

**THIS WEEK – SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

ST PETER	08.00	HOLY COMMUNION
	10.00	SUNG EUCHARIST
	Sides:	John Slade Marion Trimby
	Readers:	John Slade Helen Ryder
	Intercessor:	Mike Emsley
	16:00	CHORAL EVENSONG
	Sides:	Mike Anderton
ST AUGUSTIN	10.00	HOLY COMMUNION
	Readers:	Julie Gavin Gillian Clearie
	Intercessor:	Barbara Sparling
	Hymns:	NEH: 232, 369, 333, 305, 372
ST STEPHEN	10.45	SOLEMN MASS
	Readers:	Stephen Chappell Ruth Marshall
	Hymns:	333, 341, 353, 467

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

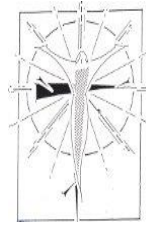
ST STEPHEN 10:00 LOW MASS AT ST PETER'S  
IN THE KEBLE CHAPEL

**THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

ST PETER 12:15 HOLY COMMUNION  
IN THE KEBLE CHAPEL

**THIS WEEK – SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

ST PETER	08.00	HOLY COMMUNION
	10.00	SUNG EUCHARIST
	Sides:	Mie & Carolyn Emsley
	Readers:	Arthur & Josephine Chagadama
	Intercessor:	Neil Bichard
	16:00	CHORAL EVENSONG
	Sides:	Mike Emsley
ST AUGUSTIN	10.00	HOLY COMMUNION
	Readers:	Simon Dixon Janet Lawrence
	Intercessor:	Barbara Sparling
ST STEPHEN	10.45	SOLEMN MASS
	Readers:	Diana Shiner Roger Anderson



**BOURNEMOUTH**  
**TOWN CENTRE PARISH**  
**PEW NEWS**

**St Peter**  
**St Augustin - St Stephen**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February**  
**The Third Sunday Before Lent**



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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 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.

## HOLY BUFFERS

Nick would like to thank everyone who came along for the first session! Amazing work done by all and what a difference was made to all of the items, including the cross which will now dazzle on Sunday as it is processed through the church. If you would like to join him on the first Tuesday of each month at 10am, to continue caring for the church's silver and brass and getting to know each other a little better, please let him know. Materials, training and good coffee and refreshments will be provided! Next meeting on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March in the Parish Office at 10am.**

## CALLING A SPECIAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

As you will all probably remember, the PCC decided back in September 2023, that we, as a parish, would press ahead with dismantling the Team Ministry of our parish after meeting with the Archdeacon of Bournemouth. The resolution for the dissolution of the DCCs was finally put before the Bishop's Council on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January, and was approved.

We legally now have to form a new PCC. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will not be until May and therefore, as that is some months away, we need to hold a Special Parochial Church Meeting (SPCM) to elect the new members of the PCC into post. This does not apply to ex-officio post holders, (Church Wardens, Deanery Synod) who are legally dealt with at the APCM. Therefore, anyone who wishes to stand as an elected member of the PCC until the 2026 APCM, please contact Nick, (or Lisa as your PCC Secretary) who can explain exactly what is required of you and will give you a Nomination Form for completion and submission. A few of you have been in contact but not many, so please do get in touch as you only have two weeks until the meeting!

With the brand-new Electoral Roll happening this year, it has been decided to keep the numbers on the PCC to a maximum of twelve, in case the number on the new electoral roll falls below two hundred, thus forcing us to revisit the PCC election again at this year's APCM in May, which we want to avoid.

If you have any questions or want to know more about potentially joining the PCC, please contact Nick, or Lisa in the Parish Office, who can link you up with Nick.

## FOODBANK DONATIONS

This week, the Foodbank would be grateful to receive any of the following items: UHT Milk; Single serve packs of cereal (such as Weetabix, instant oat pots/packets, Kellogg's variety packs); Breakfast biscuits/cereal bars; Instant pots and packet (such as noodles and rice); Peanut butter; Tinned beans and pulses such as chick peas and butter beans; Toiletries (such as shower gel, shaving foam/gel, toothpaste & brushes, bars of soap). Washing up liquid & strong carrier bags are always gratefully received!

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:** David Ker RIP, Eileen Ker, Chris Mayne, 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 Marshall, Steve Parselle, Thelma Lockwood, Val Spence, The Moffitt Family, particularly Alistair, Laurie & Louise

## REGULAR FEATURES IN BTCP

**PRAYER GROUP** – Takes place on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30pm, in the Keble Chapel. Next meeting is on **17<sup>th</sup> February**. 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 RUMMIKUB CLUB** – Takes place every Tuesday, 2pm, in the South Vestry, St. Augustin's Church. All welcome. Just come along or call 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. A range of hot and cold drinks, cakes, snacks and light lunches served daily. All welcome!

