

THIS WEEK – SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY
THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

ST PETER	08.00	COMMUNION Canon Nick Jepson Biddle
	10.00	SUNG EUCHARIST Preside: Canon Nick Jepson Biddle Sides: Marion Trimby, Jenny Groves Readers: Arthur & Josephine Chagadama Intercessor: Virginia Beck
	16:00	CHORAL EVENSONG Canon Nick Jepson Biddle Sides: Ronalyn Richard
ST AUGUSTIN	10.00	HOLY COMMUNION The Rev'd Dr David Wheeler Readers: June Webb, David Agar Intercessor: Barbara Sparling Hymns: MP: 204, 51, 109, 612, 31
ST STEPHEN	10.45	SOLEMN MASS The Rev'd Dr Rob Sawdy Readers: Paul Coote, Don Oakley Hymns: 352, 51, 52, 495

WEEKDAY SERVICES

WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY

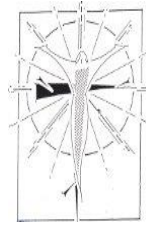
ST STEPHEN 10:00 LOW MASS @ ST PETER'S
Canon Nick Jepson-Biddle

THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY

ST PETER 12:15 HOLY COMMUNION KEBLE CHAPEL
Canon Nick Jepson-Biddle

NEXT WEEK – SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

ST PETER	08.00	COMMUNION Canon Nick Jepson Biddle
	10.00	SUNG EUCHARIST Preside: Canon Nick Jepson Biddle Sides: John Slade, Laurie Moffitt Readers: Tim & Ruth Moorhouse Intercessor: Mike Emsley
	16:00	CHORAL EVENSONG Canon Nick Jepson Biddle Sides: Mike Anderton
ST AUGUSTIN	10.00	HOLY COMMUNION The Rev'd Dr Chris Steed Readers: Simon Dixon, Gillian Clearie Intercessor: Barbara Sparling
ST STEPHEN	10.45	SOLEMN MASS Canon Andrew Gough Readers: TBC



BOURNEMOUTH
TOWN CENTRE PARISH
PEW NEWS

St Peter
St Augustin - St Stephen

Sunday 12th January
The Feast of the Baptism of Christ



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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.

COMMUNION AND THE CHALICE

In line with the rest of the diocese and according to the Bishop's direction, communion will be offered in both kinds (bread and wine) **from Sunday 19th January in all churches.** The Bishop has asked us specifically to stop 'intincting' (dipping the bread in wine). The option will therefore be to receive the bread and wine separately, or if you are concerned about infection, to receive only the undipped bread. If this raises any issues for you, do speak to the clergy.

HOLY BUFFERS

One of our responsibilities at St Peter's is looking after the many beautiful things that have been given to us, including silverware. This role is in no-one's job remit, so Nick is organising a group to meet for an hour on the first Tuesday of every month at 10am, to be followed by refreshments, to clean some of the smaller items. Materials will be provided. We will meet for the first time on **Tuesday 11th February in the Parish Office at 10am.** Please let Nick know if you are coming. Do please volunteer!

FOODBANK DONATIONS

This week, the Foodbank would be so grateful to receive any of the following items, as stock at a critically low-level post-Christmas: 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 vegetarian meals such as vegetarian chilli and ravioli, macaroni cheese; Quick cook packets such as instant noodles and microwaveable rice pouches; Instant coffee; Peanut butter; Tinned beans and pulses such as chick peas and butter beans. Washing up liquid & strong carrier bags are always gratefully received too!

PARKING PERMITS FOR 2025!

There are still some 2025 parking permits awaiting collection from the usual places! These must be displayed in your windscreen/on your dashboard **at all times** when parked in the grounds from 1st January 2025, without exception. The 2024 permits will cease to be valid in two weeks, so please collect yours on Sunday. If you receive a parking ticket (PCN) because you are not displaying a 2025 valid permit, it is a costly mistake, and the office will not be able to assist you. You have been warned!!

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. Everyone is welcome.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR: 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, Val Spence

REGULAR FEATURES IN BTCP

PRAYER GROUP – Next meeting on 27th January 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.

JANUARY 2025 - PARRY'S CAFÉ & WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME RECITALS ARE TAKING THEIR ANNUAL BREAK – until Friday 31st January 2025 when it will reopen and welcome you to the first 'Lunchtime Jazz, Swing & Blues' concert of 2025.

