

**THIS WEEK – SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

ST PETER	08.00	HOLY COMMUNION Canon Nick Jepson-Biddle
	10.00	SUNG EUCHARIST Canon Nick Jepson-Biddle Sides: John Slade, Marion Trimby Readers: John Beesley, Pippa Gobbett Intercessor: Virginia Beck Hymns: 362, 238, 24, 607, 29
	16:00	CHORAL EVENSONG Canon Nick Jepson-Biddle Sides: Mike Anderton Hymns: Psalm 123/131; 24, 487, 31
ST AUGUSTIN	10.00	HOLY COMMUNION The Rev'd Steve Parselle Readers: Simon Dixon, David Agar Intercessor: Barbara Sparling Hymns: MP: 13, 210, 697, 83, 393
ST STEPHEN	10.45	SOLEMN MASS The Rev'd Dr Rob Sawdy Readers: Paul Coote, Diana Shiner Hymns: 10, 15, 186, 9

CHRISTMAS WEEK SERVICES

TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS EVE

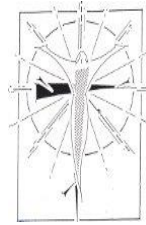
ST PETER	16:00	A FESTIVAL OF 9 LESSONS & CAROLS Canon Nick Jepson-Biddle Sides: Colin & Virginia Beck, Ronalyn Bichard <i>See separate Order of Service</i>
ST AUGUSTIN	21:00	CHRISTMAS EVE EUCHARIST Readers: Janet Lawrence, Barbara Sparling Hymns: NEH: 32, 35, 29, 22, 26
ST PETER	23.00	MIDNIGHT MASS Sides: Mike Emsley, John Slade Hymns: 62, 76, 56, 59, 73, 53

WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS DAY

ST PETER	08:00	HOLY COMMUNION - KEBLE CHAPEL Canon Nick Jepson-Biddle
	10:00	FESTAL SUNG EUCHARIST Canon Nick Jepson-Biddle Sides: Virginia Beck, Colin Beck Readers: Ronalyn Bichard, Virginia Beck Intercessor: Neil Bichard Hymns: 62, 63i, 44, 41, 43, 53
ST STEPHEN	10.45	FESTAL SUNG MASS The Rev'd Dr Rob Sawdy Readers: Stephen Chappell, Paul Coote Hymns: 24 (omit v4 &5), 39, 36, 32

THURSDAY 26TH DECEMBER – ST STEPHEN'S DAY

ST STEPHEN	10.45	FESTAL HIGH MASS The Rev'd Dr Rob Sawdy, Canon Nick Jepson-Biddle, The Rev'd David Lund Readers: Stephen Chappell, Paul Coote Hymns: 30, 201, 26 (omit v4)
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**BOURNEMOUTH
TOWN CENTRE PARISH
PEW NEWS**

St Peter

St Augustin - St Stephen

Sunday 22nd December

The Fourth Sunday of Advent



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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 PEW NEWS MAILING LIST PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE. IT'S A GREAT WAY OF KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE PARISH

WELCOME

Welcome to our parish of 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. All welcome. Please stay on for a cup of tea and a chat after the service! Colouring packs, toys and books for the children are available in the play area at the back of St Peter's. Help yourself but please leave the area tidy again before you leave.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM NIGERIA ON SUNDAY 22ND DEC!

You will all be pleased to know that following the Sung Eucharist service on Sunday 22nd December, Ifunanya and Gianampa (Anis) will be taking over in Parry's Cafe again and bringing a feast with them. This month they will be cooking a selection of Nigerian Christmas Food for everyone to enjoy! Once again, we thank them both for their kindness and generosity, providing hospitality to our worshipping community. So please stay and join in the celebration!

ST STEPHEN'S WEEKDAY WEDNESDAY LOW MASS SERVICE

Whilst the necessary repairs are done on the stonework of various windows around the building, the weekday Wednesday Low Mass service will take place in the Keble Chapel in St Peter's Church to maintain the pattern of worship. Parry's Café will be open, and Chris warmly invites you all to join him and the team for a coffee and some cake after mass. All welcome.