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 at 11am and are then on the first Saturday of each month through to 1<sup>st</sup> November. Refreshments are served from 10.30am and every concert is FREE ENTRY. All welcome.

**BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP** – This group will now take a break over Lent and Easter. Contact Richard Lambert 07404 608603 or [lambertrich@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lambertrich@hotmail.co.uk) if you'd like to find out more about what is coming up after Easter!



**SUNDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – NEIL SISSON'S LAST DAY AT ST PETER'S CHURCH** – *If you hadn't already heard, Neil will be taking his shoes off and showing us his amazing socks for the last time today! For all of his friends in the parish, this will be a sad day, although for Neil, he will get a lie in on a Sunday after nine years! If you would like to bid a fond farewell to Neil, please stay on after the main service and join us for a bit of a celebration!*

**TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP**  
*St Peter's Church, 7:30pm. Usually takes place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, All are welcome. Please contact Tim Moorhouse (07733 536626) or Nick for further details.*

**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - LUNCHTIME CONCERT**

*St Peter's Church  
 1.15-1.45pm. Maria Gawler & Natalie Dolton are back, performing on the cello and piano. FREE Admission and Parry's Café will be open from 10.30am.*



**WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY LUNCHTIME CONCERT**

*St Peter's Church  
 1.15-1.45pm. Neil Sissons will be Performing for us. FREE Admission and Parry's Café will be open from 10.30am with a selection of hot and cold drinks and snacks/ All welcome!*

**FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – FRIDAY LUNCHTIME JAZZ, SWING & BLUES**

*St Peter's Church, 1-2pm. After their great first appearance at St Peter's in September last year, Mik n Simon are back performing. 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 at St Peter's.*



**SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH – DORSET WILDLIFE TRUST BIG SPRING PLANTING FUN DAY EVENT** - *St Peter's Church, from 11am – 2pm. DWT are back in the grounds, and will be giving a talk from 11am about the Trust and their Wildlife Friendly Gardening Award, so take a look and see if you'd like to apply and bring in photos of your garden on the day. The link is <https://www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk/gardenscheme>.*

*We are asking for you all to bring in donations of 'wildlife friendly' plants to church from this Sunday until the day itself, so that we can have a mass planting event, as their events usually attract people and families from the area, as well as you, our parishioners, so there should be lots of willing hands!*

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*From primroses, violets and wood anemones to lavenders, wallflowers, heathers, meadow saffron and red valerian. All plants that attract bees, butterflies, birds, insects and moths are the key, and that give us colour and nectar throughout the year! The team are also keen to get some bee friendly roses flowering in the grounds, so if you're feeling generous and would like to donate a rose, check out this link for some ideas: <https://www.davidaustinroses.co.uk/search?q=wild+rose>.*

*If you don't have time to go and buy plants, you could always pop a donation into an envelope marked 'SPRING PLANTING DAY' for Jane MacDonald's attention and she will go to the wholesaler and get the plants they need! All donations very gratefully received.*

**MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH – SPECIAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING FOR THE FORMATION OF THE NEW PCC** - *St Peter's Church, 6.30pm. All members of the parish electoral roll are invited to attend if you so wish.*

**TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – MARCH HOLY BUFFERS GROUP** – *Parish Office in St Peter's Church, 10am. If you'd like to join the group that is getting St Peter's gleaming, please contact Nick, or the Parish Office. Equipment and refreshments supplied. All very welcome as many hands make light work!*

**WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - 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.*

**THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING**



*St Augustin's Church, 10 - 11am All welcome to come along to share tea, coffee, a slice of cake & there is even a raffle!*

*Only £3 for each cuppa & pastry/ cake, although larger donations are gratefully received! This coffee morning is always followed by the monthly Holy Communion service.*

**WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH LUNCHTIME CONCERT**

*St Peter's Church, 1.15-1.45pm. Czeckmate are back and will be performing on flute and guitar. FREE Admission and Parry's Café will be open from 10.30am, with a selection of hot and cold drinks and snacks/ All welcome!*



**THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – PARISH LENT LUNCH** – *St Augustin's Church Annexe, 12pm.*



*A substantial bowl of vegetable soup and a roll will be on the menu, all for only £5! Advance booking is essential so please call Roger on 01202 778935 or let the Parish Office know.*

*All are welcome, from across the parish and beyond!*

## **COLLECT**

*Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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*

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### JEREMIAH 17.5–10

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse - who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

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### CORINTHIANS 15.12–20

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain, and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ - whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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### LUKE 6.17–26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen*