

# **N**ews **E**vents **W**orship **S**ocial

## September 2018



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

Dear All,

What is prayer? For some it's reciting prayers learned as a child such as Christopher Robin's "Vespers"; asking God to bless a list of family members. For others it may be the memory of tedious services as a child when the Comfortable Words meant you were only half way through. Some prayers are a shopping list of desires; a few are a list of thanks or maybe even praise. So what IS prayer? Jesus tells us succinctly in what has become known as The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4), giving us a format for our prayers.

Many find putting their own thoughts into words rather than using printed prayers difficult, even on their own, never mind out loud in front of others. In a group of people gathered to pray there always seems to be some confident folk who speak out clearly and know the correct formula. How do you begin? How do you know when to start? Supposing someone else starts speaking at the same time, what do I do then?

There are, of course, those for whom open prayer comes naturally but not everyone.

So what is prayer? The best description I know is that prayer is a conversation with God. A conversation is at least two-way; requiring both speaking and listening. How do we know God is listening? Often we can only trust in Jesus' reassurance that God hears all our prayers."1 John 5:14, 15 says, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him"

Padre Fayle, an Army Chaplain I knew described it like this. When you speak to someone on the phone you trust that they are who you think they are; you

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recognise the voice or the mannerisms but you can't usually see the person on the other end – you have trust. Even if the person on the other end says nothing, you trust that the number you dialled has got you in contact with the correct person.

When you pray, you are trusting that God is listening, even if there's no immediate reply. You need to leave enough spaces for a response, keeping your mind still.

Mother Theresa of Calcutta, in letters revealed after her death, said she had 40 years of getting no apparent response to her prayers. She didn't lose her trust in God or her faith despite this and she continued to pray, continued the conversation even though it felt one-sided.

Prayer ministry is what we call praying for others in a more public situation rather than in the privacy of our own home. Listening is crucial, both to God and to the person asking for prayer.

*Love and blessings Brigid*

In the Autumn we are holding a session to explore Prayer Ministry on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Whether you already pray with and for others confidently, or are unsure what it entails, please speak to Jane Williams or Brigid Barrett for further details.

## Flower Festival and Creech Grange

Yet again it has been an incredibly busy August with the Flower Festival at Lady St Mary Church followed by the Creech Grange Country Day, plus lots of other things going on in and around the parish. I would like to thank everyone who has helped make these events so successful; I know a lot of hard work has gone into the planning and execution of them. It was wonderful to know that so many people enjoyed themselves, appreciating God's creation and creativity.

Well done one and all, your hard work has brought much joy and happiness. There are too many people to name here but I do think that Pat and Clive Cherrett deserve a special mention for being the driving force behind these events. But to everyone else, you know the parts you have played and I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

There will be an update in next month's NEWS to let you know the exact sums raised at these two events. Watch this space.

*Simon Everett (Rector)*



## **Notices**

### **Dates for your Diary**



**Holme Flower and Produce Show will be held on Saturday 25th August at Holme for Gardens starting at 2pm. Cream teas will be served. All welcome!**

**Lions Harvest Festival Redcliffe Barn  
Sunday 2nd September 2018 at 3.00pm**

## **RIDE + STRIDES**

**Dorset Historic Churches' Ride & Stride - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September.** This is the annual opportunity to raise funds, both for our Parish and for the Historic Churches Trust. The latter gives grants to churches needing help with repairs and maintenance. The income is split 50-50. Participants may walk, cycle, scoot or ride a horse on a tour of churches, and be sponsored for their efforts. They plan their own routes (with lists of churches available to help them). If you can take part, please do so. The paperwork, including sponsor sheets and badges for the day, are available in the Parish Office. If you see a likely name on a sponsor sheet, please give the support you can afford. On completion of the Ride/Stride, and when you have collected your sponsorship money, please hand the form and money in to the Parish Office. Each church in the Parish is requested to provide some refreshment (Drinks/biscuits) for the Riders/Striders.

**"If my people..." (2 Chronicles 7:14) Sunday 16th September, 2pm - 8pm, at Livability, Holton Lee - People are welcome to picnic and enjoy walks from 12 noon - An opportunity for Christians from across Purbeck to come together to pray for Dorset and our nation. All Welcome**

**St Nicholas Church, Arne Harvest Festival  
Sunday 16th September 2018 at 10.30am**

**Sandford St Martin's Church Harvest Festival  
Sunday 23rd September 2018 at 9.30am**

**Sunday 30th September at 10.00am  
Mission Sunday United Parish Service - Sandford St Martin's Church**

**Lady St Mary Church, Wareham Harvest Festival  
Sunday 7th October 2018 at 10.00am**

# Monthly Events

## 1st - 7th September 2018

### Saturday 1st September 2018

9.00am Parish Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary

10.00am Saturday Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall

### Monday 3rd September

9.00am Informal Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary

### Tuesday 4th September

8.00am Celtic Morning Prayer Sandford St Martin's Church

### Wednesday 6th September

7.45am Holy Communion Service at Lady St Mary

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

### Thursday 7th September

10.00 am Wareham Toddler Group, Parish Hall, Wareham

10.30am Market Service and Prayers at URC

## 8th - 14th September 2018

### Saturday 8th September

8.30am Men's Breakfast at Sandford St Martin's Church (please contact John Bowen 551675 for details)

9.00am Dorset Historic Churches "Ride and Stride"

10.00am Saturday Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall

### Sunday 9th September

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

### Monday 10th September

9.00am Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary

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

### Tuesday 11th September

8.00am Celtic Morning Prayer Sandford St Martin's Church

### Wednesday 12th September

7.45am Holy Communion Service at Lady St Mary

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

2.00pm Mothers Union in the Parish Hall "Mary Millard Tea Time Treasures."