FOODBANK DONATIONS

This week, the Foodbank are in need of the following items, with stock at a critically low level. Please donate: Single serve packs of cereal (such as Weetabix, instant oat pots/packets, Kellogg's variety packs); Instant pots and packet (such as noodles and rice); Tinned ravioli/other meat (with ring pulls); Tinned sweetcorn and carrots (with ring pulls); Coffee; Hot Chocolate; Chocolate & Sweet Treats; Festive non-perishable food items in packets and tins. For toiletries, we are especially short of shower gel, shampoo/conditioner, shaving gel/foam, disposable razors, deodorant, soap bars, toothpaste & brushes. Washing up liquid & strong carrier bags are always gratefully received too!

NEXT WEEK – SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

ST PETER	08.00	HOLY COMMUNION Canon Andrew Gough
	10.00	SUNG EUCHARIST Canon Andrew Gough Sides: John Slade, Marion Trimby Readers: Chris Mayne, John Slade Intercessor: Mike Emsley
	16:00	NO CHORAL EVENSONG
ST AUGUSTIN	10.00	HOLY COMMUNION The Rev'd Dr Chris Steed Readers: Julie Gavin, Gillian Clearie Intercessor: Barbara Sparling
	10.45	SOLEMN MASS The Rev'd Dr Rob Sawdy Readers: Kani Trehorn, Roger Anderson

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR: Felicity Carter RIP, Carol Fidler, Eileen & David Ker, Elizabeth Brochet, Joan Schiera, Johanna Natasja Dennis, June Deedman, Keith Sturgess, Malcolm Warwick, Mary Durham, Michael Hill, Paul Higgs, Roger Marley, Rosemary Larkin, Rosemary Simmonds, Ruth Beasant, Thelma Lockwood, Tony Caruana, Val Spence

REGULAR FEATURES IN BTCP

PRAYER GROUP – Next meeting on 9th December at 7:30 pm in the Keble Chapel. All are welcome. Please contact Tim Moorhouse (07733 536626) for further details.

TUESDAY GARDENING GROUP – St. Peter's Church Grounds. Usually takes place from 9.30am-noon every week, unless the weather prevents it! Tools are provided or bring your own. Just don't forget to dress for the weather of the day and bring your gardening gloves! Refreshments and camaraderie supplied!

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.

PARRY'S CAFÉ – OPEN from 10.30am – 2pm every Wednesday and the last Friday of the month (& some occasions in between!) inside St Peter's Church, from the last Friday in January to the end of December. A range of hot and cold drinks, cakes, snacks and light lunches served daily. All welcome to pop in and enjoy!

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-11am, in the church annexe. For more information, contact Roger/Jackie Uren on 01202 778935, 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

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME JAZZ – Takes place on the 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. Sometimes on other Fridays of the month too! So watch out for additional dates!

ST STEPHEN'S ORGAN RECITAL SERIES – From Saturday 1st March 2025 at 11am and are then on the first Saturday of each month through to 1st November. Refreshments are served from 10.30am and every concert is FREE ENTRY. All welcome.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP – *The group is taking a break until 5th January 2025*, to let everyone have time to enjoy the Nigerian Feast on 22nd December and the Christmas break. Happy Christmas to all! Richard Lambert.

CHRISTMAS IN BOURNEMOUTH TOWN CENTRE PARISH

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER

4pm - Advent Carol Service *St Peter's*

THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER

6pm - Bournemouth Collegiate School Carol Service *St Peter's*

MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER

6.30pm - Carol Concert For Amelia's Rainbow Charity *St Peter's*

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER

6pm - Diverse Abilities Carol Concert *St Peter's*

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER

6pm - BU & AUB Universities Nine Lessons & Carols Service *St Peter's*

7pm - Carol Service *St Stephen's*

THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER

4pm - Carols By Candlelight *St Augustin's*

TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS EVE

4pm - Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols *St Peter's*

9pm - Christmas Eve Eucharist *St Augustin's*

11pm - Midnight Mass *St Peter's*

CHRISTMAS DAY

8am - Holy Communion *St Peter's*

10am - Festal Eucharist *St Peter's*

10.45am - Festal Sung Mass *St Stephen's*

THURSDAY 26TH DECEMBER

ST STEPHEN'S DAY

10.45am - Paternal Solemn Mass *St Stephen's*

SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY 2024

4pm - Epiphany Carol Service *St Peter's*



COLLECT

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

MICAH 5.2-5A

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

HEBREWS 10.5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired but a body you have prepared for me; in

burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

LUKE 1.39-45 [46-55]

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

[And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him, from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.']

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen