

# ST PETER'S PARKSTONE



FOCUSED ON GOD - SPEAKING OF JESUS - CARING ABOUT PEOPLE

## **Sunday 18th April - Third Sunday of Easter**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

## **Wednesday 21st April**

10.45am Holy Communion

## **Sunday 25th April - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist

3.00pm Service at St Mary's, Brownsea Island

### **Collect for the Third Sunday of Easter**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

### **Please remember in your prayers this week:**

**Mission Prayer:** Our mission prayer for April is for Poole Refuge.

Heavenly Father we bring before you the work of Poole Refuge, guide all those who support those in need and give strength and confidence to those seeking refuge that life will improve for them and their families.

**All those in need at this time, including** Alice, Nancy, Carlo, Natalia, Erica, Deborah, Margaret, Claudine, Sarah, Helen, Rosemary, Mike, Gillian, Olivia, Ann, John.

**Those who have died:** Keith Lightning, Carol Langford, HRH Prince Philip, Jane LLOYD

**Anniversaries of death:** Paul Cook, Kenneth Ellis, Barbara Hewson, Jonathan Thornton, Roger Cordon, Jack Gooby, Doreen Read.

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

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

The St Peter’s “Climate Justice” prayer group will meet in church on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> May, in a socially distanced circle by the chancel steps 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, tsunamis, and rising sea levels.

We’ll pray for the people of East Timor in Indonesia who, on 4<sup>th</sup> April, were hit by Cyclone Seroja with flash flooding killing at least 100 people, with many more missing and 7000 having to be evacuated.

We’ll continue to pray for the 18,000 people around Sydney in New South Wales in Australia who on 21<sup>st</sup> March had to be evacuated as torrential rain caused severe flooding overwhelming and even destroying their homes.

We’ll remember also to the people in Dhauliganga in North India, still coping with the devastation caused in February by climate change breaking a glacier which overwhelmed their region with massive mud slides. At least 170 people were killed, with many still missing under the mud flow.

Tell us about any people you may have heard about in the news whose lives have been badly affected by severe weather conditions, so we can pray for them.

The Coronavirus pandemic continues to dominate the news around the world, so we may not hear about many who are suffering from the effects of flooding and drought, especially in Africa.

As always, we will hold up to God our national and international leaders who can make decisions to 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, 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.

**Start’**.is a 6 week enquirers group, led by Bishop Karen on zoom, starting at 7.30pm on 21<sup>st</sup> April. This on line course is intended for any who would appreciate a refresher course in the Christian faith, or for those interested in some confirmation preparation, or just wanting to know more. Email [bish\*\*op.sherborne@salisbury.anglican.org\*\*](mailto:bishop.sherborne@salisbury.anglican.org) to book in by 18<sup>th</sup> April when a link will be sent out to all participants.

The annual revision of the Church Electoral roll will take place between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021. If you are not on the current roll and would like to be, please complete an application form by Sunday 1st May at the latest. Forms are available from Ruby Thompson, Electoral Roll officer, a churchwarden or from the parish office.

**St. Luke’s Church** is looking for a Part-time Administrator—Computer literacy and IT skills essential. Starting date flexible. Salary £11 - £13 per hour depending on experience. Please contact the Vicar, the Revd Chris Strain [cmstrain@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:cmstrain@tiscali.co.uk) for more information or a conversation.

**Closing Date 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021**