

ST PETER'S PARKSTONE



FOCUSED ON GOD - SPEAKING OF JESUS - CARING ABOUT PEOPLE

The Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday 28th February - Lent 2

9.30am Breakfast Worship online
10.00am Parish Eucharist on YouTube
11.15am Coffee over Zoom

Monday 1st March - Day of Prayer and Fasting for the Climate

10.00am Pray 4 the Week at home
12 noon Prayers for Climate Justice

Tuesday 2nd March

7.00pm "Lent Experience" on Zoom

Wednesday 3rd March

10.00am St Peter's open for private prayer until 12 noon

Sunday 7th March - Lent 3

10.00am Parish Eucharist on YouTube
11.15am Coffee over Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/7646181697?pwd=Lzg2aVZFVFUrRGZqWIAzaG01czlDdz09>

Meeting ID: 764 618 1697 / Passcode: dibley

Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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: Our Mission prayer for this month is for Fairtrade, we pray for the continuing supply of Fairtrade goods that we can all choose to buy. Help support those who need the fair income generated by this policy and encourage those who work so hard to help support themselves and their families.

All those in need at this time, including Alice, Dexter, Nancy, Erik, Carol, Betty, Beverley, Bidy, Iris, Carlo, Natalia, Josie, Erica, Pat, Deborah, Pat, Muriel, Margaret, Julie, Margaret, Claudine, Sarah, Helen, Kath, Rosemary.

Those who have died: Derek Bye, Fiona Bulmer, Ione Barents.

Anniversaries of death: Beryl Whiteside, Arthur Howarth, Christopher Mellors, Jason Ayres.

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

Rector's ramblings...

W/C 1st March - this week's highlights (in addition to my daily rhythm of prayer and service preparation) as you may want to pray for the work of our parish...

Monday: memorial service and Committal in Porthcawl (South Wales). Tuesday: administration morning / 7pm 'The Lent Experience' on Zoom. Wednesday: clergy chapter, clergy cluster and various other Zoom meetings. Thursday: filming and editing various online content. Friday: day off celebrating Phoebe's 14th birthday.

Lent 2021

Our Lent opportunities continue with

- “The Lent Experience” on Zoom on Tuesdays at 7pm (e-mail revdmike@stpetertsparkstone.org.uk for the link if you'd like to join) and
- the weekly all-age devotional activity (this week's is attached in the accompanying e-mail)

Hot Cross Bun Trail

To brighten up people's daily walk and to provide a fun activity for families, a number of local churches in East Poole are organising a “Hot Cross Bun Trail” around their parishes during Holy Week. The idea is that people will print out and colour in / decorate the attached image of a hot crossed bun and display it at their home somewhere where it will be visible to people walking pass in the street.

The churches will send out details of the roads in which the hot cross buns are being displayed to all their members and anyone who wants to can then go round and identify which houses in the relevant roads hot cross buns are displayed.

If you would like to display a hot cross bun at your home, please do the following:

- e-mail holyangelschurch@btinternet.com by **Monday 15th March at the latest** so a list of roads in which hot cross buns will be displayed can be compiled in time for churches to send out to their members. Please give your house/flat number and road name so we know where hot cross buns will be displayed.
- Print out and decorate your hot cross bun and then display it so it can be seen from the street from **Palm Sunday, 28th March** until Sunday 11th April.

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

With our churches still closed, please, set aside midday on Monday, 1st March, to be in spirit with The Climate Justice Prayer Group to pray 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, tsunami, and rising sea levels.

We'll be praying for people of Dhauliganga in the Himalayas in North India whose lives were overwhelmed on 8th February when it's thought climate change caused a glacier to break. The water of the lake it had been holding back tore through the valley, destroying everything in its way. 14 people were killed and 150 were missing under the mud flow. Let's continue to pray also 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.

Here, in the UK, we'll continue to pray for families in Bedfordshire, Glamorgan and Herefordshire who had to be evacuated from the homes on Christmas Day when they were flooded by Storm Bella's torrential rains. Also, the 2000 people who were evacuated on 19th/20th January from their homes in areas of Manchester and Bangor-on-Dee in North Wales when they were flooded by Storm Christoph.

Let's remember also the people of Australia once again facing excessive temperatures of 40+ and uncontrollable fires threatening homes and businesses; and by contrast the people of Texas and the Southern States of the USA where a state of emergency has been declared after being hit by deadly snow storms on 15th February killing, 15 people and destroying electricity supplies for 250,000 people.

Bring to mind and pray for any people you may have heard about in the news whose lives have been badly affected by severe weather conditions.

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

Let's pray also for our national and international leaders who have the power to make decisions which can reduce the human causes of climate change, especially those planning at this critical time for 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 to reduce the human causes of global warming.

St Peter's Church open for private prayer

St Peter's Church is open for private prayer on Wednesday mornings between 10 am—12 noon. There are some prayer resources available as you go in, if you'd like to use them.

World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer services are normally held on the first Friday of March, each year a different country plans the service. This year's service was planned by women in Vanuatu. Because of Covid-19, Poole is planning to hold a service in July. Some services are going out via Zoom on 5th March and Poole was invited to be involved with the service from Salisbury URC. The link to join the service on Zoom is:

We are holding a service on Zoom at 14:30 for 15:00 on Friday 5 March 2021. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89501586685> (Meeting ID: 895 0158 6685)

For more information please visit: <https://salisburyurc.co.uk/world-day-of-prayer-service-friday-5-march-1500-on-zoom/>



Make a Mother's Day appeal 'Gifts of Togetherness'

Mothers' Union's vision is of a world where everyone prospers and they endeavour to help make this happen by empowering women. MAMD gifts are a way of supporting this work. This year we are unable to distribute leaflets or collect gifts in church but if you would like to donate or get more information please visit www.makeamothersday.org or call 020 7222 5533

Bournemouth William Temple Association

The Bournemouth William Temple Association will be holding a Zoom meeting on **Monday 1st March at 7pm**, when **Michael Jones will give a talk on the Psalms**. Michael is studying Theology at Sarum College and has a special interest in the Psalms.

If you would like to listen to this talk via Zoom, please email John Newbold at jjnewbold@btinternet.com for the Zoom link.

Compassionate landlords for refugees required

ICN (A local Christian Charity supporting refugees and asylum seekers) CEO, Rebecca Fell, says "The Home Office are starting to talk about lifting the pause on bringing Syrian families over on the resettlement scheme. ICN are contracted by BCP council to resettle these families, and they have signed up to welcoming more families this year. The stumbling block is finding suitable accommodation. We are in need of compassionate landlords who are willing to house a refugee family in their property. We're after 2 or 3 bedroom flats or houses (sometimes more bedrooms are needed). Ideal locations in Bournemouth and Poole are where there's shops/schools/Dr's in walking distance, and where there are good transport links. The families won't be driving initially so these factors are really important. The property needs to have its own front door and be child friendly (for example the front door doesn't open right onto a busy road). Please contact the Community Support Manager Rachael Sawers on r.sawers@icn.org.uk if you have any leads. See the website for more info: www.icn.org.uk/support-us/rent-your-property/