

Thought for the Week
Word founded lessons for Life

How should we 21st Century inhabitants of the wealthy West live our lives?

We have a clear but challenging choice:

EITHER 1: We live according to the (constantly shifting) demands, fashions, preferences, choices, tendencies, values of the present day.

OR 2: We build our lives on the eternal, unchanging firm foundations of God's word

The first is like walking on a beach, beautiful in the sunshine, but treacherous with invisible patches of shifting quicksand. You never know where the quicksand will appear, so life becomes exciting but provisional and potentially dangerous, but it is where we have chosen to walk.

The second follows the Psalmist in Psalm 130. 5-6 "I wait eagerly for the Lord's help and in His word I trust."

This way requires trust and patience. The Psalmist has maybe served as a sentry, protecting the camp or the city from invasion overnight in the darkness. You can imagine the scene, looking to the eastern horizon for the hints of the sun's return. Looking anxiously over your shoulder for any sign of incoming trouble.....If only the dawn would hurry up and relieve me of the threat hiding in the darkness.

"I wait for the Lord more eagerly than sentries wait for the dawn."

We could say with the Psalmist we wait for the Lord to be true to His word rather than give in to the powerful temptation to simply fall in to line with prevailing fashion. The sun will eventually come up, but it may be a long night.....

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

Camilla Walton, Ivy Webb, 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, Crawford, and Zara Toop.

We remember those who have died recently, and pray for their families and friends especially Rae Bolton, her daughter Valerie, son in law James and their family, Donny Pink, Vera Stride and Juliette Spiller,

The Week Ahead

Mon 18	1.45 pm	St Michael's school End of Term Service
	7.30 pm	Band Practice St M
Tues 19	12 noon	Midday Prayers AS
	7.15 pm	Tuesday Home Group
		David and Peggy 8028 3154
Weds 20	10.30 am	Holy Communion and coffee in Nondies
	11.00 am	Bellringing AS
	8.00 pm	PCC Meeting AS
Thurs 21	7.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal CC
	7.30 pm	Home Group in Church AS
	7.30 pm	Bellringing St M and AS
Fri 22	3.00 pm	The Kneeler Group AS
Sat 23	12 noon	Wedding of Sarah Holt and Dan Fowkes CC

Next Sunday Trinity 9 24th July 2016

8.00 am	Holy Communion St M
9.30 am	Holy Communion CC
10.30 am	Service of the Word AS
10.30 am	Coffee then Altogether Worship St M

Zechariah 3. 1-10
Ephesians 6. 10-20
Matthew 4. 1-11

GNB OT 896
GNB NT 234
GNB NT 5

Sundays in July and August

- 31st July** Trinity 10
 10.30 am Morning Worship CC
 10.30 am Coffee and Café Church St M
 10.30 am Special service for Mission to Seafarers AS
- 7th August** Trinity 11
 9.30 am Holy Communion AS
 10.30 am YouChurch CC
 11.00 am Holy Communion, Young Church and Coffee St M
- 14th August** Trinity 12
 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
- 21st August** Trinity 13
 9.30 am Holy Communion AS
 11.00 am Holy Communion, Young Church and coffee St M
 6.00 pm Sunday at Six CC
- 28th August** Trinity 14
 8.00 am Holy Communion St M
 9.30 am Holy Communion CC
 10.30 am Coffee then Altogether Worship St M
 10.30 am Hymn Praise AS

Wag and Bone Show

Saturday 23 July 2016: 2.30 – 5pm

Emery Down & Bank Village Hall

Fun Dog Show starts at 2.45 with Fancy Dress for Dogs, Children & Adults, followed by Fun Dog Classes. Cream Teas & Cakes and Stalls. Entry at the gate: Adults £1 (children free). Dogs £4 for show (covers all classes). Free Parking in adjacent field. *In aid of Emery Down Church.*

Photography Exhibition

in St Michaels

Friday 29th July 6-9 pm

Saturday 30th July 10 am-9 pm

An exhibition of photography by enthusiastic local photographers featuring local locations and some personal favourites.

Coffees, and Teas will be available.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN
 LYNDHURST & EMERY DOWN & MINSTEAD

Trusting Christ

Transforming Church Transforming Community

Trinity 8

Sunday July 17th 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 or look us up on Facebook, or the website (www.newforestparishes.com).

Today's Gatherings

- 9.30 am** Holy Communion AS
11.00 am Holy Communion, Young Church and coffee St M



Today's Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
 we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
 both our hearts and bodies
 in the ways of your laws and the works of
 your commandments;
 that through your most mighty protection,
 both here and ever,
 we may be preserved in body and soul;
 through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
 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 130. 1-8

2 Timothy 2. 14-19

Matthew 23. 23-28

GNB OT 605

GNB NT 257

GNB NT 3