

St Peter's Church, Parkstone

Sunday 27th December: John, Apostle and Evangelist

10.00am Service of Reflection

Wednesday 30th December

10.45am Eucharist

Friday 1st January—Day of Fasting for the Climate

12 noon Prayers for Climate Justice

Sunday 3rd January - Epiphany

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am All age Eucharist

Monday 4th January

10.00am Pray 4 the Week

Tuesday 5th January

10.00am Mothers' Union Monthly Communion

Wednesday 6th January

10.45am Eucharist

Sunday 10th January - Baptism of Christ

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

Collect for John the Apostle

Merciful Lord, cast your bright beams of light upon the Church: that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

Mission Prayer: Please remember in your prayers this month children everywhere, those struggling with the lockdowns, those hungry because parents have lost jobs and those in refugee camps whose future looks bleak at this time. Lord, you said suffer the children to come to me. We lift children everywhere to your loving care.

All those in need at this time, including Alice, Dexter, Nancy, Erik, Carol, Betty, Beverley, Bidy, Iris, Carlo, Natalia, Josie, Erica, Pat, Deborah, Pat.

Anniversaries of death: week beginning 27th December: Angela Alvey. Week beginning 3rd January: Robert McLester, David Allen.

The Residents and Staff of Ashley Court, Alexandra House, Hillsdon Nursing Home and Regency Manor and also those at Homelake House.

Collect for Epiphany

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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.

“Praying and Fasting for Climate Justice on the First Day of Each Month”

The Climate Justice Prayer Group will meet in St Peter’s at 12 noon on Friday, 1st January, socially distanced in the space by the chancel step. Please, come to pray with us for those around God’s world whose lives are being wrecked by bereavement, loss of homes and livelihood, all caused by the destructive effects of climate change: flooding, drought, uncontrollable fires, cyclones, tsunamis, and rising sea levels.

We’ll pray for those threatened by rising sea levels in many Pacific islands, like The Maldives, where homes and businesses may soon be swamped, making these islands uninhabitable. We’ll pray also for those living on Frazer Island in Queensland, Australia, half of which has been destroyed in December by fire, making this attractive tourism island a no-go area and forcing 80 conservation and support staff to be prepared for evacuation.

We’ll be remembering the people of Guatemala hit by Storm Eta on 7th November with winds of 140 mph with torrential rains causing massive landslides covering many houses, killing over 200 people and destroying homes, roads and businesses. Also, the three million who had to be evacuated in The Philippines on 31st October when hit by Typhoon Goni; and then by Typhoon Vamco on 13th November which, killed 53 people.

Bring to mind and share with us news of any people you may have heard about whose lives have been badly affected by severe weather conditions.

Understandably, the Coronavirus pandemic still dominates the news, so we may not hear about many around the world who are suffering from the effects of climate change.

Pray also for our national and international leaders who have the power to make decisions to reduce the human causes of climate change, especially those preparing to take part at this critical time in the Glasgow Climate Change Summit in November 2021; Pray, too, for yourself that you will be guided by God to do all you can to care for the wonderful gift of creation; and help reduce the human causes of global warming.