

THIS WEEK - SUNDAY 9TH JANUARY
THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

ST STEPHEN 10.45 SOLEMN MASS
The Rev'd John Staples
Readers: Brian Sturtridge, Tony Clarke
Servers: Roger Uren, Derek Warwick
Hymns: 47, 46 (ii), 56 (omit v4), 352

ST PETER 08.00 COMMUNION
The Rev'd Steve Parselle

10.00 COMMUNION
Preside: The Rector
Preach: The Rev Bryan Apps
Reader: Suzi Daver
Intercessor: Simon Cruwys
Flowers: Sue Dyer, Sue Martin
Hymns: 435, 93, 83, 92, 84

16:00 CHORAL EVENSONG
The Rector
Hymns: Psalm 46, 84, 85, 89

ST AUGUSTIN 10.00 COMMUNION
The Rev'd Dr Chris Steed
Readers: Gill Clearie, Simon Dixon
Intercessor: Barbara Sparling
Hymns: MP - 13, 728, 51, 481

MID-WEEK SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 12TH JANUARY
ST STEPHEN 10:00 LOW MASS - The Rector

NEXT WEEK - SUNDAY 16TH JANUARY
SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

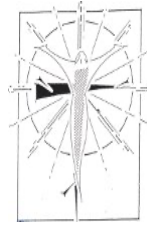
ST STEPHEN 10.45 SOLEMN MASS
The Rev'd David Lund
Readers: Roger Anderson, Paul Coote
Servers: Roger Uren, Derek Warwick

ST PETER 08.00 COMMUNION
The Rector

10.00 COMMUNION
Preside: The Rector
Preach: Mrs Lucinda Terry
Reader: Elizabeth Fotheringham
Intercessor: tbc
Flowers: Mary Waters

16:00 CHORAL EVENSONG
The Rector

ST AUGUSTIN 10.00 COMMUNION
The Rev Dr David Wheeler
Readers: June Webb, Julie Gavin
Intercessor: Barbara Sparling



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

**Sunday 9th January
Epiphany Sunday**



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DON'T FORGET...

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

*IF YOU WISH TO BE ADDED TO THE WEEKLY MAILING LIST
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE, AS IT'S A GREAT WAY OF
KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH*

RED ARROWS PRIZE WINNER

As you may remember, before Christmas St Peter's launched a Christmas Silent Auction for an amazing prize - to spend a day at RAF Scampton with the Red Arrows. The highest bidder, by a small margin, was Roland Long, so a huge thank you and congratulations to Roland for his generous donation.



FRIDAY 28TH JANUARY - LUNCHTIME JAZZ, SWING & BLUES

St Peter's Church, 1-2pm.
The first of the monthly Jazz Concerts of 2022, with our old friends Blue Tides performing. As always, admission is FREE & Parry's Café will be reopening for the occasion after its January recess. Please do come along to support and enjoy getting back out there and enjoying some good music after a very long January! All welcome.



SUNDAY 30TH JANUARY - EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE - St Peter's Church, 4pm.

WEDNESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY - LUNCHTIME CONCERTS BEGIN AGAIN - St Peter's Church, 1.15-1.45pm. FREE Admission, Parry's Café OPEN

FRIDAY 4TH FEBRUARY - HAGGIS SUPPER



St Peter's Church, 7pm.
It may be a week after Burn's Night, but the St Peter's annual Haggis Supper is back.

Tickets are only £15, for a 3-course supper, a 'wee dram' for toasting, plus the piper, great company and a fun & entertaining evening. What more could you want? For tickets and information, contact Chris Mayne on: 07831 175312 or via email: chrischuckmayne@btinternet.com

SATURDAY 5TH FEBRUARY - BOURNEMOUTH MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT

St Peter's Church, 7.30pm.
As always, the BMVC will be putting on a show-stopping performance, so not one to miss. Doors and Bar open from 7pm. Performance begins at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 on the door.
For more details or tickets in advance, contact Chris Mayne on: 07831 175312 or via email: chrischuckmayne@btinternet.com



WEDNESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY - LUNCHTIME CONCERT - St Peter's Church, 1.15-1.45pm. FREE Admission, Parry's Café OPEN

WEDNESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY - LUNCHTIME CONCERT - St Peter's Church, 1.15-1.45pm. FREE Admission, Parry's Café OPEN

WEDNESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY - LUNCHTIME CONCERT - St Peter's Church, 1.15-1.45pm. FREE Admission, Parry's Café OPEN