TUESDAY 15TH JANUARY - A SPECIAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (SPCM) - St Peter's Church, 6.00pm. As you are all aware, the PCC passed a resolution to dismantle the `team Ministry back in September 2023. However, as the Team Ministry was set up at an SPCM, we therefore need one to formally dismantle it.



**WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY
ST AUGUSTIN'S POSTPONED
'CHRISTMAS PARTY'**

St Augustin's Church Annexe 3-5pm
Postponed from December, there will be food, fun and also a quiz and a raffle! All are welcome to come along and join in the fun.
Contact Janet or Ruth on 07971 062892.

FRIDAY 17TH JANUARY - FEVER UP VIVALDI & COLDPLAY CANDLELIGHT CONCERTS

St Peter's Church 6.30pm and 8.30pm.
Full details in church/on website and on Facebook but expect all the greats. Not to be missed!



6.30pm – VIVALDI
Doors/Bar open from 5.45pm

8.30pm – COLDPLAY
Doors/Bar open from 7.45pm
Tickets <https://feverup.com>
Late arrivals will not be allowed entry, so get there early!

SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY – EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE – St Peter's Church, 4pm. All are welcome to come along and join in the celebration. And perhaps there may even be the final opportunity to enjoy some mulled wine and tasty treats after the service

**FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY
FRIDAY LUNCHTIME
JAZZ, SWING & BLUES**

St Peter's Church, 1-2pm.
Blue Tides are performing and Parry's Café is open from 10.30am, so shake off January and come and enjoy some great music for free and a light lunch and support all that we do for St Peter's and our wider community



6.30pm - COLDPLAY & IMAGINE DRAGONS
Doors/Bar open from 5.45pm

8.30pm – HANS ZIMMER
Doors/Bar open from 7.45pm
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St Peter's Church 6.30pm and 8.30pm.
Full details in church/on website and on Facebook but expect all the greats. Not to be missed!



WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY - LUNCHTIME CONCERT - St Peter's Church, 1.15-1.45pm. BU Music Scholars return and are performing live for us. FREE Admission and Parry's Café will be open from 10.30am.



WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY LUNCHTIME CONCERT
St Peter's Church, 1.15-1.45pm.
Peter Murdock-Saint is performing live for us.
FREE Admission and Parry's Café will be open from 10.30am.

WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY - LUNCHTIME CONCERT - St Peter's Church, 1.15-1.45pm. Performer tbc. FREE Admission and Parry's Café will be open from 10.30am.

WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY - LUNCHTIME CONCERT - St Peter's Church, 1.15-1.45pm. Performer tbc. FREE Admission and Parry's Café will be open from 10.30am.

FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY - FRIDAY LUNCHTIME JAZZ, SWING & BLUES - St Peter's Church, 1-2pm. Following on from their great first appearance at St Peter's in September last year, Mik n Simon are back performing for us. Parry's Café will be open from 10.30am, so come and enjoy some great music for free, and maybe even a dance and a sing along, and a light lunch and support all that we do for St Peter's and our wider community

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WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH - LUNCHTIME CONCERT - St Peter's Church, 1.15-1.45pm. Performer tbc. FREE Admission and Parry's Café will be open from 10.30am.

An Introduction to the Season

In the Western churches, the Epiphany ('manifestation') became an occasion to celebrate one element in the story of Christ's birth, the visit of the far-travelled magi, understood as the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. Matthew's account speaks simply of 'wise men from the east'; later tradition fixed their number at three, made them kings and recalled their resonant names – Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. In this perspective, Epiphanytide is an apt season to pray for the worldwide mission of the Church. The feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, appropriately falls in the Epiphany season, as does the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. In the Eastern churches, the Epiphany is, rather, the celebration of Christ's baptism at the hands of John, when the heavens were opened and a voice from heaven declared Jesus to be God's beloved Son. The miracle of Cana in Galilee, where Jesus 'first manifested his glory', follows immediately. The season of joyful celebration that begins at Christmas now continues through the successive Sundays of Epiphany, and the festal cycle ends only with the Feast of the Presentation (Candlemas). The child who has been manifested to the magi at his birth is now recognized by Simeon and Anna, when he comes to be presented in the Temple according to the Law of Israel. He is both 'a light to lighten the Gentiles' and 'the glory of God's people Israel'. But the redemption he will bring must be won through suffering; the Incarnation is directed to the Passion; and Simeon's final words move our attention away from the celebration of Christmas and towards the mysteries of Easter.

COLLECT

*Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 43.1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight and honoured and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

ACTS 8.14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

LUKE 3.15-17, 21, 22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen***