

## Thought for the Week

*The earth is an awe inspiring wonderful place. We human beings are here by such an extraordinary series of miraculous ongoing happenings. Many in the world have come to see that the impossibly small odds of it all happening as it has, and keeping going like it is, makes it all but impossible not to believe that there has been continuous intervention by an intelligent, personal, benevolent guiding power greater even than the awesome universe itself. This person we call God.*

*Jesus, who called God Father, and taught us to call God Father, taught and demonstrated in his life on earth that God, and God's kingdom, is an immeasurably greater existence even than the beautiful earth on which we live now. He taught and demonstrated that trusting, building our lives on the reality of, this 'higher' life is what gives us real life now, and into eternity.*

*The Bible is full of examples of people who did, and often did not, count 'heaven' as the true reality. They put their trust in it above their trust in earthly life. And living with this orientation, towards God in heavenly realms, changes everything for them, and for us.*

Abram, Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets, and Jesus himself in our readings today. DO we know their stories?

Jesus invites and warns us in the wealthy West that our earthly wealth is actually more likely to orient ourselves towards it, trusting wealth and personal achievement rather than God for our place in God's heaven. What if God was to say to you, 'sell the lot.'

Well if we did, even in part, the church wouldn't have the financial problems it has...

## 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**

Barbara Shearman, Graham Tripp, Jo, 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**

Charles Macnabb, Rae Bolton, her daughter Valerie, son in law James and their family, Donny Pink, Vera Stride, Juliette Spiller, Fr Jacques Hamel.

## The Week Ahead

<b>Mon 8</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Band Practice</b>	<b>St M</b>
<b>Tues 9</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Midday Prayers</b>	<b>AS</b>
<b>Weds 10</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion and coffee in Nondies</b>	
	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Visiting Bellingring</b>	<b>AS</b>
	<b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>Visiting Bellingring</b>	<b>St M</b>
<b>Thurs 11</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Bellingring</b>	<b>St M and AS</b>
<b>Fri 12</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Coffee, chat, cleaning</b>	<b>St M</b>
	<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>The Kneeler Group</b>	<b>AS</b>

*Next Sunday Trinity 12*

*14<sup>th</sup> August 2016*

<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>St M</b>
<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>CC</b>
<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Coffee then Morning Worship and Young Church</b>	<b>St M</b>
<b>4.15 pm</b>	<b>Discussion Group and Tea</b>	<b>AS</b>
<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Evensong with Holy Communion</b>	<b>AS</b>

**Jeremiah 23. 23-29**

GNB OT 743

**Hebrews 11. 29 – 12.2**

GNB NT 274

**Luke 12. 49-56**

GNB NT 93

## Sundays in August / September

- 21<sup>st</sup> 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
- 28<sup>th</sup> August** Trinity 14  
 9.30 am Holy Communion CC  
 10.30 am Coffee then Altogether Worship St M  
 10.30 am Hymn Praise AS
- 4<sup>th</sup> September** Trinity 15  
 9.30 am Holy Communion AS  
 10.30 am YouChurch CC  
 11.00 am Holy Communion, Young Church and Coffee St M
- 11<sup>th</sup> September** Trinity 16  
 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  
 4.15 pm Discussion Group and Tea AS  
 6.00 pm Evensong with Holy Communion AS



**Bringing the Past to Life**  
 A 'Time Team' weekend of activity at Emery Down Church -  
 Saturday & Sunday 20 & 21 August 2016 10am – 4 pm

Led by the New Forest Community Archaeologist James Brown, who will explain the fascinating work of his department across the New Forest, this is an opportunity to get involved in logging our churchyard monuments as an unique record of detail that connects us with previous generations. (Please bring your camera!)

Each day will include an explanation of specialist recording tools, a 'Quiz Trail', a local history exhibition, a survey of flowers and grasses, 'fun art' and having a go at 'brass rubbing'. (Everyone welcome for either, both or part of a day.)

Tea, coffee and sandwiches will be provided as we set about capturing for posterity precious information on the treasured village families commemorated in our churchyard.

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Trinity 11

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 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

- 9.30 am** Holy Communion AS  
**10.30 am** YouChurch CC  
**11.00 am** Holy Communion, Young Church and Coffee St M

### Today's Collect

**O God, you declare your almighty power** □  
**most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:** □  
**mercifully grant to us such a measure**  
**of your grace,** □  
**that we, running the way of**  
**your commandments,** □  
**may receive your gracious promises,** □  
**and be made partakers of your**  
**heavenly treasure;** □  
**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

**Genesis 15. 1-6** GNB OT 15  
*Humanly speaking, God's promise to Abram was impossible, but it was God's promise...*

**Hebrews 11. 1-3 8-16** GNB NT 273  
*A characteristic of authentic discipleship is regarding the world as good, but not enough*

**Luke 12. 32-40** GNB NT 92  
*The only way to be ready when the King returns is to have riches in heaven, not on earth.*