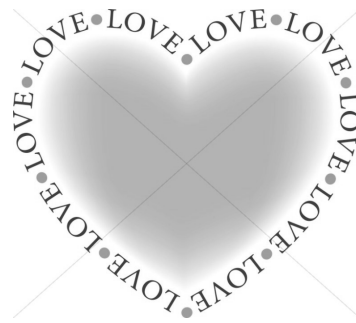


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February 2019



News from the Ministry Team

“Change is the only constant in life.” It may appear that this often-used phrase is particularly apt in these uncertain times. Not very reassuring, but at least it seems to be a fair description of the world in which we find ourselves today.

The Brexit process dominates our headlines and our nation’s politics, and at the time of writing there is still much uncertainty about how things will turn out over the coming weeks and months. Further afield, there has been unrest in France, and concern about Russia, climate change, the global economy, and so on. And closer to home, we see divisions, poverty and homelessness all increasing.

So at a time when people are loosing confidence in politics and in many of institutions which have been trusted and taken for granted for many years, how are we as Christians to respond?

Turning to the Bible, the letter to the Hebrews, in Chapter 13, offers us some important reminders:

Firstly, we need to know that in fact change is not the only constant in life. As Christians we can be confident that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever” (Hebrews 13v8). That God is constant, unchanging, and will never leave us nor forsake us (v5), our helper so we need not be afraid (v6).

Secondly, we are to love one another as brothers and sisters, to show hospitality to strangers, to remember those in prison, and those who are suffering (vs1-3). Seeking to live like this offers a radical, open-hearted alternative in the midst of our often divided and suspicious world, and helps to build trust and break down barriers.

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Thirdly, of course, we should pray, for one another, our community and our nation. Though people may lose faith in politics, we can have faith in the God who hears our prayers, who does not change, and is in control, even in these times of change and upheaval. We can come to God as his beloved children who belong to him, bringing our fears and concerns, our prayers and petitions.

And it can be a real encouragement to join together with others to pray, so it's good to have opportunities to do just that: on the first Saturday of the month at 9am in the Edward Chapel at Lady St Mary, and weekly on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm, normally at the Kimbles' home. To find out more please speak to a member of the Ministry Team or the Parish Office.

In these uncertain times, may you know the grace and peace of Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and for ever.

Every blessing,

Stuart

The Alpha Course: Explore life, faith, meaning



You are invited to explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Following the success of our Autumn 2018 Alpha Course, we are doing it again!



When: Tuesdays evenings at 7.45pm

Where: Sandford Vicarage

Starting: Tuesday 5th February

Running until Tuesday 2nd April

(Saturday away day to be arranged during this time)

Please contact Stuart for more details.



Notices

Dates for your Diary

3rd February 2019 at 6.00pm Choral Evening Prayer for the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

will be held in the Priory Church of Lady St Mary. Come and mark the end of our celebration of the Saviour's birth, in words, prayer and music.

10th February 2019 - Candlemas Sunday Lunch at the Parish Hall 12.30 for 1.00 pm.

A bring and Share Lunch - please let the Parish Office know if you are able to help in any way and if you will be attending.

Guest Preacher at Lady St Mary

On Sunday 24th February, at the 10.00am Holy Communion Service

in Lady St Mary Church, we will be welcoming a guest preacher, the Reverend Canon Dr Tom Clammer. Until recently Tom was the Precentor at Salisbury, a position that involves organising and overseeing all the worship and services within the cathedral. He held this post for seven years and proved immensely popular, he is now pursuing different avenues, including lecturing and assisting the national church on various spiritual matters. I have always enjoyed Tom's ministry and benefitted from it greatly. I feel sure he will have some challenging things to say to us so please do come along and hear what he has to say. SE

Friday 1st March 2019 at 10.00am for 10.30am at the Methodist Church, Wareham World Day of Prayer

There will be refreshments from 10.00am and the service will start at 10.30am. All are most welcome

With the title "Come - Everything is Ready" - prepared by the Women of Slovenia.

Monthly Events

1st - 7th February 2019

Saturday 2nd February

9.00am Wareham Parish Monthly Prayer Meeting - a time to pray in Lady St Mary Church with the Ministry Team

10.00am Saturday Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall, all welcome

Sunday 3rd

6.00pm Candlemas Service in Lady St Mary Church, Wareham

Monday 4th

9.00 am Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary Church, Wareham, all welcome

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

Tuesday 5th 8.00am Celtic Morning Prayer at Sandford St Martin's Church

7.45pm Alpha Course starts at Sandford Vicarage, Keyworth Drive, Sandford

Wednesday 6th

7.45am Holy Communion Service - Lady St Mary Church, Wareham.

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

2.00pm Mothers' Union Annual General Meeting and Wave of Prayer at St Mary's Church, Swanage, followed by Tea.

Thursday 7th

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

10.30am Market Service and Prayers at URC

8th - 14th February 2019

Friday 8th 12.30pm Parish Hall Lunch Club (details from Carol Turner 556761)

Saturday 9th

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

10.00am Saturday Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall, all welcome

Sunday 10th

12.30 - 1.00pm Bring and Share Candlemas Lunch in the Parish Hall

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

Monday 11th

9.00am Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary Church, Wareham, all welcome

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

Tuesday 12th 8.00am Celtic Morning Prayer at Sandford St Martin's Church

7.45pm Alpha Course at Sandford Vicarage, Keyworth Drive, Sandford

Wednesday 13th

7.45am Holy Communion Service - Lady St Mary Church, Wareham

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

Thursday 14th

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

10.30am Market Service and Prayers at URC

Monthly Events

15th - 21st February 2019

Saturday 16th

8.45am Ladies' Breakfast at Sandford St Martin's Church, details from the Parish Office or Barbara Wells on ☎554587

10.00am Saturday Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall

Monday 18th

9.00am Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary Church, Wareham, all welcome

1.30pm NO Seedlings Toddler Group, Sandford St Martin's Church, Sandford

Tuesday 19th

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

7.45pm Alpha Course at Sandford Vicarage, Keyworth Drive, Sandford

Wednesday 20th

7.45am Holy Communion Service - Lady St Mary Church, Wareham

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

Thursday 21st

10.00am NO Wareham Parent and Toddlers in the Parish Hall, Wareham

10.30am Market Service and Prayers at URC

22nd - 28th February 2019

Friday 22nd

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

Saturday 23rd

10.00am Coffee Morning in the Parish Hall, all welcome

Monday 25th

9.00am Morning Prayer in Lady St Mary Church, Wareham, all welcome

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

Tuesday 26th

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

7.45pm Alpha Course at Sandford Vicarage, Keyworth Drive, Sandford

Wednesday 27th

7.45am Holy Communion Service - Lady St Mary Church, Wareham.

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

2.30pm Wednesday Group in the Parish Hall. Handbells followed by Tea.

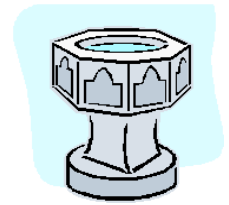
Thursday 28th

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

10.30am Market Service and Prayers at URC

2.00pm 'Open House' at Sandford St Martin's Church. "Spring Time Quiz", with time after for cup of tea, chat and raffle for the charity.

Thanksgiving Service



Thanksgiving for the birth of a Child at Sandford St Martin's

Sunday 17th February 2019 at 12 noon

Ronnie Edwin Painter

Wedding Services



Wedding at St Nicholas Church, Arne

Saturday 23rd February 2019 - 11.30am

Mr Mark Andrew Edwin Lillington and Miss Iris Regina Ouder

The majestic Georgian mansion of Sidholme Hotel, built in 1826, sits in idyllic grounds in the Regency seaside town of Sidmouth.

Inside the resplendent building is the jewel in the crown – a stunning Victorian music room added in 1848, with fine chandeliers and recently restored Gothic-style organ.

As well as welcoming bedrooms and lounges, there is a lot to do for the more active guest. There is a heated indoor swimming pool, a snooker room, table tennis and spacious landscaped grounds, containing many rare species of tropical plants and trees.

With its proximity to the Jurassic Coastline World Heritage site and East Devon's charming countryside, Sidholme Hotel is perfect for your short break or holiday.

Spaces still available!

Parish Weekend Away in Sidholme Hotel, Devon! 17th - 19th May 2019

Are you thinking of a weekend break away? Why not join us in the Spring! Please see the booking form handed out in church or contact the Parish Office for a form as soon as possible.



Worship

3rd February 2019

Candlemas/Presentation of Christ

Lady St Mary , Wareham

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am Family Communion with
Angel Voices

6.00 pm Candlemas Service

Sandford St Martin's Church

9.00 am Breakfast@9

10.30 am Holy Communion

St Nicholas, Arne

10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

6th February 2019

Lady St Mary, Wareham

7.45 am Holy Communion

St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10th February 2019

4th Sunday before Lent

Lady St Mary, Wareham

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am Holy Communion

12.30 pm Candlemas Lunch in the
Parish Hall

Sandford St Martin's Church

9.00 am Breakfast@9

10.30 am Morning Worship

St John, East Holme

10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

13th February 2019

Lady St Mary, Wareham

7.45 am Holy Communion

St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

17th February 2019

3rd Sunday before Lent

Lady St Mary , Wareham

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 am Morning Worship Service

Sandford St Martin's Church

9.00 am Breakfast@9

10.30 am Holy Communion

12.00 pm Thanksgiving of a Child Service

St Nicholas, Arne

10.30 am Holy Communion (BCP)

20th February 2019

Lady St Mary, Wareham

7.45 am Holy Communion

St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

24th February 2019

2nd Sunday before Lent

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

10.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

27th February 2019

Lady St Mary, Wareham

7.45 am Holy Communion

St Martin-on-the-Walls, Wareham

11.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

FAIRTRADE CHURCH

Thank you to those who show their belief in and support of Fairtrade in a variety of ways - regularly buying things from the Saturday stall or serving Fairtrade refreshments. With a few additional small steps we could register as a Fairtrade Church and receive a certificate, as Sandford Church have already done. We have to guarantee that at ALL church organised events Fairtrade tea and coffee are served so if you buy these items and do not already choose Fairtrade then perhaps you could make this simple switch. A second requirement is to occasionally include a few other Fairtrade items. Fairtrade sugar is already used so maybe a packet of biscuits could be bought as well. Those who generously make cakes might, as far as possible, occasionally use Fairtrade ingredients - dried fruit, sugar, chocolate, nuts and then provide a label saying they have done this. Another idea would be to use Fairtrade soap at the wash basins. All these items can be bought from the stall and some from the supermarket.

Finally, we have to promote Fairtrade through the year and especially during Fairtrade Fortnight from Feb 25th - March 10th. This has largely been covered by the presence of the Saturday stall and the Fairtrade talks Judith has given to various groups.

Fairtrade enables many farmers in the developing world to provide for their families all the things we take for granted - food, healthcare, education. As Christians we have a responsibility to do what we can to work for a just world and show care for poor. Becoming a Fairtrade Church is part of that - we are nearly there!

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