

## *Thought for the Week*

### *Understanding God's Word (and human revision)*

*In the Gospel reading today, Jesus cuts through to the heart of the crucial question, "How are we to understand what God is saying to us?"*

*The sub-text is, "and how can we tell when we humans are revising, subtracting from, adding to or conveniently ignoring God's Word to suit our own purposes, desires, fashions, culture or politics)*

*This is not simple, but nor is it impossible.*

*The first thing to remember is that God's Word to us is intended to give us a happy, fulfilled, eternity bound life. To use a phrase you'll often hear in episcopal circles, it's for our common good. God's not a cosmic spoilsport: he ordered the universe for us to enjoy looking after.*

*Second, we need to remember that God gave humans free will, so we're free, free to live in the flow of his created order, or free to try our own ideas out and see where they get us.*

*Third, Jesus based his life on the scriptures. He sometimes had to correct misunderstanding, and dig back down to the original meaning in their original context. Finding the original meaning in the original context is vital if we are to understand what God's word is saying.*

*Fourth, we need to apply the original understanding in the original context to our own situation wisely. As the Queen said last week, in such a fast-moving world we need to cultivate "staying calm and collected," and, to leave "room for quiet thinking and contemplation." It is simply foolish to adopt wholesale changes to our current practise based on a few years of frenzied media pressure.*

## 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**

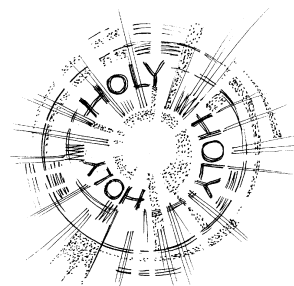
Loretta, Betty Wilson, Don Knott, Nigel Brown, Jill Windle, Chris Holloway, Richard Talbot, Paul Hanscombe, Ann, Stan and Gill Gibbons, Keith, Jill, Tim Selwood; Isabelle, Alison, Michael, Jasmin, Jo; John Jacobs, Felicia and her family, Bill Spiller, Miles, Rae Bolton, her daughter Valerie, son in law James and their family, Crawford, and Zara Toop.

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

Donny Pink, Vera Stride, Juliette Spiller, Felicia's mother, Bob Clarke and Jean Glover.

## The Week Ahead

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| <b>Mon 11</b>   | <b>11.00 am</b> | <b>Funeral of Vera Stride St M</b>          |
|                 | <b>7.30 pm</b>  | <b>Band Practice St M</b>                   |
| <b>Tues 12</b>  | <b>12 noon</b>  | <b>No Midday Prayers AS</b>                 |
|                 | <b>7.15 pm</b>  | <b>Tuesday Home Group</b>                   |
|                 |                 | <b>David and Peggy 8028 3154</b>            |
|                 | <b>7.30 pm</b>  | <b>Rock Choir Rehearsal St M</b>            |
| <b>Weds 13</b>  | <b>9.15 am</b>  | <b>St Michael's School</b>                  |
|                 |                 | <b>Worship St M</b>                         |
|                 | <b>10.30 am</b> | <b>Holy Communion and coffee in Nondies</b> |
|                 | <b>11.00 am</b> | <b>Bellringing AS</b>                       |
| <b>Thurs 14</b> | <b>7.30 pm</b>  | <b>Home Group in Church AS</b>              |
|                 | <b>7.30 pm</b>  | <b>Bellringing St M and AS</b>              |
| <b>Fri 15</b>   | <b>2.30 pm</b>  | <b>Funeral of Juliette Spiller AS</b>       |



Next Sunday Trinity 8 17<sup>th</sup> July 2016

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| <b>9.30 am</b>  | <b>Holy Communion AS</b>                            |
| <b>11.00 am</b> | <b>Holy Communion, Young Church and coffee St M</b> |

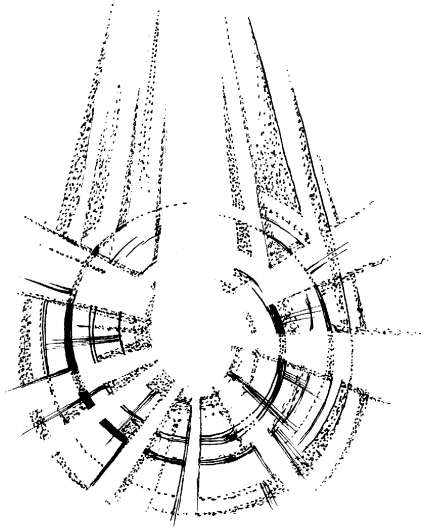
**Psalm 130. 1-8**  
**2 Timothy 2. 14-19**  
**Matthew 23. 23-28**

GNB OT 605  
GNB NT 257  
GNB NT 33

## Sundays in July

**24<sup>th</sup> July** Trinity 9  
8.00 am Holy Communion St M  
9.30 am Holy Communion CC  
10.30 am Coffee then Altogether Worship  
and Little Angels St M  
10.30 am Service of the Word AS

**31<sup>st</sup> July** Trinity 10  
10.30 am Morning Worship CC  
10.30 am Coffee and Café Church St M  
10.30 am Worship and Music AS



## 2016 Annual 'Wag and Bone' Fun Dog Show

*Raising funds for Emery Down church*  
**Saturday 23 July 2016 at 2.15pm - Emery  
Down and Bank Village Hall.**

Fun classes for dogs and children. Also available on the day will be: Refreshments, Raffle, Bric-a-Brac stall, Book Stall, Cake Stall. In addition any donations of raffle prizes, books & cakes would be most welcome. Should anyone wish to help on the day please let me, Nick Darby, know. Any response to any of the aforementioned please contact Nick Darby on 023 8028 3430.

## St Thomas's Salisbury

invite you to Open to All  
Saturday 16th July 2016 10am - 4pm Venue:  
The Salvation Army Salisbury SP1 1EE  
A practical workshop to open our minds and our ministries, to enable accessibility for everyone.  
Email: [opentoallsalisbury@gmail.com](mailto:opentoallsalisbury@gmail.com)  
Tel: Rev'd Wendy Cooper 07790 704417  
or Jo Broom 07769224471

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN  
LYNDHURST & EMERY DOWN & MINSTEAD

**Trusting Christ**  
Transforming Church Transforming Community

Trinity 7

Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> 2016

Welcome to our gathering today!  
We especially welcome Holy Spirit!!  
If you wish to know more about the activities of our churches, please talk to one of the welcomers, call the Benefice Office (8028 2154 / 3175) email us [benefice@newforestparishes.com](mailto:benefice@newforestparishes.com) or look us up on Facebook, or the website ([www.newforestparishes.com](http://www.newforestparishes.com)).

## Today's Gatherings

**8.00 am Holy Communion St M**  
**9.30 am Holy Communion CC**  
**10.30 am Coffee then Morning Worship and  
Young Church St M**  
**6.00 pm Evensong with Holy Communion AS**

## Today's Collect

**Lord of all power and might, □  
the author and giver of all good things: □  
graft in our hearts the love of your name, □  
increase in us true religion, □  
nourish us with all goodness, □  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same; □  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, □  
who is alive and reigns with you, □  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, □  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Today's Readings

**Psalm 119. 1-24** GNB OT 597  
*Living by the Word of God produces real  
happiness and true freedom*

**2 Timothy 3. 10-17** GNB NT 258  
*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for  
teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting  
faults, and giving instruction for right living.*

**Mark 7. 1-13** GNB NT 53  
*Jesus gives a master class in discerning God's  
Word from human revision.*