FRIDAY 25TH FEBRUARY - LUNCHTIME JAZZ, SWING & BLUES - St Peter's Church, 1-2pm. Performers to be confirmed. FREE Admission, Parry's Café OPEN

WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH - LUNCHTIME CONCERT - St Peter's Church, 1.15-1.45pm. FREE Admission, Parry's Café OPEN

WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH - LUNCHTIME CONCERT - St Peter's Church, 1.15-1.45pm. FREE Admission, Parry's Café OPEN

WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH - LUNCHTIME CONCERT - St Peter's Church, 1.15-1.45pm. FREE Admission, Parry's Café OPEN

SATURDAY 19TH MARCH - BOURNEMOUTH UNIVERSITY MUSIC STRING ENSEMBLE CONCERT - St Peter's Church, 5.30pm. As always, the BU Music String Ensemble will be putting on beautiful performance, so do not miss it. Free entry! For more details, contact Chris Mayne on: 07831 175312 or via email: chrischuckmayne@btinternet.com.

WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH - LUNCHTIME CONCERT - St Peter's Church, 1.15-1.45pm. FREE Admission, Parry's Café OPEN

THURSDAY 21ST APRIL - TEA, TALK & TITTLE TATTLE WITH EDWARD FOX, OBE - St Peter's Church, 3pm.



On Thursday 21st April 2022, At 3pm in St Peter's Church, the famous actor, Edward Fox, will be joining us for the next Tea, Talk & Tittle Tattle event.

Tickets will be £10 This includes entry to the 'Tittle Tattle' & the 'Tea' parts, with sandwiches, cream scones & cakes.

All welcome! For tickets & information contact Chris Mayne on: 07831 175312 or via email: chrischuckmayne@btinternet.com

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:

St Augustin: Maureen Page

St. Stephen: Trevor Lambe RIP, Betty Hatts, Jo Hollis, Suzette Reeve, Pam Sturtridge

St Peter: Jen Fisher RIP, John Davis RIP, Steve Baker, Charlotte & Dominic Wells, Margaret Shillabeer, Rosemary Larkin, Val Spence

ST PETER'S EVENSONG PEELS

We are very pleased to tell you that the St Peter's Ringers will be ringing quarter peals for pre Evensong at 2.45pm on Sunday 9th, 16th, 23rd and the 30th of January. The bands are:

Sunday 9th - Method/s: Plain Bob Grandsire Triples

Sunday 16th - Method/s: Plain Bob Triples

Sunday 23rd - Method/s: Plain Bob Doubles

Sunday 30th - Method/s: Plain Bob Minor

If you want to know what all of this means, contact Peter Murdock-Saint and come along and have a go! Simply email him at: stpetersringers@gmail.com

ST PETER'S PARKING PERMITS

2022 Permits are ready to collect from church. Permits will be limited to those who are on duty/work in church during the week or on a Sunday and those who require one for health reasons, as all spaces are allocated Monday to Saturday to business parkers who pay us to park in the grounds. If you are unsure if you qualify and have had a permit in the past, please contact Lisa in the parish office to discuss your permit requirements for 2022 at: [PARISH OFFICE](#)

'UNDERSTANDING THE SCRIPTURES'

Richard Lambert, has re-produced his three-volume book (£10 per copy) to help us all better understand the Bible (& Quran). The three volumes cover: What are the scriptures? How were the scriptures produced? and What do the scriptures mean? Packed full of interesting facts, he is donating all proceeds from these sales to the church, so please pop along to Marion's Bookstall in St Peter's and pick up your copies – he may even sign them for you! Or email btcp@live.co.uk

PARRY'S CAFÉ JANUARY BREAK

As always happens, Parry's Café will be closed throughout January to allow the volunteers a welcome break. It will reopen on Friday 28th January for the first Lunchtime Jazz concert of 2022!

DONATE WITHOUT SPENDING MORE VIA AMAZON SMILE

There are many ways to sign up to giving, but as you do your sale shopping, please consider signing up to the Amazon Smile scheme. It is exactly the same as the 'normal' Amazon, but a percentage of every purchase you make is donated to BTCP - and it costs you nothing to do.



If you use this link it's so easy to sign up and keep shopping as normal: [AMAZON SMILE BTCP](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/qp/chpf/homepage/ref=smi_chpf_redi_rect?ie=UTF8&ein=1186400-0&ref_=smi_ext_ch_1186400-0_cl) or type in: https://smile.amazon.co.uk/qp/chpf/homepage/ref=smi_chpf_redi_rect?ie=UTF8&ein=1186400-0&ref_=smi_ext_ch_1186400-0_cl Please contact Lisa at btcp@live.co.uk who can give you guidance on next steps.

WELCOME

Welcome to St Peter's, St Stephen's & St Augustin's. 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 - ask for the Sunday School & crèche at St Peter's. And accessible facilities are available (ask to be directed by a Sides-person). All welcome. Please stay on for a cup of tea!

REGULAR FEATURES IN BTCP

PRAYER GROUP – Parish Office, St. Peter's Church. Usually takes place on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7.30pm. All welcome. Contact Tim Moorhouse (07733 536626) or Ian Terry (07733 336047) for details.

TUESDAY CLUB (Card & Board Games) – Takes place every Tuesday, 2pm, in the South Vestry, St. Augustin's Church. All welcome. Just come along and join in or contact Julie Gavin on 01202 556759.

WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME RECITALS – Takes place every Wednesday, 12.45pm, St Peter's Church from February to mid-December. Entry is FREE and Parry's Café is open for a light lunch, snacks, hot & cold drinks, cakes and much more!

ST AUGUSTIN'S MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING – First Thursday of the month, from 10am-11.30am, in the church annexe. For more information, contact Roger or Jackie Uren or Lisa in the Parish Office: btcp@live.co.uk

ST PETER'S RINGERS – Practice night Thursday evenings from 7.30pm-9.00pm and regular ringing and social events with other Bournemouth towers. Existing ringers and new learners very welcome, full training available. Please contact our Tower Captain, Peter Murdock-Saint at: stpetersringers@gmail.com

BIBLE STUDY GROUP – Downstairs meeting room, St Peter's Church, every Saturday at 12pm. The group will be studying 1 Corinthians and will then be moving on to the Book of Daniel. All welcome. Just come along or contact Richard Lambert: 07404 608603.

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME JAZZ – Takes place last Friday, each month 1-2pm, St Peter's Church. Entry is FREE and Parry's Café is open for a light lunch, snacks, hot & cold drinks, cakes and much more!

ST STEPHEN'S ORGAN RECITAL SERIES - These will begin again in the new year. Details of all planned recitals will be published here and available to pick up in church once all performers have been finalised.

COLLECT

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Isaiah 60.1–6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Ephesians 3.1–12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of

Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2.1–12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Dear Friends,

Lucinda and I very much hope that, despite the fears and privations of the ongoing pandemic, you all enjoyed a very happy and holy Christmas.

The Netflix satire, *Don't look up*, reflects times of fear, indeed, rampant paranoia, but as the main characters gather round celebratory food and drink, - much as many of us will have done on New Year's Eve - it gives us a prayer that we might make our own:

***Dearest Father and Almighty Creator,
We ask for your grace tonight, despite our pride.
Your forgiveness, despite our doubt.
Most of all Lord, we ask for your love to soothe us through these dark times.
May we face whatever is to come in your divine will,
with courage and open hearts of acceptance.
Amen.***

It goes with being human that we can never know what the future holds, except that, whatever it is will always be framed by, and held in, the **grace and truth** of our all-loving Father. In the week after Christmas, the world began to say 'goodbye' to one of its most attractive personalities. Archbishop Desmond Tutu became a globally-recognised figure in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa, winning the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984. His faith, passion, bravery and humour inspired the world.

Tutu's 1999 book, *No Future Without Forgiveness*, continued his story from the times, in 1976 and 1977 when I knew Desmond as Bishop of Lesotho. Looking at that book again, I have realised how much it has influenced my thinking about grace and truth.

It focusses on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa which was established following the first democratic elections. The new President, Nelson Mandela, asked Tutu to Chair the commission.

The Commission had a daunting task, because the apartheid years had left a huge catalogue of unresolved crimes. Scores of activists had disappeared and been murdered by Police and security agencies. There were countless accusations against those who those who had abused their authority, as well as accusations against anti-apartheid activists.

The new government acknowledged that legal processes would be limited in what they could achieve. 'Normal' criminal proceedings would be lengthy, exorbitantly expensive and would almost certainly never get to the truth about what happened to those tortured and murdered during those years. They looked at Nuremburg trials which followed the defeat of Nazi Germany in the WW2 and knew they had to take a different approach to help re-build a shattered country.

