

THIS WEEK – SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY
CANDLEMAS

ST PETER	08.00	HOLY COMMUNION
	10.00	SUNG EUCHARIST
	Sides: Tim & Ruth Moorhouse Readers: Steve Jones, Pippa Gobbett Intercessor: Virginia Beck	
	16:00	CHORAL EVENSONG
	Sides: Tim Moorhouse	
ST AUGUSTIN	10.00	HOLY COMMUNION
	Readers: Janet Lawrence Barbara Sparling	
	Intercessor: Barbara Sparling	
	Hymns: NEH: 362, 367, 52, 358, 408	
ST STEPHEN	10.45	SOLEMN MASS
	Readers: Roger Anderson Diana Shiner	
	Hymns: 393, 44, 408, 361	

WEEKDAY SERVICES

WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

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

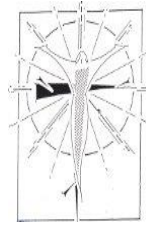
THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

ST AUGUSTIN 11:00 HOLY COMMUNION

ST PETER 12:15 HOLY COMMUNION
IN THE KEBLE CHAPEL

THIS WEEK – SUNDAY 9TH FEBRUARY
THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

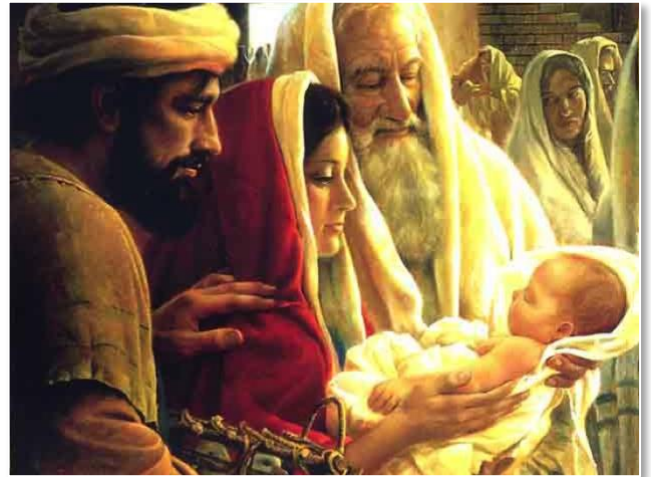
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	10.00	SUNG EUCHARIST
	Sides: Jenny Groves, Bev Wheeler Readers: Virginia Beck, Chris Mayne Intercessor: Don Gobbett	
	16:00	CHORAL EVENSONG
	Sides: Ronalyn Bichard	
ST AUGUSTIN	10.00	HOLY COMMUNION
	Readers: June Webb, David Agar	
	Intercessor: Barbara Sparling	
ST STEPHEN	10.45	SOLEMN MASS
	Readers: Adrian Scott, Don Oakley	



BOURNEMOUTH
TOWN CENTRE PARISH
PEW NEWS

St Peter
St Augustin - St Stephen

Sunday 2nd February
Candlemas



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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.

THE FUNERAL OF DAVID KER

The funeral for David is due to take place in St Augustin's Church on Tuesday 4th February at 12.30pm, followed by refreshments across the road in the Pavilion Arms. All are welcome.

BOOK SALE IN ST PETER'S

There are a lot of excellent quality books which we have had donated and so we will be holding a Book Sale after the main service next Sunday, 9th February. Bring your pennies or cards, as we have card readers!!

HOLY BUFFERS

Nick is organising a group to meet for an hour on the first Tuesday of each month at 10am, to clean some of the silver and is still looking for volunteers to join the group. Materials, training and refreshments 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 can help in this small way.

FOODBANK DONATIONS

This week, the Foodbank would be grateful to receive any of the following items: 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 too!

PARKING PERMITS FOR 2025!

The 2025 permits are now active. You will receive a parking ticket (PCN) if you are not displaying a 2025 valid permit, which 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 still ongoing in St Stephen's, the weekday Wednesday Low Mass service will take place in the Keble Chapel in St Peter's Church. Everyone is welcome.

YELLOW BUCKETS

As part of our mission, we have joined a scheme, run by Faithworks and their Half Time project, which aims to get people who are on the streets, off them permanently and also to stop it happening in the first place, both of which are huge problems in our parish. There are two initiatives that they are running:

1. 'Welcome Rucksacks' 2. 'Half-time Essentials'

Donations of **brand new**, basic supplies, from diaries, puzzle books, pens, plastic cutlery sets, travel toiletries and toiletry bags, to underwear, brightly coloured bath towels, razors, sanitary items and hairbrushes. More comprehensive details are on the flyers and posters up in church and the Yellow Buckets.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR: David Ker RIP, Carol Fidler, Eileen 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, 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 **17th 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 CLUB (Card & Board Games) – 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

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 STUDY GROUP – Every Sunday at St Peter's Church, straight after the main morning service and coffee - around 11.15am, in the downstairs meeting room. The book of I Corinthians is the topic of discussion, with everyone having the opportunity to contribute or ask questions. Contact Richard Lambert 07404 608603 or lambertrich@hotmail.co.uk

TUESDAY 4TH FEBRUARY – THE FUNERAL OF DAVID KER - St Augustin's Church, 12.305pm. As some of you will already be aware, David Hugh Ker, passed away on 19th January 2025 at Ferndown Nursing Home. His wife Eileen, and their family, would like to invite all his friends from the parish to come and celebrate his life with them, and then join them across the road at The Pavilion Arms afterwards, so share memories. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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.

**THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY
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 Communion service.



**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.

**FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY - 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 and a perfect way to celebrate Valentine's Day!



6.30pm – THE BEST WORKS OF HANS ZIMMER
Doors/Bar open from 5.45pm

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



SUNDAY 16TH 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!

WEDNESDAY 19TH FEBRUARY - LUNCHTIME CONCERT

St Peter's Church
1.15-1.45pm. Maria Gawler & Natalie Dolton are back, performing on the cello and piano. Always a treat!. FREE Admission and Parry's Café will be open from 10.30am, for snacks and light lunches.



**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 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 at St Peter's.



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.



**WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH
LUNCHTIME CONCERT**

St Peter's Church
1.15-1.45pm.
Czckmate 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 and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

MALACHI 3.1–5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

HEBREWS 2.14–18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

LUKE 2.22–40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to

present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed - and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen