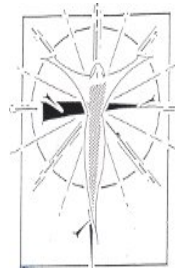


THIS WEEK - SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST STEPHEN	11:00	SOLEMN MASS Rev'd David Lund Readers: Andrew Morgan, Anne Lloyd Intercessor: Rosemary Hadland Chalice: Kathleen Murgatroyd, Fr Peter Huxham Setting: Wood in the Phrygian Mode Motet: Hymn 1 Hymns: 6, 170, 10, 186 Voluntary: Nun Komm Der Hiedand Heiland By J S Bach
ST PETER	08:00	HOLY COMMUNION The Rector
	10:00	SUNG EUCHARIST The Rector
	16:00	EVENSONG The Rector Hymns: 37, 213, 29 Psalm: 68: 1-19 (ch 87) Responses: Reading Canticles: Wood in D Anthem: Remember, O thou man - Ravenscroft
ST AUGUSTIN	10:00	HOLY COMMUNION Canon Graham Newton



**BOURNEMOUTH
TOWN CENTRE PARISH
St Peter - St Augustin
St Stephen**

Sunday 17th December 2017

Third Sunday of Advent



MID-WEEK SERVICES

MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER		
ST PETER	12.15	HOLY COMMUNION - Resurrection Chapel
WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER		
ST STEPHEN	10:00	LOW MASS – The Rector
THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER		
ST PETER	12:15	HOLY COMMUNION - Keble Chapel The Rector
SATURDAY 23RD DECEMBER		
ST STEPHEN	10:00	LOW MASS – The Rector

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE

8am	Holy Communion	St Peter
10am	Sung Eucharist	St Peter
	Holy Communion	St Augustin
11am	Solemn Mass	St Stephen
4pm	Festival of Lessons & Carols	St Peter
9.30pm	Christmas Eve Communion	St Augustin
11pm	Midnight Mass	St Peter

CHRISTMAS DAY

8am	Holy Communion	St Peter
10am	Festal Sung Eucharist	St Peter
	Holy Communion	St Augustin
11am	Procession & Festal High Mass	St Stephen

26TH DECEMBER – ST STEPHEN'S DAY

11am	Patronal Mass	St Stephen
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31ST DECEMBER

8am	Holy Communion	St Peter
10am	Sung Eucharist	St Peter
	Holy Communion	St Augustin
11am	High Mass	St Stephen

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DON'T FORGET...

**All notices for next week's newsletter to be sent to the Parish Office by Tuesday.
Thank you!**

2018 'GIVING' ENVELOPES – for **ST STEPHEN'S**, are now available in the back of church, so please come and collect your box. Any queries, please contact Dena Coombs.

MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER – **'JUST JAZZ AT CHRISTMAS' CONCERT** – *'On The Beat Big Band' presents an evening of pure jazz in St Peter's Church, 7pm. Adult Tickets £6*

PRAYER GROUP – 7.30pm, Parish Office, St. Peter's Church. Next meeting, Monday 18th December. This usually takes place on the 3rd Monday of each month. Everyone welcome. Contact Tim Moorhouse or Ian Terry for info.

THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER – **CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT** – St Augustin's Church, 4pm, followed by seasonal refreshments! All proceeds to go to a seasonal charity. All welcome!

THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER – **AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS & MUSIC** - St Stephen's Church, 6pm

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER – **COLIN BECK IS 21 AGAIN!!** – The Parish would like to thank Colin for everything that he does for Bournemouth Town Centre Parish and wish him very many happy returns of the day.

FRIDAY 29TH DECEMBER – **LUNCHTIME JAZZ, SWING & BLUES** – St Peter's Church. 1-2pm. This month it's slightly different... **MUSK Ukulele group** – a change from our usual Jazz, but great fun to listen to! They will perform a selection of seasonal music plus many numbers from their normal repertoire. Refreshments from Parry's Cafe will be Mulled Wine, mince pies or tea/coffee.

SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY - **A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR EPIPHANY** - St. Peter's Church, 4pm. Sung by the St. Peter's Chamber Choir

SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY – **EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE** - St Stephen's Church, 6pm

NEXT WEEK – SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST PETER	08:00	HOLY COMMUNION The Rector
	10:00	SUNG EUCHARIST The Rev'd Dr David Wheeler Warden: Virginia Beck Readers: Neil Sissons, Duncan Courts Intercessor: Virginia Beck Chalice: Lucinda Terry, Thomas Gubbins, James Bain
	16:00	FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS The Rector Warden: Jane Styslinger Sidespeople: Linda Whalley, Mike Baynham
	23.00	MIDNIGHT MASS The Rector Preacher: Canon Graham Newton Sidespeople: Mike & Carolyn Emsley, John Slade Chalice: Lucinda Terry, Pauline Burns
ST AUGUSTIN	10:00	HOLY COMMUNION The Rev'd Joe Smith Sidespeople: Fiona Davis, June Deedman, Jennie Maund Readers: Janet Lawrence, Barbara Sparling Intercessor: Janet Taylor Chalice: June Deedman
	21.30	CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION Rev'd Joe Smith Sidespeople: Glen Bainbridge, Rosemary Simmonds Readers: Edmund Postlethwaite, June Deedman Intercessor: Barbara Sparling Chalice: June Deedman
ST STEPHEN	11:00	SOLEMN MASS The Rector Readers: Malcolm Warwick, Diana Shiner Intercessor: Dena Coombs Chalice: Sylvia Kraushaar, Roger Marley, Fr Peter Huxham

FOLLOWING DAY – MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS DAY

ST PETER	08:00	HOLY COMMUNION Rev'd Joe Smith
	10:00	FESTAL SUNG EUCHARIST The Rector Warden: Jane Styslinger Sidesperson: Val Spence Readers: Jane Styslinger, Virginia Beck Intercessor: Lucinda Terry Chalice: Lynda Mayne, John Bicker
ST AUGUSTIN	10:00	HOLY COMMUNION Rev'd David Lund Sidespeople: Rosemary Carter, Edmund Postlethwaite Readers: Edmund Postlethwaite, Barbara Sparling Intercessor: Sarah Burton Chalice: Barbara Sparling
ST STEPHEN	11:00	PROCESION & FESTAL HIGH MASS Canon John Turpin Readers: Adrian Scott, Dena Coombs Intercessor: Stephen Chappell

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

St Augustin:

Sue Agar, Kimberley Page, Wendy Bule, Nick Carter, Jean Fuller, Michael Hill

St Peter:

Brenda Ginever, Elizabeth Bennett, Geoff Halstead, Sally Boulter, Sarah Coleman

St. Stephen:

John & Marion Dennis, Angela Anderson, Christopher Rowland, Jane Delahunty, Joanna Dear, Lesley Murgatroyd, Sheila Sturgess

confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.'

Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord"', as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen

WELCOME

Please make yourself known to one of our Sides People or Duty Warden and we hope you will feel at home with us.

Children are very welcome and accessible facilities are available (ask to be directed by a Sides-person).

Also ask for the Sunday School & crèche at St Peter's – operating most Sundays except the first Sunday of each month when we encourage young families and anyone else liking a more informal, short service, to come to the monthly Goodnews@10. All welcome.

2018 PARISH DIARIES – *are now available to buy in church, or contact the Parish Office- for only £1. All monies gratefully received!*

MUSIC FOR MEMORY – *Every Tuesday, 11-12.30pm, St. Peter's Church. Following the success of the Arts 4 Dementia programme, Gemma Dixon & Tim Rice are continuing their great work, running this vocal harmony and organ group for people with dementia or early memory loss, their carers and friends. Everyone welcome – beginners or experienced singers. For more info, contact Gemma on 07891838969 or just come along and see how the music relieves tension and anxiety and helps brain function. See flyers in church for full details.*

BIBLE STUDY GROUP - *Every Friday at 12pm, in the downstairs meeting room in St. Peter's Church. We are exploring John's Gospel. Everyone welcome. Contact Richard Lambert for further details on 07404 603603*

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrong doing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see

them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden, causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

John 1. 6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He