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March 2018



**News from the Ministry Team . . . . .**

‘Do we really need the Church and all that it stands for?’ This is hopefully not a question that you are asking, but there are many in today’s society who are, either explicitly or implicitly. During the latter part of the twentieth and now the twenty-first century, living standards for the majority of people have improved, and it seems only now are we beginning to realise that continued improvement is unsustainable. This physical comfort has led to a spiritual comfort that means many believe that God is no longer necessary. “I’m fine as I am”, I hear many say; and it is not until illness, crime, financial concerns or other big issues threaten people’s security that they even begin to think about the deeper meaning of life.

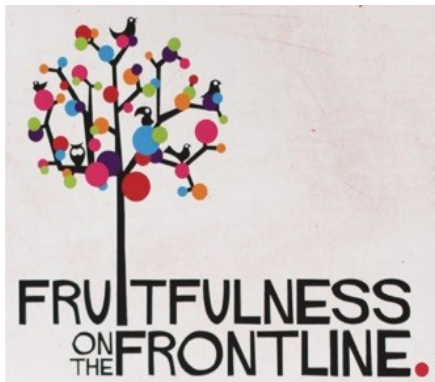
Of course, there are always exceptions and God is not in any way inhibited by our earthly culture or trends and there are still those who come to a faith regardless. Also, it is true that in society at large there is an increasing interest in mystical matters but often this simply fills in the gaps that people have in the wider scheme of things. If this leads to any sort of belief, it is usually in a god made in the image of man rather than in God who has made humankind in his image.

And this takes us to the heart of what we celebrate and give our attention to in Holy Week and Easter. As human beings we want to be in charge, we want our god to agree with us and endorse what we do. This is what we mean by sin, even if this is a very unfashionable word (and concept) at the moment. Society, in many ways, is no different to a child that is always allowed to have its own way, it ends up spoilt and rather obnoxious. Yes, there are many good people with good ideas in the wider community who would certainly not call

themselves Christians, and we should in no way disparage these, but as Christians we believe that Jesus shows us the way to life as it should be. Jesus is the only person ever, who has lived the perfect life.

It is only as we grapple with who we truly are and discover that we may not be quite as good as we think we are, that we will begin to see our need of God. Deep down most of us know how we would like to be but if we're brutally honest with ourselves we fall short of that ideal. In fact, what we are falling short of is God's image and likeness. But today's mind-set tells us that this is too negative, we must be more positive, accepting of ourselves as we are, indeed celebrating this, 'Cos we're worth it'!

What today's society needs to realise is that the way to fullness of life is not to embrace life as it (even if it is very comfortable), instead it is to turn to God by looking to Jesus. It is Jesus who shows us the way back to God, our heavenly Father, and it is in his presence that we discover who we are truly meant to be. Normally the shortcomings of our own lives would get in the way but through the cross Jesus has cleared the way, 'paid the price', of our sinful selfishness. This is the glorious Gospel that we celebrate week by week, but more especially at this holy time of year. *Simon*



### **Lent Course: Fruitfulness on the Frontline**

What if where you are now really matters? During Lent, we will be discovering the rich variety of ways that God may work in and through us right where we are. Fruitfulness on the Frontline uses a combination of biblical insight, real-life stories, group discussion, and practical steps to take, to help us explore how we can grow in fruitfulness for God right where we are.

The areas of fruitful living we will explore are: modelling godly character, making good work, ministering grace and love, moulding culture, being a mouthpiece for truth and justice, and being a messenger of the gospel. Come along and explore how these could impact on your daily life.

The course will take place on five Thursday afternoons and evenings in the Parish Hall, at 2.30pm and 7.30pm respectively. Choose afternoon or evening. Please speak to a member of the ministry team for more details, or contact the Parish Office.

## **Notices**

### **Dates for your Diary**



**Lent Lunch for Christian Aid 2018**  
**Wednesday 14th March**  
**at the United Reformed Church, Wareham**  
**12.30pm - All welcome**

**Women's World Day of Prayer**  
**Friday 2nd March 2018 at 10.30am for 11.00am**  
**at the Methodist Church, Wareham**

**There will be refreshments from 10.30am and the service will start at 11.00am. All are most welcome**

With the title "All God's Creation Is Very Good", the service this year has been written by the women of Suriname in South America. With its vast rainforest and wealth of resources, Suriname asks us to pray for conservation and the protection of wildlife, through an awareness of pollution, misuse and abuse, as well as for the situation in Suriname and concerns for the future.

