

THIS WEEK – SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY
THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

ST PETER	08.00	HOLY COMMUNION
	10.00	SUNG EUCHARIST
	Sides:	Mike & Carolyn Emsley
	Readers:	Arthur & Josephine Chagadama
	Intercessor:	Virginia Beck
	16:00	CHORAL EVENSONG
	Sides:	Mike Emsley
ST AUGUSTIN	10.00	HOLY COMMUNION
	Readers:	Simon Dixon Barbara Sparling
	Intercessor:	Barbara Sparling
	Hymns:	NEH: 366, 341, 433, 387, 359
ST STEPHEN	10.45	SOLEMN MASS
	Readers:	Diana Shiner Roger Anderson
	Hymns:	146, 191, 439, 226

WEEKDAY SERVICES

WEDNESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

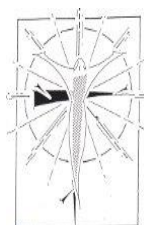
**ST STEPHEN 10:00 LOW MASS AT ST PETER'S
IN THE KEBLE CHAPEL**

THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

**ST PETER 12:15 HOLY COMMUNION
IN THE KEBLE CHAPEL**

THIS WEEK – SUNDAY 2ND MARCH
THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

ST PETER	08.00	HOLY COMMUNION
	10.00	SUNG EUCHARIST
	Sides:	Tim & Ruth Moorhouse
	Reader:	Tim Moorhouse
	Intercessor:	Don Gobbett
	16:00	CHORAL EVENSONG
	Sides:	Tim Moorhouse
ST AUGUSTIN	10.00	HOLY COMMUNION
	Readers:	June Webb David Agar
	Intercessor:	Barbara Sparling
	ST STEPHEN	10.45
	Readers:	Danny Campbell Paul Coote



**BOURNEMOUTH
TOWN CENTRE PARISH
PEW NEWS**

**St Peter
St Augustin - St Stephen**

**Sunday 23rd February
The Second 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.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Thank you to all of you who donate to our parish as we understand that for every giver, generosity is an act of Christian faith that is deeply personal. By using the Parish Giving Scheme, not only is it a simple and secure way for people to donate, but our churches benefit from improved cashflow and a resilient and reliable funding stream. It also helps ease the administration burden for our treasurers as any donation that is eligible for gift aid to be reclaimed is done automatically. So anyone who is currently giving by monthly standing order or putting cash into the plate each week, please consider switching over to the Parish Giving Scheme. The links for each church are detailed below and if you need a little help in getting it set up, ask Lisa in the office and she will be happy to answer your queries.

St Peter's - <https://www.paritygiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/bournemouth-st-peter-bournemouth/>

St Augustin's: <https://www.paritygiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/bournemouth-st-augustin-bournemouth/>

St Stephen's: <https://www.paritygiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/st-stephen-bournemouth/>

CALLING A SPECIAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Following the approval by Bishop's Council of the resolution for the dissolution of the DCCs on Monday 20th January, and was approved, we 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. Nick wanted to share a few thoughts on how he sees the new PCC working:

"Whilst members of the PCC will come from each of the three churches, and represent their congregations, members will also need to be willing to take a parish wide view on issues such as fabric and finance, and be willing to sit on occasional sub-committees, again, with a view across the parish."

If you are interested, have any questions or want to know more about potentially standing 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.

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: 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, Laurie Moffitt and Family

REGULAR FEATURES IN BTCP

LENT DAILY PRAYER – Takes place every weekday, Monday to Friday, at noon, from Wednesday 5th March to Thursday 17th April) in the chancel at St Peter's. All welcome to join this opportunity to deepen your spiritual life. We hope you will be able support this and choose a day or two a week to come.

LENT STUDY GROUP – Takes place 13, 20, 27 March and 10, 17 April) in St Peter's. Coffee & Lenten cake at 10.45am followed by reading and discussion.

PRAYER GROUP – Takes place on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30pm, in the Keble Chapel. Next meeting is on **17th March**. 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.

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.

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 3rd May 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 DISCUSSION GROUP – This group will now take a break over Lent and Easter. Contact Richard Lambert 07404 608603 or lambertrich@hotmail.co.uk if you'd like to find out more.



**WEDNESDAY 26TH 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 28TH 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 1ST 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!
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 3RD 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. Full details overleaf.

TUESDAY 4TH 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 5TH 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 6TH 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/
are gratefully received! This coffee
morning is always followed by the
monthly Holy Communion service.

**FRIDAY 7TH MARCH – FRIDAY LUNCHTIME JAZZ, SWING &
BLUES** - St Peter's Church, 1-2pm. Ian Close and John
Macdonald are back performing for us, so get set to enjoy
some smooth saxophone! Parry's Café will be open from
10.30am, so come and enjoy some great music for free, and
a light lunch and support all that we do at St Peter's. Everyone
welcome!

SATURDAY 8TH MARCH – VOCATIONS MORNING - 9.30am –
12.15pm, St Peter & St Paul's Church, Market Place, Ringwood,
BH24 1AW. Do you think God might be calling you to use your
gifts to serve Jesus Christ, but unsure of what your next step
might be? Would you like to deepen your confidence in areas
in which you already serve in the Church or beyond? Bishop
David and Head of Mission & Ministry, Rev. Dr Amy Roche, will
share about how God calls us and why we respond to that call.
The Mission & Ministry Team will be on hand to help answer
your questions and explain more about the pathways available
for both lay and ordained ministries. To book, please contact
Tracey Nicholls (Team Administrator) at: 01962 710983 /
tracey.nicholls@winchester.anglican.org or alternatively you
can book via [Eventbrite here](#)

TUESDAY 11TH MARCH – YOUNG VOCATIONS EVENING - Old
Alresford Place, 7-9pm. Are you aged 25 or under? Do you
sense that God is calling you to ordained ministry? If your
answer to these questions is "Yes", then our Young Vocations
Evening is for you! Join Young Vocation Champions, Rev'd
Helen May and Rev'd David Roberts, with Rev'd Canon Angi
Nutt (Diocesan Director of Ordinands & Vocations Advisor)
plus a number of younger diocesan clergy as they share their
experiences and the story of their calling and journey to
ordination. This will be followed by a Q&A and the opportunity
to chat about how the Diocese can support you in the
discernment process. To book, please contact Tracey Nicholls
(Team Administrator) at: 01962 710983 /
tracey.nicholls@winchester.anglican.org or alternatively you
can book via [Eventbrite here](#)

**WEDNESDAY 12TH 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!



COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen

ST STEPHEN'S & ST AUGUSTIN'S ONLY
GENESIS 2.4B-9, 15-END

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up - for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.'

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

ALL CHURCHES
REVELATION CH 4

I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a

trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.'

At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.'

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

LUKE 8.22-25

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.. Amen