



Thank you to everyone who helped with Tower, Tours & Teas, it was the best ever! There were queues to go up the tower from start to the end, continual tours around the church and hardly any spare room in the church hall for creams teas (several people sat on the benches at the top of the churchyard, enjoying the lovely sun and delicious eats!). The outreach and fellowship was wonderful with several visitors joining us on Sunday for worship. And to crown it all, we raised the highest amount ever - over £820. A special thank you to Deb & Mike for taking the lead!

Bishops Letter

'The night has passed and the day lies open before us. Let us pray with one heart and mind'. Words with which we begin morning prayer.

September can often be one of the busiest months of our church calendar. I suppose it's partly because holidays have come to an end, children have returned to school, and we feel the need to get back into the swing of all those meetings! Somehow we feel we must have a PCC due to the summer break (never mind that the legal requirement is just 4 meetings a year); or we want to fit in a confirmation course before Advent; or there's all those appointment interviews to be had if we want someone to start in the new year.

Busy, busy, busy! Last month Bishop Peter spoke about our first diocesan strategic priority as putting mission and evangelism at the heart of all we do, 'living and telling the story of Jesus' love for us'. And if we are going to be able to fulfil that charge then we must underpin our 'living and telling' with prayer. Otherwise it will just be about giving busy people more things to do. As we enter into that conversation with Jesus so we will be able to discern what is important, where we should focus our efforts and what we may need to stop in order to do so.

Earlier in the summer we heard the Sunday gospel of the story of Mary and Martha, welcoming Jesus into their family home. He evidently found their home to be a place of welcome and hospitality, somewhere where he could relax and be himself.

We were once invited to dinner with a couple who we had got to know through church. It was an amazing evening, a 7 course dinner, in effect Christmas with all the trimmings although it was summer. There were even silver candelabra! I found out later that Rose had never had folk round for supper before. She'd purchased the candlesticks specially. Over the next few years we got to know them well to the point where we all could relax over a coffee rather than be worrying about dropping peas on the carpet.

Prayer needs to become part of our daily bread and butter where we don't find ourselves self-conscious but entering into the welcome of family. Where sitting and listening with Mary or sharing our worries and concerns as Martha did becomes a natural way of living. And where we can hear the voice of Jesus encouraging and challenging us in our living and telling of his story of love.

+ Ruth Taunton



EXPLORING SPIRITUALITY

Year 1: Exploring Your Spiritual Journey

Beginning September 2016

for details contact The Revd Victor Barley: tel: 01275 331086

e-mail: victor.barley@tiscali.co.uk

Year 2: Equipping for Spiritual Accompaniment

Beginning September 2017

for details contact The Revd Jane Eastell: tel: 01823 321069

e-mail: jane.eastell458@btinternet.com

Further information may be found at www.bathandwells.org.uk under School of Formation

Spirituality is always about journey ...

... encounter with the other ... the divine ... and being transformed by that encounter...



Diary

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

September 2016

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25	26	27	28	29	30	

Sundays in September at St Peter's Church, Milton

4th	Fifteenth after Trinity 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00 am Holy Communion
11th	Sixteenth after Trinity 10.00 am Holy Communion
18th	Seventeenth after Trinity <i>Nb. no 8am Service</i> 10.00 am Third Sunday Family Service
25th	Eighteenth after Trinity 10.00 am Holy Communion

Sundays in September at St Paul's Church, Kewstoke

4th	Fifteenth after Trinity 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00 am Holy Communion
11th	Sixteenth after Trinity 8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 10.00 am All Age Worship
18th	Seventeenth after Trinity 8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 10.00 am Holy Communion
<i>Nb. Church Bells in use in afternoon</i>	
25th	Eighteenth after Trinity 8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 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

Tuesdays

10am - 12noon Coffee Morning in St Paul's Church hall
The last coffee morning will be on Tuesday, 6th September.
Thank you to all those who have supported it and made donations towards the work of our church.

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 (page 8)

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

I very much regret to say that due to low take-up both of participants and volunteers to run it, our Alpha Course has been cancelled. Milton Methodist Church is running Alpha later in September, please check the Alpha website for details. I am determined to run a course here sometime in the near future. It's truly a great course for all kinds of reasons but I clearly need to do a better job of "selling" it to you!

Dates for your Diary (September)

Wednesday 7th September

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

Thursday 8th September

9.30 am Parish News deadline (manual) p.8

7.30 pm Milton PCC (Vestry)

Friday 9th September

2.30 pm Prayers for healing (page 8)

Nb. change of venue for September - see notice-sheets

3.00 pm Wedding @ St Paul's Church
- Tony & Lorraine

Tuesday 13th September - Parish Office Closed

Thursday 15th September

9.30 am Parish News deadline (electronic) p.8

Thursday 22nd September

7.30 pm Roger Jones Musical 'Saints Alive'
@ Hutton Church

Friday 30th September

6.30 pm Beetle Drive (St Paul's Church Hall) p.6

ADVANCE NOTICE - Dates for your Diary -

October 2016

Sunday 2nd October

3.00 pm Healing Service
@ St Paul's - All Welcome

Mon 3rd - Fri 7th October

- Parish Office Closed
(nb. Office will close at 12noon on Fri 30th Sept & reopen at 9.30am on Mon 10th Oct)

Wednesday 5th October

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

Sunday 9th October

10.00 am Harvest Festival
followed by Harvest lunch @ BOTH Churches
(look out for details)

Saturday 15th October

3.00 pm Pets Service @ St Peter's



commemoration of St Francis

All welcome - don't forget to bring your furry, feathered or scaled friend with you!

Tuesday 18th October

- Parish Office Closed

Wednesday 19th October

11.30 am United Benefice Planning Meeting
@ St Peter's
7.00 pm PACT Meeting (St Jude's Hall)

Saturday 29th October

10am-4pm Lynne Castel Art Exhibition
@ St Peter's
- raising funds for STG
(look out for details)

In

November 2016

Friday 4th & Monday 7th November

- Parish Office closed

Saturday 5th November

2.00 pm Confirmations @ Wells Cathedral

Sunday 6th November (All Saints' Day)

3.00 pm Memories Service

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