

News Events Worship Social

May 2018



News from the Ministry Team

Our invitation to pray 'Thy Kingdom Come'

Over the last couple of years, millions of Christians around the world have responded to the call to prayer issued by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York under the banner of Thy Kingdom Come. Since it began in 2016, this invitation to pray between Ascension and Pentecost has grown into a global, interdenominational movement, of which Justin Welby has said this:

"I cannot remember in my life anything that I've been involved in where I have sensed so clearly the work of the Spirit." Archbishop Justin Welby.

But what does it mean for you and I to pray 'Thy Kingdom Come' in Wareham, in Purbeck, for our nation, and for our world?

We are living in uncertain times, we regularly see conflict and suffering in the news, and our community in Wareham has been deeply affected by the recent tragic accident on North Street. Faced with all this, you may think, what difference can I make? What difference do my prayers make?

And yet the Lord's Prayer, given to us by Jesus, is a prayer rooted in the reality of God and his kingdom. It reminds us that we can come to our loving heavenly Father, who is Lord of all, and join with him in the work of his kingdom, seeking the transformation and blessing of our world. So when we pray, "your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven" we are recognizing that all is not as it should be in our world, and we are asking him to bring more of the reality of his kingdom (his rule and reign) to our world, just as it already is in heaven.

The timing of Thy Kingdom Come, running from Ascension to Pentecost, reminds us of the promises of Jesus, the power of prayer, and the growth of God's kingdom experienced by God's people and recorded in the book of Acts:

"Jesus said to them: '... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' After Jesus said this, he was taken up before their eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight."

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“Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem... They all joined together constantly in prayer... When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit... and about three thousand were added to their number that day.” (from Acts chapters 1 and 2)

Following his ascension, Jesus’s followers continued to meet together, they prioritized prayer, they were filled with the Spirit at Pentecost, the church was born and thousands of people came to know Jesus. This is the backdrop to the Archbishops’ call to prayer.

A week of prayer at St Martin-on-the-Walls

We want to be part of this movement of prayer, so this year we are having a week of prayer for our community and our world at St Martin-on-the-Walls Church. In the week leading up to Pentecost, there will be a variety of prayer stations and resources to help us pray in this ancient place of prayer on the walls of Wareham.

You are invited to come and pray individually or as a group, at any time during the day, from Monday 14th until Saturday 19th May. You will be able to sign up for a particular time slot, or just come along at any time when the church is open. In the evenings, there will also be prayer meetings led by different people. More details to follow soon.

This week of prayer will be launched with the monthly Going Deeper evening in Sandford on Sunday 13th May at 7pm, and will conclude with a Pentecost Praise Service (including Holy Communion) at Lady St Mary Church on Sunday 20th May at 10am.

‘Thy Kingdom Come’ events in Wareham Parish

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| Thu 10 May | St Nicholas Arne | 12 noon | Ascension Day Holy Communion |
| Sun 13 May | Lady St Mary | 10am | Christian Aid Week United Service |
| Sun 13 May | Sandford St Martin’s | 7pm | Going Deeper |
| Mon 14 May | St Martin-on-the-Walls | Daytime | Week of prayer – come and pray anytime |
| | | 7.30pm | Evening prayer meeting |
| Tue 15 May | St Martin-on-the-Walls | Daytime | Week of prayer – come and pray anytime |
| | | 7.30pm | Evening prayer meeting |
| Wed 16 May | St Martin-on-the-Walls | Daytime | Week of prayer – come and pray anytime |
| | | 7.30pm | Evening prayer meeting |
| Thu 17 May | St Martin-on-the-Walls | Daytime | Week of prayer – come and pray anytime |
| | | 7.30pm | Evening prayer meeting |
| Fri 18 May | St Martin-on-the-Walls | Daytime | Week of prayer – come and pray anytime |
| Sat 19 May | St Martin-on-the-Walls | Daytime | Week of prayer – come and pray anytime |
| Sun 20 May | Lady St Mary | 10am | Pentecost Praise Service including Holy Communion |

Speak to a member of the ministry team for more details.

Please join with us this May as we come together to pray ‘Thy Kingdom Come’, and be expectant about what God will do in and through us as we pray. **Every blessing, Stuart**



Notices

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 2nd May 2018
Healing and Wholeness Service
in Lady St Mary Church, Wareham at 6.00pm
All Welcome

Thursday 10th May 2018
There will be an Ascension Day Service
at St Nicholas Church, Arne at 12 noon
All Welcome

Sunday 13th May 2018
10.00am United Wareham Church Family Christian Aid Service,
Lady St Mary Church, Wareham Preacher Robert Pearce.
All Welcome

Wanted Christian Aid collectors in May to help with the door to door collection. This is the only time in the year that everyone is visited by someone representing all the churches. We rely on 80 collectors to do this and the amount raised for Christian Aid in the week is over £4,000. This year the week is from 13th—21st May. Please contact Parish Office 550905 if you can help. **Thank you to all those who help each year, you will be contacted again in early May.**

Monday 28th May 2018
10.00 am Festival of Flowers and Photos at St John the Evangelist Church,
East Holme

Enjoy God's creation in Dorset Wild Flower Week

This year's Dorset Wild Flower Week will be the eighth. It runs from Saturday 26th May to Sunday 3rd June. There are 17 walks spread over interesting habitats in Dorset; seven are in or near Purbeck – at Wareham Common, Durlston Country Park, Brownsea, Corfe Common, Studland Dunes and Little Sea, Ballard Down, and Three Barrows. Most walks are two hours long, and are designed for beginners and improvers. Please pick up a leaflet about them from the Tourist Information Centres, the libraries, or Durlston and the National Trust Visitor Centres; or go online to Dorset Flora Group. Ted Pratt