All are very welcome to attend.

### **Easter Egg Hunts around the parish!**

This year there will be three different Easter Egg Hunts in different parts of our community. As well as hunting for eggs, there will be other Easter activities for children, and tea, coffee and cake will be available. All are welcome, young and old. A great opportunity to invite friends and neighbours along.

**Sandford** - Sat 24 March, 10am - 11.30am at the Vicarage, 9 Keyworth Drive

**Westgate** - Sat 24 March, 3pm - 4.30pm on Westerman Way

**Northmoor** - Easter Sunday 1 April 2.30pm in Northmoor Park

Please speak to Stuart or Jane for more details.

# Monthly Events

## 1st - 9th March 2018

Thu 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	Market Service and Prayers at URC
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 am	Refreshments Women's World Day of Prayer
	11.00 am	Women's World Day of Prayer Service at the Methodist Church – "All God's Creation is Very Good", written by Suriname. All welcome
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00am	Wareham Parish Monthly Prayer Meeting - a time to pray in Lady St Mary Church with the Ministry Team
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall. All welcome
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Informal Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Celtic Morning Prayer at Sandford St Martin's Church
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.45 am	Holy Communion Service at Lady St Mary Church
	11.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) Service at St Martin-on-the-Walls Church
Thu 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Market Service and Prayers at URC
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Parish Hall Lunch Club (details from Carol Turner on 556761)

## 10th - 14th March 2018

Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.30 am	Men's Breakfast at Sandford St Martin's Church. Please contact John Bowen for details (551675)
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall. All welcome
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>		<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY</b>
	9.30 am	Mothering Sunday Service at Sandford St Martin's
	7.00 pm	'Going Deeper' at Sandford St Martin's Church
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary Church
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Celtic Morning Prayer at Sandford St Martin's Church
Tue 13 <sup>th</sup>		Mothers' Union Spring Council at St Francis, Salisbury
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.45 am	Holy Communion Service at Lady St Mary Church
	11.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) Service at St Martin--on-the-Walls Church
	12.30 pm	Christian Aid Lent Lunch at the United Reformed Church. All welcome
	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union in the Parish Hall. Anne King will talk about West Gallery Music

# Monthly Events

## 15th - 22nd March 2018

Thu 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Market Service and Prayers at URC
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.45 am	Ladies' Breakfast Sandford St Martin's Church. Details from the Parish Office or Barbara Wells on 554587
	10.00 am	Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall. All welcome
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary Church
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Celtic Morning Prayer at Sandford St Martin's Church
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.45 am	Holy Communion Service at Lady St Mary Church
	11.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) Service at St Martin-on-the-Walls Church
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 am	Market Service and Prayers at URC
	2.00 pm	'Open House' at Sandford St Martin's Church: "Portugal", followed by a cup of tea, chat, and a raffle for charity. All welcome

## 23rd - 28th March 2018

Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	12.30pm	Parish Hall Lunch Club (details from Carol Turner (556761))
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall. All welcome
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm	Purbeck Evening Praise at St Christopher's Church, Winfrith Newburgh
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary Church
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Celtic Morning Prayer at Sandford St Martin's Church
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.45 am	Holy Communion Service at Lady St Mary Church
	11.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) Service at St Martin-on-the-Walls Church
	2.30pm	Wednesday Group in the Parish Hall. Carl Litherland-Payne – The History of Wareham. All welcome

### Future Dates for the Diary

**Please advise the Parish Office of any events you wish to advertise for the April Events Diary before Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March if possible**

## **Wedding Services**

**Wedding at the Church of St Nicholas, Arne**

**Saturday 24th March 2.00 pm - Bethany Harris and Charles Cox**

## **Services in Holy Week**

### **Mon 26th. Tue 27th and Wed 28th**

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Lady St Mary Church

### **Maundy Thursday 29th**

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Lady St Mary Church

7.00pm Stripping of the altars Holy Communion, Lady St Mary Church

### **Good Friday 30th March**

9.30am Walk of Witness from Sandford St Martin's Church

10.30am Walk of Witness from St Martin-on-the Walls

12 noon Three-hour service 'Looking Through the Cross'

