

## Thought for the Week

The way that people say goodbye is very personal, particularly the big goodbyes, the ones that happen when a child goes to school for the first time, or away to university. Or when a dear colleague that we find we've got so used to leaves for another job, or a good friend emigrates, or a loved one prepares to die. In short, when the people we love move on.

Some people are very expressive: it's all tears, hugs and stories. Others are deadpan, keeping it all in. Many people make sure that they say their goodbyes beforehand, when they've got time and emotions are not quite so high. Important things can't always be said and done on the doorstep.

## Intercessions

**In the name of Jesus we pray for healing for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and for those who care for them**

Stuart Forman, Ray, Kevin, Mason,  
Archie Webster, Elaine Harrod, Jennifer Lane,  
Liz Galton, Berna, Daphne Carty, Snowy,  
Joy from Hillrise,  
Joan Pritchard, Beth Hirst, Lionel Hall, Mark,  
Lorna Sturney, Becky, Joyce Upward,  
Strat Liddiard, Karen, Lucy, Jenny,  
Betty Tripp, Derek White, Tracy Nicholls,  
Alice Pink, Barbara Shearman, Loretta,  
Paul Hanscombe, Stanley and Gill Gibbons,  
Ivy Webb, Crawford, Ralph and Zara Toop, Zac,  
The Lenaerts family, Jasmine, Michael, Alison,  
Carol and Don Knott.

**We remember those who have died recently, and pray for their families and friends**

**especially**  
Maureen Oldham.



## Praying as a Benefice

Please use the following text and prayer in quiet time; the text is from this Sunday's readings and the prayer is from Bishop Jonathan. Please pray either at noon or 5.55 pm (or both) every day.

## This week's Bible Text

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. (John 17: 11)

## The Prayer

Glorious God,  
You have taken hold of us and made us Your own. In the power of Your Spirit give us grace to press on in Your purposes, loving one another, learning together and living the mission of Him who calls us onwards, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Week Ahead

<b>Tues 15</b>	<b>7.15 pm</b>	<b>Homegroup David and Peggy 8028 3154</b>
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Rock Choir St M</b>
<b>Weds 16</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Open the Book meeting St M</b>
	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion and coffee in Nondescripts</b>
	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Bellringing AS</b>
	<b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>Visiting Bells St M</b>
<b>Thurs 17</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Homegroup AS</b>
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Bellringing St M and AS</b>
<b>Fri 18</b>	<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>Kneeler Group AS</b>

## Next Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### Pentecost

9.30 am	Holy Communion AS
10.30 am	Holy Communion CC
11.00 am	Holy Communion and coffee St M
3.00 pm	Churches Together Unity Service St M

<b>Acts 2.1-21</b>	<b>GNB NT 143</b>
<b>Romans 8.22-27</b>	<b>GNB NT 188</b>
<b>John 15. 26-27</b>	<b>GNB NT 134</b>

## Notices

### Garden Party for Christian Aid

The Bee Garden Bank on Saturday 2nd June at 2.30 pm No tickets. Donations on the day please.

Prizes for Raffle and Cakes for Stall would be most welcome. Look forward to seeing you.

Telephone 8028 2378.

### Jumble Sale

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 10.30 am St Michael's

### Benefice Office Hours

Monday 10 am-2 pm Wednesday 10 am-3.30 pm

Thursday 1.30 pm-3.30 pm and

Friday 10 am-2pm

And if we are not in please leave a message and we will get back to you. 8028 3175

## May/June

### 27<sup>th</sup> May

10.30 am Holy Communion CC

10.30 am Coffee then Altogether Worship  
St M

10.30 am Service of the Word AS

### 3<sup>rd</sup> June

9.30 am Holy Communion AS

10.30 am Holy Communion for Dedication  
Festival CC

11.00 am Holy Communion and coffee St M

### 10<sup>th</sup> June

10.30 am Holy Communion CC

10.30 am Coffee then Morning Worship  
St M

4.15 pm Discussion Group and tea AS

6.00 pm Evensong AS



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND in  
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Trusting Christ Transforming Church  
Transforming Community

13<sup>th</sup> May 2018

## Easter 7

Welcome to our gathering today!

If you wish to know more about the activities of our churches, please talk to one of the welcomers, call the Benefice Office (8028 3175) email us

benefice@newforestparishes.com

or look us up on Facebook, or the website

([www.newforestparishes.com](http://www.newforestparishes.com)).

## Today's Services

10.30 am Holy Communion CC

10.30 am Coffee then Morning Worship  
St M

4.15 pm Discussion Group and tea AS

6.00 pm Evensong AS

## Collect

**O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only**

**Son Jesus Christ with great triumph  
to your kingdom in heaven:□**

**we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,□**

**but send your Holy Spirit**

**to strengthen us and exalt us  
to the place where our Saviour Christ  
is gone before,**

**who is alive and reigns with you, □**

**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,□**

**one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Today's Readings

Acts 1: 15-17 21-end

GNB NT 143

1 John 5: 9-13

GNB NT 293

John 17: 6-19

GNB NT 135