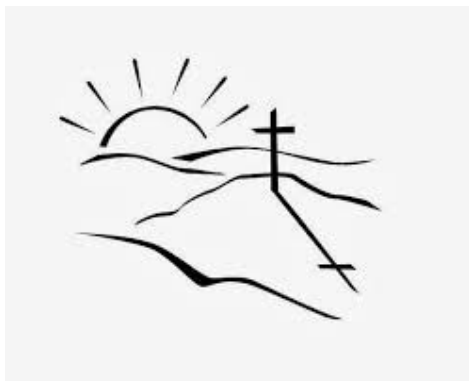


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April 2018



News from the Ministry Team

Easter Sunday, the holiest day in the calendar of the Christian Church, falls this year on the 1st of April, April Fools day.

In a way that is sort of appropriate.

St Paul, writing to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 4:10) claims to be a fool for Christ. Maybe, as some commentaries suggest, he was simply being ironic or sarcastic but perhaps he has a point.

“Our dedication to Christ makes us look like fools, but you claim to be so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are so powerful! You are honoured, but we are ridiculed” (NLT). The original Greek of this verse reads even more strikingly: “We are fools for Christ; you are wise in Christ”

Our commitment to Christ, to living as his hands and feet in a world dedicated to ambition and success, may well make us look like fools in the eyes of those around us today. Believing that Christ is the one-and-only Saviour of the world isn't always popular in a culture that majors on tolerance. Many will think that believing in God becoming human then dying a criminal's death on a cross, only to be resurrected afterwards, makes no sense whatsoever. We who seek to be faithful may well end up looking like “fools for Christ”.

Paul appears to be upset by the behaviour of some of the members of the church he founded and with good reason. He goes on to say “but you claim to be so wise in Christ” again ironic but with some truth. His foolishness in Christ is, in fact, an expression of God's own wisdom. The Corinthians, who think they are wise, are actually buying into the folly of their culture.

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In some ways 1st Century Corinth was similar to our own society today; a haven for pride in accomplishments – a self-glorifying ethos. This meant that they began to look down upon Paul, the founder of their church, because his life was so full of sacrifice, hardship, and deprivation.

As we approach Easter, the core of our belief, can we, hand on heart, say that we are fools for Christ? Are we more interested in what people think of us than what we can accomplish as followers of Christ's way? Can we truly say that we love others as Christ has loved us?

Easter is the glorious celebration of all that Jesus came to fulfil; and we are encouraged to be fools in the eyes of the world by remaining true to his teaching.

Wishing you a joyful and empowering Easter.

Brigid

WAREHAM FOOD BANK

Please remember that the Parish Office is a collection point for the Wareham Food Bank. Donations for the Food Bank, to include cereals, tinned items, e.g. tomatoes, soup, meat/fish, fruit, baked beans, vegetables and rice pudding, etc—fruit juice (cartons), tea/coffee, pasta/rice, sugar, biscuits and/or snack bars, donations are much appreciated.





Notices

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 24th March, 10am - 11.30am at the Vicarage, 9 Keysworth Drive

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

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

Please speak to Stuart or Jane for more details.

Easter Day Services

6.30am Dawn Sunrise Holy communion Service
The river bank, opposite Wareham Quay

Sandford St Martin's Church
9.30 am All Age Communion Service

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

Lady St Mary Church, Wareham
8.00 am Easter Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Easter Family communion (with Angel Voices)

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

Monthly Events

1st - 10th April 2018

Sunday 1st EASTER DAY

Monday 2nd PUBLIC HOLIDAY– No Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary Church

Tuesday 3rd

8.00 am Celtic Morning Prayer at Sandford St Martin's Church

Wednesday 4th

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

Thursday 5th

10.30 am Market Service and Prayers at URC

Friday 6th

12.30pm Parish Hall Lunch Club (details from Carol Turner on 556761)

Saturday 7th

10.00 am Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall. All welcome

Monday 9th

9.00 am Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary Church

Tuesday 10th

8.00 am Celtic Morning Prayer at Sandford St Martin's Church

11th - 18th April 2018

Wednesday 11th

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

2.00 pm Mothers' Union in the Parish Hall.

Thursday 12th

10.30 am Market Service and Prayers at URC

Friday 13th

12.30pm Parish Hall Lunch Club (details from Carol Turner (556761)

Saturday 14th

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

Sunday 15th

7.00 pm 'Going Deeper' at Sandford St Martin's Church

Monday 16th 9.00 am Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary Church

1.30 pm Seedlings Toddler Group, Sandford St Martin's Church, Sandford

Tuesday 17th 8.00 am Celtic Morning Prayer at Sandford St Martin's Church

Wednesday 18th

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

Monthly Events

19th - 24th April 2018

Thursday 19th

10.00am Wareham Parent and Toddlers in the Parish Hall, Wareham

10.30 am Market Service and Prayers at URC.

Saturday 21st

8.45 am Ladies' Breakfast at Sandford St Martin's Church. Special Ladies Event.
Details from the Parish Office or Barbara Wells on 554587

10.00 am Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall. All welcome

Sunday 22nd

6.00 pm Purbeck Evening Praise at All Saints Church, Swanage.

Monday 23rd

9.00 am Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary Church

1.30 pm Seedlings Toddler Group, Sandford St Martin's Church

Tuesday 24th

8.00 am Celtic Morning Prayer at Sandford St Martin's Church

7.00 pm Vestry Meeting in the Parish Hall

7.30 pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) in the Parish Hall. All welcome to attend.

25th - 30th April 2018

Wednesday 25th

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

2.30 pm Wednesday Group in the Parish Hall. Mark Lapper will talk about Purbeck Youth Club. All welcome

Thursday 26th

10.00am Wareham Parent and Toddlers in the Parish Hall, Wareham

2.00 pm 'Open House' at Sandford St Martin's Church. Meeting at the front entrance of the school to visit Sandford St Martin's Primary School. This will be followed by a cup of tea, chat, and a raffle for charity. All welcome

Friday 27th

12.30 pm Parish Hall Lunch Club, details from Carol Turner (556761)

Saturday 28th

10.00 am Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall. All welcome

Monday 30th

9.00 am Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary Church

1.30 pm Seedlings Toddler Group, Sandford St Martin's Church, Sandford



Wedding Services

Wedding at the Church of St Nicholas, Arne

Saturday 14th April 2018 at 11.30 am

Anthony Charles Warne and Rachel Mary Palmer

Baptism Services



Baptism at Lady St Mary Church, Wareham

Sunday 8th April 2018 at 12 noon

Jack Thomas Gatehouse

Olivia Gatehouse

Toby Benjamin Peter Crew-Jones

Worship

1st April 2018
Easter Day

Lady St Mary , Wareham

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

Sandford St Martin's Church

9.30 am All Age Communion

St John, East Holme

9.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

St Nicholas, Arne

10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

4th April 2018

Lady St Mary, Wareham

7.45 am Holy Communion

St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

15th April 2018
3rd Sunday of Easter

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 Holy Communion

St Nicholas, Arne

10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

18th April 2018

Lady St Mary, Wareham

7.45 am Holy Communion

St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

8th April 2018
2nd Sunday of Easter

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

9.00 am Breakfast@9
10.30 am Morning Worship

11th April 2018

Lady St Mary, Wareham

7.45 am Holy Communion
St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham
11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

22nd April 2018
4th Sunday of Easter

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 Morning Worship

St John, East Holme

6.00 pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

25th April 2018

Lady St Mary, Wareham

7.45 am Holy Communion
St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham
11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

29th April 2018
5th Sunday of Easter

Lady St Mary, Wareham

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am United Parish Service

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