Monthly Events

1st - 7th May 2018

Tuesday 1st

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

Wednesday 2nd

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 3rd

10.00 am Wareham Parent and Toddler Group, Parish Hall, Wareham

10.30 am Market Service and Prayers at URC

Saturday 5th

10.00 am Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall. All welcome

Monday 7th BANK HOLIDAY

9.00 am No Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary Church, Wareham

8th - 14th May 2018

Tuesday 8th

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

Wednesday 9th

7.45 am Holy Communion Service at Lady St Mary

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) Service at St Martin-on-the-Walls Church

2.00 pm Mothers' Union Deanery Quiet Afternoon at All Saints Church, Swanage

Thursday 10th

10.00 am Wareham Parent and Toddler Group, Parish Hall, Wareham

10.30 am Market Service and Prayers at URC

Friday 11th There will be no Lunch Club today

Saturday 12th

8.30 am Men's Breakfast at Sandford St Martin's Church. Please contact John Bowen for details 551675.

10.00 am Mothers' Union Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall in aid of AFIA.

Sunday 13th

10.00 am Wareham United Christian Aid Service, Lady St Mary Church, Wareham

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

Monday 14th

9.00 am Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary Church, Wareham

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

Please advise the Parish Office of any events you wish to advertise for the June Events Diary before Tuesday 8th May if possible

Monthly Events

15th - 21st May 2018

Tuesday 15th

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

Wednesday 16th

7.45 am Holy Communion Service at Lady St Mary

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) Service at St Martin-on-the-Walls Church

Thursday 17th

10.00 am Wareham Parent and Toddler Group, Parish Hall, Wareham

10.30 am Market Service and Prayers at URC

Saturday 19th

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

10.00 am Saturday Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall

Monday 21st

9.00 am Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary Church, Wareham

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

22nd - 31st May 2018

Tuesday 22nd

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

Wednesday 23rd

7.45 am Holy Communion Service at Lady St Mary

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) Service at St Martin-on-the-Walls Church

2.30 pm Wednesday Group in the Parish Hall. Fiona Daborn will talk about Christian Aid. All welcome

Thursday 24th

10.00 am Wareham Parent and Toddler Group, Parish Hall, Wareham

10.30 am Market Service and Prayers at URC

Friday 25th 12.30 pm Parish Hall Lunch Club (details from Carol Turner (556761))

Saturday 26th

10.00 am Saturday Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall

Monday 28th BANK HOLIDAY

9.00 am No Morning Prayer today in Lady St Mary Church

10.00 am Festival of Flowers and Photos at St John the Evangelist Church, East Holme

Tuesday 29th 8.00 am Celtic Morning Prayer at Sandford St Martin's Church

Wednesday 30th 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 31st

10.30 am Market Service and Prayers at URC

2.00 pm 'Open House' at Sandford St Martin's Church. Talk on Shelter followed by a cup of tea, chat, and a raffle for charity. All welcome

Wedding Services



Wedding at Lady St Mary Church, Wareham

Saturday 12th May 2018 at 1.00 pm

Shaun Charlie Maurice Hughes and Chelsea Louise Lye

Wedding at St Nicholas Church, Arne

Saturday 26th May 2018 at 12 noon

Susan Elaine White and Pencho Grigorov Varbanov

Baptism Services



Baptism at Sandford St Martin's Church

Sunday 6th May at 12 noon

Thomas Carlyle

Baptism at Lady St Mary Church, Wareham

Sunday 13th May at 12 noon

Jack Ventham

A Double-barrelled Canon!

On 8th May, at an Evensong in Salisbury Cathedral, our Team Rector is to be installed (again) into the College of Canons. What exactly does this mean, you may ask, isn't he already a Canon? Yes he is, but things are a little more complicated than they used to be. In today's diocese, you are appointed a Canon for particular works of service to the diocese, once this has finished the Canon either reverts back to how they were before, or becomes a Canon Emeritus (which is what our Team Rector is). Confused, well ask the Bishop or Dean when you next see them!

However, following his appointment as Rural Dean of Purbeck, Simon has now been allocated a new stall in the Cathedral Quire and, together with other members of the College of Canons, he will join the Cathedral's extended family, providing feedback at twice yearly meetings on Cathedral activities and policy decisions made by Chapter, the Cathedral's governing body.

If you would like to see what happens at an installation the service starts at 5.00pm, there are a few tickets available, otherwise there should be plenty of other seats available in the Cathedral Chancel.

Worship

2nd May 2018

Lady St Mary, Wareham

7.45 am Holy Communion

St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

6th May 2018

6th Sunday of Easter

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

10.30am Holy Communion

St Nicholas, Arne

10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

9th May 2018

Lady St Mary, Wareham

7.45 am Holy Communion

St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

13th May 2018

7th Sunday of Easter

Lady St Mary, Wareham

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am Christian Aid United Service

12.00 noon Baptism Service

16th May 2018

Lady St Mary, Wareham

7.45 am Holy Communion

St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

20th May 2018

Pentecost

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 Nicholas, Arne

10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

23rd May 2018

Lady St Mary, Wareham

7.45 am Holy Communion

St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

27th May 2018

Trinity Sunday

Lady St Mary, Wareham

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am Holy Communion

6.00 pm Purbeck Evening Praise

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)

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