### **Easter Eve 31st March**

9.00am Quiet Prayer and Reflection, St Martin-on-the-Walls

### **Easter Day 1st April**

6.30am Dawn Sunrise Holy Communion, the river bank, opposite Wareham Quay

8.00am Easter Holy Communion (BCP) Lady St Mary Church

9.30am All-age Communion Service, Sandford St Martin's Church

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) St John the Evangelist Church East Holme

10.00am Family Communion Service (with Angel Voices) at Lady St Mary Church

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP) St Nicholas Church, Arne

# Worship

**4th March 2018**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent**

**Lady St Mary , Wareham**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00 am Family Communion with  
Angel Voices

**Sandford St Martin's Church**

9.00 am Breakfast@9  
10.30 am Morning Worship

**St Nicholas, Arne**

10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

**7th March 2018**

**Lady St Mary, Wareham**

7.45 am Holy Communion

**St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham**

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

**11th March 2018**  
**Mothering Sunday**

**Lady St Mary, Wareham**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00 am Holy Communion  
12.00 noon Baptism Service

**Sandford St Martin's Church**

9.30 am Sandford Mothering Sunday  
service

**St John, East Holme**

9.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

**14th March 2018**

**Lady St Mary, Wareham**

7.45 am Holy Communion

**St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham**

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

**18th March 2018**  
**5th Sunday of Lent**

**Lady St Mary , Wareham**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00 am Morning Worship

**Sandford St Martin's Church**

9.00 am Breakfast@9  
10.30 am Morning Worship

**St Nicholas, Arne**

10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

**21st March 2018**

**Lady St Mary, Wareham**

7.45 am Holy Communion

**St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham**

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

**25th March 2018**  
**Palm Sunday**

**Lady St Mary, Wareham**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00 am Holy Communion

**Sandford St Martin's Church**

9.00 am Breakfast@9  
10.30 am Holy Communion

**St John, East Holme**

6.00 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

**28th March 2018**

**St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham**

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

# Wareham Parish Monthly Prayer Meeting

## ***Time spent in prayer is never wasted – Francis Fenelon***

On the first Saturday of each month there is a gathering of parishioners from all five of our parish churches to pray for the needs of the world, the nation and our local needs. As well as prayer there is also informal worship and an opportunity to share personal items for prayer and consideration. Each month there is a different theme, with either a member of the Ministry Team or one of the lay members leading.

With the world, the Church and our nation facing such big challenges at the present time, the need for Christians to gather and pray is great and urgent. Of course we can all pray in the comfort of our own homes, and it is vital that we do, but there is also a divine imperative to gather to pray together. In our Sunday worship we offer prayer and worship in many forms; however, a parish prayer meeting gives us the opportunity to pray in greater depth and with more focus. As one of the greatest teachers on prayer, E.M. Bounds, once said, *'God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil.'*

Please do consider coming along to this; it starts at 9.00am and finishes at 10.00am in Lady St Mary Church, Wareham. Why not write this in your diary on the first Saturday of each month, then you are more likely to remember it!

Wareham's Church of England Family is made up of the following five churches:



**Lady St Mary, Wareham**  
**St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham**  
**Sandford St Martin's Church, Sandford**  
**St Nicholas, Arne**  
**St John the Evangelist, East Holme**

*Whichever church you choose to visit, you can be sure of a warm welcome*

Members of our Team are available for confidential help, support and advice.

Please contact:

The Reverend Canon Simon Everett (Team Rector) Day Off Friday

The Reverend Stuart Cocksedge (Team Vicar) Day Off Friday

The Reverend Michael Young (Associate Priest) Day Off Monday

The Reverend Brigid Barrett (Officiating Minister) Day Off Tuesday

The Reverend Jane Williams (Assistant Curate) Day Off Tuesday

The Reverend Hilary Bond (Schools' and Children's Worker) Day Off Monday

The Parish Office is open for enquiries on Monday to Friday  
from 9.30am until 12.30pm. Please ☎ 01929 550905, email:

parish.office@warehamchurches.org.uk or visit [www.warehamchurches.org.uk](http://www.warehamchurches.org.uk)