



The Link

Week Beginning

Sunday 11th January 2015

BRIGHSTONE, BROOK with MOTTISTONE, CHALE
and SHORWELL

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One in Christ Jesus offering a welcome to all

Welcome!

If you need any assistance during a service, please do ask one of the welcomers who will be very happy to help. If you would like someone to pray with you after any of our services, please speak with the Minister.

Baptism of Christ

08:00	Brighstone	Holy Communion
09:25	Mottistone	Holy Communion
10:15	Brighstone	B.I.G. Worship ☺
10:45	Brighstone	Morning Worship (followed by a short PCC meeting)
11:00	Shorwell	Holy Communion
18:00	Chale	Evensong

Readings

[Ps. 29] Gen. 1. 1-5 Acts 19. 1-7 Mark. 1. 4-11


Children are welcome at all services, but those marked with this symbol ☺, are particularly inclusive of children.

Offerings

In churches where collections are not taken, a plate can be found for your offering at the back of the church.



The Five Churches are each fitted with a hearing loop

 Thanks to everyone involved in making the Epiphany service at St Peter's and Steve's commissioning such a wonderful occasion. It was so good to see so many of us from across the benefice worshipping together as one family. Please keep Steve in your prayers, particularly this month as he finds his way around the community in Shorwell and the villages around.

The season of Epiphany stretches over four Sundays, culminating in the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple on the 1st February when Simeon and Anna recognise God at work in the Christ-child. It is a time when we ponder on the mystery of how Christ is revealed to us;

In the visit of the magi - earthly authority recognises divine power

In the Baptism of Christ - the Spirit descends on Jesus

In the miracle at Cana - when water is turned to wine

It is a time to pray for our homes and families, the first community in which we meet Christ and so, for many centuries, it has been a tradition to bless homes in the Epiphany season. I leave you with this prayer of blessing to pray in your own homes and for a prosperous 2015:

May all who come to this home rejoice to find Christ abiding with us; and may we seek and serve, in everyone we meet, that same Jesus who is your incarnate Word, now and forever. Amen.

Until 25th January please only leave a message at the Rectory if you need to see a priest. Pastoral matters can, in the meantime, be directed to Steve, and church matters, as always, should be directed to your Churchwardens.



Community Coffee Morning - AgeUK

Sam Brooks, Community Action Health Trainer, will be visiting the coffee morning this week. Do pop in for a chat with Sam, or just to meet with friendly faces over a cup of coffee!



As was announced in the churches last month....

The Bishop, Patrons and Parish Representatives are pleased to announce that the new priest for Niton, Whitwell, St Lawrence and Chale will, subject to legal formalities, be the Revd Dr Nigel Porter. Nigel completed his curacy at Sandown last summer after a long career as a nurse and a nurse trainer.

We will hope to give details of a licensing date as soon as possible but in the meantime please keep Nigel and his wife Sue in your prayers, as they prepare to begin a new journey as priest in these parishes and with responsibility for lay training on the Island. Archdeacon Peter Sutton.



Contact details for Steve

Steve is pleased to announce that he now finally has a landline number on which he can be contacted – 741341, hurrah! However he is still without Wi-Fi ☹️ – this is due next week at some point. If you prefer to email Steve, he is accessing messages periodically and his work email address is now lmsutcliffe@gmail.com.



'Thank you' from Charlie Warne

I would like to thank everyone from St Peter's church who contributed to my gift of a stone statue, in recognition of my services as Churchwarden for the past thirty years. Although I have stepped down from this position, I still fully intend to support St Peter's to the best of my abilities, as I have always done.

Prayer Requests

For those in particular need, amongst them Hugh Benson, Geoff Budd, Cameron Conn, Avril Coombes, Marianne Drake, Linda Evans, Don and Pam Margham, Mary Martin, Emily Metcalf, Colin and Jim Raeside, Jean Scadgell and Brian Smith.

R.I.P. Ernest Clark

Diary for 12th – 18th January 2015

Tues	08:30 10:00-12:00 10:00-11:30 18:00-18:30 20:00-21:30	<i>Morning Prayer</i> - St Mary's Brook AgeUK Community Coffee Morning - The Methodist Chapel Brook Bible Study - 5, Brook Farm Close, Brook <i>Evening Prayer</i> - St Peter's Shorwell Bible Study Group - 58 Wilberforce Road, Brighstone
Weds	08:00 10:00-10:35 10:00-12:00 18:00-18:30	<i>Morning Prayer</i> - St Mary's Brighstone <i>Holy Communion</i> - St Mary's Brighstone AgeUK Drop-in - The Exchange, Brighstone <i>Evening Prayer</i> - St Peter's Shorwell
Thurs	13:15-14:15 18:00-18:30 19:30-21:00	Funeral of Ernest Clark - St Mary's Brighstone <i>Cluster Evening Prayer</i> - Shalfleet JPCC Meeting - The Methodist Chapel, Brighstone
Fri	08:30 10:45 14:30 18:00-18:30	<i>Morning Prayer</i> - Ss Peter and Paul Mottistone Women in the Word - 58, Wilberforce Road, Brighstone Bible Study Group - Maeldune, Farriers Way, Shorwell <i>Evening Prayer</i> - St Peter's Shorwell
Sat	08:30	<i>Morning Prayer</i> - St Andrew's Chale
Sunday 18th January		Epiphany 2 (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)
08:00	Brighstone	Holy Communion
09:15	Niton (Chale)	Christingle with Eucharist
10:15	Brighstone	B.I.G. Worship☺
10:45	Brighstone	Morning Worship united with the Methodists
10:30	Shorwell	The Moot (village hall)
18:00	Mottistone	Evensong
Readings		
[Ps. 139. 1-5, 12-18] 1 Sam. 3. 1-10[11-20] Rev. 5. 1-10 John 1. 43-end		

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