In contrast, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission would offer an amnesty to anyone who was willing to fully confess the facts of the politically motivated crime they had committed. The book profiles some of the harrowing testimonies that the Commission heard. Perpetrators of the most appalling crimes came forward to share the details of what they did. Partners and family members got to hear what actually happened to their loved ones. The depth of anguish caused by State-sanctioned, racist violence is hard to imagine. It takes bold conviction for anyone to talk of forgiveness in such a context.

But '*No Future Without Forgiveness*' does exactly this. And in doing so it conveys a bold example of how Christian thinking can be applied in public life. Tutu's long years of activism against the evilness of apartheid was anchored deep in his belief in God's grace to all people:

'What endows human beings, every single human being without exception, with infinite worth...is the fact that each one of us has been created in the image of God...This is what filled some of us to fight for justice and freedom. We were inspired not by political motives but by our biblical faith. The Bible turned out to be the most subversive book imaginable in a situation of injustice and oppression.'

Tutu's belief in God's inclusive grace is matched by his profound commitment to truthfulness. Forgiveness, healing and reconciliation cannot happen without the truth being told, and inevitably, this often involves confrontation and conflict:

'Forgiving and being reconciled are not about pretending that things are other than they are. It is not about patting each other on the back and turning a blind eye to the wrong. True reconciliation exposes the awfulness, the abuse, the pain, the degradation, the truth. It could even sometimes make the situation worse. It is a risky undertaking, but in the end is worthwhile because in the end there will be real healing from having dealt with the real situation.'

For Tutu this meant criticising oppression and violence when it was carried out by people of any colour or political perspective. He was infuriated by the ANC's attempts to censor the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report because of what it exposed. As he put it:

'Yesterday's oppressed can quite easily become today's oppressors'

It's good to quote Desmond Tutu and to celebrate his life and achievements. But it's even better to take up something of his example. Whilst few of us have public roles, all of us will be faced with the challenges of how to respond to conflict and pain. These difficulties scar and fracture our families, workplaces and communities. Bitterness and 'unforgiveness' can be like a cancer that threatens and destroys what is good in our lives. In contrast, forgiveness can release and liberate us into wholeness.

Covid

We shall continue to be very careful, mindful that numbers of cases of Covid are still rising rapidly each day and the NHS is under extreme pressure. We shall, therefore, be self-restrained on organized activities in our church buildings, and respect that everyone is encouraged to work from home, where possible, and restrict their social (and religious) interaction, for the moment.

In line with guidance, people **should be wearing masks indoors at all times** and sanitiser is available to use. It is a legal requirement to wear a mask in services, but there is an exemption for singing even though singing increases transmission risk. We strongly recommend mask-wearing, including at sung worship. People *can* choose to sing wearing masks, notwithstanding that it is not mandatory.

There will be some distanced pews and I encourage people to spread themselves out as much as they can. As we are not expecting anywhere near 500 people, therefore, worshippers will not be required to show proof of vaccination or a negative test for attendance at services in any of our three churches. *However*, it is worth reminding people that it is simply best practice to take a lateral flow test before coming to any service, or Church event, and not attend if you test 'positive'. No one will be checking, but this is down to each person's own conscience and their exercise of moral responsibility.

Compliance with the measures detailed above will ensure that everyone is as safe as possible in these difficult times. Let us continue to pray for each other, and particularly for those who are isolated or lonely at home.

This Sunday, **9th January, 2022, Epiphany: the Baptism of Christ.**

8am St Peter's: Communion

10am St Peter's: Communion: I shall preside and the Rev'd Bryan Apps will be our preacher.

10am St Augustin's: Communion: The Rev'd Chris Steed.

10.45am St Stephen's: Communion: The Rev'd John Staples.

4pm St Peter's: Choral Evensong.

Next Sunday, 16th January: Epiphany 2.

8am St Peter's Communion

10am St Peter's Communion: I shall preside and Lucinda will preach.

10am St Augustin's Communion: The Rev'd Dr David Wheeler.

10.45am St Stephen's: Communion: The Rev'd David Lund.

We give thanks for the lives of Trevor Lambe, Jen Fisher, John Higham and John Davis;

May they rest in peace

And rise in glory.

Communion will continue to be offered in one kind (bread only, dipped lightly into the consecrated wine) to those who queue, one by one, distanced, in the main aisle.

Let me know, please, if you can help with teaching in Sunday School – it is an urgent and sharp need, to enable us to care properly for the many children who are brought to our churches.

Enjoy the week – and keep safe and well!

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