

ST PETER
DE BEAUVOIR TOWN

EPIPHANY 2

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Welcome to St Peter's...

St Peter's has been at the heart of De Beauvoir Town since 1841. The congregation today is a lively mix of people of all ages from all parts of the world.

An inclusive church in the liberal catholic tradition, faithful to the Anglican Communion, in the Diocese of London - whatever your experience of church, you are welcome here.

While our *Communion in Community* is restricted by the Covid-19 pandemic **Home Worship** is offered weekly online or by signing up for postal mailing.

St Peter's Church is open for **Private Prayer** on **Wednesdays 9-11am** and **Sundays 3-5pm**.

St Peter's Community Partnership has reopened the crypt for restricted community events and activities in line with government guidelines. Please contact the Parish Office with any enquiries.

For restricted funeral, wedding and baptism/christening enquiries, please contact the Vicar *-be aware when planning ceremonies that restrictions can suddenly change!*

With blessings

Julia Porter-Pryce

Vicar

Gathering *while music is played*

Greeting

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.
From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.

The Lord of glory be with you.
The Lord bless you.

Prayers of penitence

In the light of Christ, let us call to mind our failings to
love God and the world God created

Silence is kept

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Collect

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of
your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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.

Readings

1 Samuel 3.1-10 *read by Boachie Dankwah*

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." ' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

Psalm 139 *read by Olive Home*

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O LORD, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

Hymn *Be still for the presence of the Lord*

Listen to Isle of Man Methodist Church

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXyzPnxyTks>

Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here
Come bow before Him now
With reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground

Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy One is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire
With splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

The Gospel

John 1.43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is

truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

Sermon to be posted online

Prayers for the church and the world *by Margaret Glover*

The response to each petition

Lord, in the silence
Hear our prayer

Creator God, we rejoice in the small wonders of your world, especially those we can see from our windows or discover on our local walks.

Prince of Peace, we ask for your healing of divisions that threaten the common good. Help us to be instruments of your peace and work towards deeper understanding and compassion among neighbours and strangers and between leaders and their own people.

Good Shepherd, we give you thanks for our clergy and especially for all that Julia has given through her

ministry. We ask your care and guidance as we open the way for the changes to come for us and your abundant blessings on Julia as she moves into a new way of living your calling for her. *In silence, please offer your own prayers.*

O Lord our Governor, we bring before you the secular leaders of this world. Teach them to listen without prejudice and show them the way to justice through discernment.

Healing Lord, we offer you our prayers for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Inspire us with your presence so that we may be present to those in need even though we are unable to remain by their side and minister to them directly. *In silence, please offer your own prayers.*

Lord of wonders and miracles, we give you thanks for new life and the lengthening of days.

Spirit of hope, be with us when we feel the cold and sense the darkness.

Resurrecting Lord, we offer our prayers for those who have died and those whose anniversaries come at this time. *In silence, please offer your own prayers.*

Joining our prayers with our patron, St Peter, and all the saints, we ask as one: Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Instrumental by Alec Harmon oboe and Romee Day,
organ

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks and praise for all God's gifts

Silence is kept

For birth and life and strength of body,
for safety and shelter and food,
we give you thanks:
we praise your holy name.
For sight and hearing and the beauty of nature,
for words and music and the power of thought,

we give you thanks:

we praise your holy name.

For work and leisure and the joy of achieving,
for conscience and will and depth of feeling,

we give you thanks:

we praise your holy name.

For grace and truth in Jesus Christ,
for the gifts of the Spirit and the hope of heaven,

we give you thanks:

we praise your holy name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Peace

Christ is our peace.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

The old has passed away: behold, everything has
become new.

The peace of the Lord be always with us
and also with you.

Closing Prayers

God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit

that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Christ the Son of God perfect in us the image of his
glory

and gladden our hearts with the good news of his
kingdom;

and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
be with you, this day and always.

Amen.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord

We go in peace

Amen

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organ

SAVE THE MUSIC FUND

St Peter's *Save The Music Fund* has been set up to support professional musicians struggling to work. We provide employment with live sessions in weekly Sunday services and recorded sessions for Home Worship and online events. We also offer space in church for rehearsals and recording.

To make a donation - click on **Donate to St Peter's** on Home page and select *Save the Music*

Financial Giving

*for the upkeep of the church
and St Peter's supported projects*

Cash collections are currently suspended
One-off donations can be made via the website or post
For more information about regular giving through the
Stewardship Scheme, contact the
Treasurer/Stewardship Team

Huge thanks to everyone who continues to give
generously