### Thursday 13th September

10.00 am Wareham Toddler Group, Parish Hall, Wareham

10.30 am Market Service and Prayers at URC

Friday 14th September 12.30pm Friday Lunch Club in the Parish Hall

# Monthly Events

## 15th - 21st September 2018

### Saturday 15th September

- 8.45am Ladies' Breakfast at Sandford St Martin's Church
- 10.00am Saturday Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall

### Sunday 16th September

- 2 pm-8 pm 'Connect' 'If My People' ... At 'Livability', Holton Lee.

### Monday 17th September

- 9.00am Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary
- 1.30pm Seedlings Toddler Group, Sandford St Martin's Church

### Tuesday 18th September

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

### Wednesday 19th September

- 7.45am Holy Communion Service at Lady St Mary
- 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Service at St Martin-on-the-Walls Church

### Thursday 20th September

- 10.00 am Wareham Toddler Group, Parish Hall, Wareham
- 10.30am Market Service and Prayers at URC

## 22nd - 30th September 2018

### Saturday 22nd September

- 10.00am Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall. All welcome

### Monday 24th September

- 9.00am Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary
- 1.30pm Seedlings Toddler Group, Sandford St Martin's Church

### Tuesday 25th September

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

### Wednesday 26th September

- 7.45am Holy Communion Service at Lady St Mary Church
- 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Service at St Martin-on-the-Walls Church
- 12.30pm Wednesday Group Lunch

### Thursday 27th September

- 10.00 am Wareham Toddler Group, Parish Hall, Wareham
- 10.30am Market Service and Prayers at URC
- 2.00pm 'Open House' at Sandford St Martin's Church. Followed by time for a cup of tea, chat and charity raffle for Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance all welcome

### Friday 28th September 12.30pm Friday Lunch Club in the Parish Hall

### Saturday 29th September

- 10.00am Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall

## **Wedding Services**



*Marriage Service at Lady St Mary Church, Wareham*  
**Saturday 8th September at 1.30pm**

Mollie Kathleen Lewis and Alex Grey Wolf Ibrahim Lander

## **Service of Welcome**

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 10am in Lady St Mary Church, we are holding a service of welcome for the children who have been baptised in the churches of this parish, or given thanks over, during the past year. This is a very special time for us and for the families of the children, it reassures them that we take seriously our part in embracing them into our fellowship.

In the Church of England we recognise baptism as the sacrament through which young and old can find their place within the church family. It is our part in carrying out the great commission of Jesus, that his followers should go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

I sincerely hope that as many as possible of our regular congregations will endeavour to be there to show just how warm and welcoming we are. It is also important because the welcome we offer is not just on our own behalf but also on behalf of Christians, of all denominations, throughout the world; and we must not let them down. This welcome also applies to those children for whom we have given thanks (i.e. those whose parents did not feel able to commit themselves to the pledges of baptism, or who wanted to leave the children to make up their own mind when they are older). We want them to know that they have a special place in our fellowship. Please come and give your support.

*Canon Simon Everett - Rector*

# Worship

**2nd September 2018**  
**14th Sunday after Trinity**

**Lady St Mary , Wareham**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00 am Baptism Families Welcome  
Service with Angel Voices

**Sandford St Martin's Church**

9.00 am Breakfast@9  
10.30 am Holy Communion

**St Nicholas, Arne**

10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

**5th September 2018**

**Lady St Mary, Wareham**

7.45 am Holy Communion

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

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

**9th September 2018**  
**15th Sunday after Trinity**

**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 the Evangelist, East Holme**

10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

**12th September 2018**

**Lady St Mary, Wareham**

7.45 am Holy Communion

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

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

**16th September 2018**  
**16th Sunday after Trinity**

**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 Harvest Festival Service

**19th and 26th September 2018**

**Lady St Mary, Wareham**

7.45 am Holy Communion

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

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

**23rd September 2018**  
**17th Sunday after Trinity**

**Lady St Mary, Wareham**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00 am Holy Communion

**Sandford St Martin's Church**

9.30 am Harvest Festival Service

**St John, East Holme**

6.00 pm Harvest Evensong (BCP)

**30th September 2018**

**Lady St Mary, Wareham**

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

**Sandford St Martin's Church**

10.00 am Mission Sunday United Parish  
Service

## ***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 Community Worship Centre**

**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 (Associate Priest) 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:  
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