



# St Peter and St Paul's Church

To know Jesus and to make Him known

## The Lord's Day 22nd December 2019

Welcome to St Peter and St Paul's, especially if you are visiting us for the first time! We hope you enjoy your time with us today and would be delighted if you could join us after the services for refreshments and an opportunity for us to meet you.

### 09:15 Holy Communion

Preacher - Jonathan Hunter Dunn

Reading - Hebrews 4:14-5:4 read by Mary Tester

Gospel reading - Luke 10:21-24

Intercessions - Alex Firman



### 11:00 Morning Worship

Preacher Jonathan Hunter Dunn

Readings - Hebrews 4:14-5:4 read by Sue Crisfield

Prayers - Steve Bruce-Jones

The bookstall will be open and refreshments will be served after each service. Everyone welcome to stay for a browse, a drink and a chat.

### Next Sunday

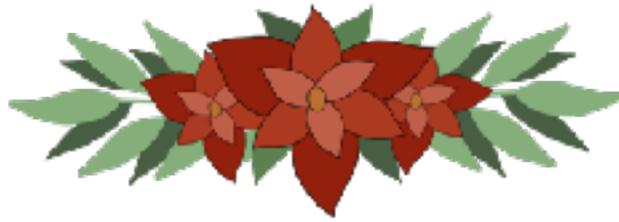
10:00 Joint Benefice Service in Cranmore

### Prayer Ministry

At both services the prayer ministry team are available to pray with you - at 09:15, while people are receiving Holy Communion, please come to the prayer corner in front of the organ, and at 11:00, during the last hymn of the service. May the Lord bless you!

### Prayer for the fourth Sunday of Advent

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



## **Christmas Flowers**

I think we would all agree that they look absolutely splendid this year - there will be a basket at the back of church for any who would like to contribute to the cost of the flowers.

## **Christmas Services this week . . .**

*Christmas Eve* - 4 and 6pm - The Christmas Story by Candlelight. Suitable, especially for children, but everyone is welcome to come along for a service with nativity scenes with the children and carols all by candlelight.

*Christmas Eve* Midnight Communion - 23:30

*Christmas Day* Celebration for all the family - 10:00

## **Thank you**

All the gifts for YWAF and the Salvation Army Christmas appeals and to all who helped pack the hampers.

From Maggie and Paul for all the help with lifts to Bristol recently - it was so much appreciated.

To all who came to help decorate the church last week and to all who sang, read and hosted the Carol Service.

## **Saving used stamps**

With Christmas cards arriving, please don't forget to recycle the stamps and bring them in to the Parish Office, or leave at the back of church. They are then used to raise money for church funds!

## **Church Family Meeting and Lunch - Sunday 26th January**

This will be an opportunity to hear news of the finances, re-ordering plans etc and to ask questions. We will have a joint service at 11:00 that morning followed by a Bring and Share family lunch.

## **Prayer requests**

For Rosie and Nigel's baby grand daughter Connie, who is still in intensive care, in the Bristol Children's Hospital.

## **Portaloo - proving very popular!**

Just for the Christmas services - we hope this will be helpful and mean that folk might avoid having to brave the steps to Peter Street Rooms if they prefer. Fully equipped now with its own fairy lights!

## **January and February 2020 rota**

The rota for Readers, Welcomers and Prayers has now been sent out to everyone. If you feel you would like to serve in a new way and join one of the teams, please let Helen know.

## **Parish Office**

The office will be closed the week after Christmas and reopen on 6th January. The work will continue though, so do keep on sending the emails!

## **United Benefice Service - Sunday 29th December - 10:00**

As it will be the fifth Sunday of the month we will gather together as a Benefice at St Bartholomew's, Cranmore. The Cranmore congregation always make us very welcome - and the cakes are amazing!



# The Week Ahead at St Peter and St Paul's

<b>Tues</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting in church</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>No Prams and Toddlers</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>16:00</b>	<b>The Christmas Story by Candlelight</b>
	<b>18:00</b>	<b>The Christmas Story by Candlelight</b>
	<b>23:30</b>	<b>Midnight Communion</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Christmas Family Communion and Celebration</b>

**Sermon notes:**

**Rector - Jonathan Hunter Dunn**

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