



## Celebrating the Ninth Sunday after Trinity

### Weekly Update 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021

To those who had witnessed (and partaken of) the feeding of the five thousand, Jesus said, *"Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you."* (John 6:27) These words are familiar to us, but do we engage with the challenge that they present. We often find ourselves busy, but is it chasing after food that spoils? Or food that endures to eternal life? It is only by drawing ever closer to God, through Jesus, that we will find out.

#### Collect for today!

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.



#### Bible Reading(s)

**Today's reading; Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 and John 6:24-35**

Next weeks readings; 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15:31-33, and John 6:35,41-51

#### Verse of the Week –

***Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' John 6:35***



#### Services in the Parish this week;

**9.30am Outdoor all-age worship** - Sandford St Martin's

**10.30am Indoor worship (Morning Worship)** - Sandford St Martin's (also on Zoom)

**10.00am Holy Communion** – The Priory church of Lady St Mary, Wareham

**10.30am Parish Online Service** - Watch here: <https://tinyurl.com/warehamchurches>

you can listen to the service by dialing: 01202 078008 (charged at local rate)

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)** – St Martin-on-the-Walls



### Prayer Focus:

#### We give thanks to God for:

- The splendour of creation, for all the natural world that surrounds us and for the kindness and consideration that we may both give to and receive from others in our community.
- The joy of being able to sing again in church.
- The achievements of sports women and men who are competing in the Olympics in Tokyo and the pleasure of cheering them on in their competitions.

#### We pray to God for:

- All leaders and people of the world's nations that each may play their part in putting into place ways to end the damage that has been done to the natural world and so help it to heal and flourish again.
- Christians throughout the world who are suffering from persecution, grant to them protection as well as the faith and knowledge that they are supported and prayed for by their brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world.
- The people of Indonesia and all other countries whom suffering as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, and grant to all countries in the world the desire and the ability to share vaccines and support for those who are in most in need.

#### Those asking for prayer:

Gill Ashworth, Frances Watts, Judith Nott, Peter Sibthorpe, Libby and Matthew Richter, Lily Brough, Lottie Bugler, Carolyn Jarman, Edna Farley

#### Those who have died recently and those who mourn:

Constance Gwinnett, Mary Loyden

**Mary Loyden's funeral is to be held in Lady St Mary church at 1 pm on Wednesday 4th August followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall. All welcome.**

#### Our Mission Prayer:

In a local context we pray for the trustees and staff of Not Just Sundaes Community Café as, in so many ways, they reach out to and engage with both the visitors and local members of the community.



#### Tuesday weekly prayer Zoom meeting

Our weekly Zoom prayer meeting will start at 7.30pm. If you would like to receive the Zoom link, please contact Debs or Stuart. All are welcome to join us to pray online.

## Coming out of Lockdown

Please be mindful of the needs of others. We would appreciate it if you would wear a face mask, unless you are exempt, especially during the singing of hymns and songs and when leaving church. And please continue to socially distance as much as possible.

## New Wine Online 'United Breaks Out': 29th July - 3rd August

We are organising a couple of 'in-person' gatherings to watch elements of this Christian summer conference as follows (we could do more if there is demand - please contact Stuart if you would like to know more):

**Thursday 29th July**, 7pm - 9pm - gather at Sandford school hall to watch the first evening session, including sung worship and a talk from Paul Harcourt, New Wine's National Leader, followed by time to talk over a hot chocolate!

**Saturday 31st July**, 9am - 12 noon - for families to join the livestreamed New Wine Kids session (on the life of Moses) followed by activities and games, all taking place in the Vicarage Garden.

**Please let us know if you would like to come so we can keep track of numbers attending. Thank you!**



## BIBLE COURSE

The Bible is the world's bestseller year by year yet many people in the western world are unfamiliar with it. Many pass it off as being irrelevant or too difficult to understand. Recently the Bible Society published a course written by Andrew Ollerton to counter this and show that the big picture in the Bible does in fact make sense of life. Two Home groups, including mine, have recently completed this course and all found it inspiring, brilliantly written and communicated. Personally, it broadened my faith and made me excited about reading more. I felt that it was important to give others the opportunity to experience it and so am running it again beginning in September for up to 12 people - 8 sessions each with video and discussion. It will probably be on Zoom on either a Monday afternoon, Wednesday afternoon or evening. There is a cost of £5 for the course booklet. Whether you are already a Bible reader, just dip into it or simply curious, I promise if you sign up you will not be disappointed! Contact me on 553025 or [judithholmes29@gmail.com](mailto:judithholmes29@gmail.com)

## Sunday Coffee in the Parish Hall and Virtual Coffee

We have reinstated refreshments after the Lady St Mary Church Sunday service, in the Parish Hall or outside on the Green weather permitting. We would like to take this opportunity in thanking everyone who has come forward to volunteer to join the rota. It has been decided to delay the re-starting of Saturday coffee until September, when the summer season draws to an end. Due to the lifting of restrictions and more church services in the Parish, it will not be possible for the clergy to host the virtual coffee each week. But by using the Zoom link sent out to you in an email by Debs, please do continue to join in with others at 11.15am. (Please contact 01929 550905 if you do not receive this, and if you need technical help to use Zoom, please contact Simon or Stuart). All are welcome!

## 'GREEN TIP' – by Canon Simon Everett

Vehicle emissions are at their lowest when travelling between 40 and 60mph. Keep within these speeds and you will use around 30% less fuel. It is predicted that around 100 tonnes of CO2 would be saved every year if 5,000 drivers drove at 60mph instead of 70mph. Equally, if you've slowed to a standstill in heavy traffic, switch the engine off.



### Readings for Daily Morning Prayer:

### \*Indicates Festival

	Psalm (s)	Old Testament	New Testament
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	<b>44</b>	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Mark 1:1-13
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	<b>48, 52</b>	Ezekiel 37:15-end	Mark 1:14-20
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>119:57-80</b>	Ezekiel 39:21-end	Mark 1:21-28
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>56, 57</b>	Ezekiel 43:1-12	Mark 1:29-end
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August*</b>	<b>27, 150</b>	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Luke 9:28-36
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>68</b>	Ezekiel 47:1-12	Mark 2:13-22

## PASTORAL VISITING AND MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH THE VULNERABLE

The Ministry Team once again will be able to carry out more pastoral visiting. Please do contact the clergy or the office if you would like a visit.

### Parish Office

The Parish Office is open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9am – 1pm. At all other times enquiries and queries can be made by email and they will be dealt with as soon as possible.

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