

Thought for the Week

We live in an individualistic age, an age in which faith is seen as private and charity begins at home. But we also live at a time when the Internet has brought us more opportunities than ever before to be connected with others. People have discovered how much better it is to do things together.

We are not alone. Through our baptism we are linked to the ultimate power in the universe. We are also linked to all our brother and sister Christians. Most of them we do not know. Some of them we do not like. But there is strength in numbers. There is support for our faith as we find we do not have to do it alone. There is also challenge to play our part in proclaiming the Gospel in our time and place. And there is hope, that this world and our little life is not all there is. Taking our strength from the root of the vine, we are capable of producing fruit that lasts way beyond the time when it falls off the plant, to the time when it takes its place as part of the banquet of heaven.

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

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. (1 John 4: 12-13)

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

Tues 1	11.30 am	Burial of Ashes June Hitchcock AS
	2.30 pm	Funeral of Maureen Oldham AS
	7.00 pm	Emery Down PCC at Oaktree
	7.15 pm	Homegroup Margaret and Terry 8028 3876
	7.30 pm	Rock Choir St M
Weds 2	9.15 am	Open The Book St M
	10.30 am	Holy Communion and coffee in Nondescripts
	3.00 pm	Churchwardens meeting Little Paddock
	11.00 am	Bellringing AS
Thurs 3	1.30 pm	Carers' café LBCH
	7.30 pm	Bellringing St M and AS
	7.30 pm	Homegroup AS
Fri 4	3.00 pm	Kneeler Group AS
	5.00 pm	Wedding rehearsal St M
	5.30 pm	Wedding rehearsal CC
Sat 5	2.00 pm	Wedding St M
	2.00 pm	Wedding CC

Next Sunday 6th May 2018

Easter 6

9.30 am	Holy Communion AS
10.30 am	You Church CC
11.00 am	Holy Communion and coffee St M

Acts 10: 44-end

GNB NT 156

1 John 5: 1-6

GNB NT 293

John 15: 9-17

GNB NT 133

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.

The Lyndhurst Catholic Church is once again holding a **plant sale at Dunelm in Silver Street.** Nuala and Henry Rosenvinge look forward to seeing as many people as possible from **10.00 am to 12.00 pm on Saturday 12th May.** All proceeds are going towards CAFODs work in Ethiopia. As usual there will be lots of flowering and vegetable plants; a large garden bric-à-brac stall; tombola and one of the best cake stalls you'll ever see. £2 entry to include tea/coffee and cakes. If anyone has any items of garden bric-à-brac that are spare, in particular clay pots and garden tools, please could they contact Henry on 02380 282485 and he will come and collect.

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-2 pm

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

May

10th May	Ascension Day
7.00 pm	Benefice Holy Communion AS
13th May	
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
20th May	
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
27th May	
10.30 am	Holy Communion CC
10.30 am	Coffee then Altogether Worship St M
10.30 am	Service of the Word AS

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Trusting Christ Transforming Church
Transforming Community

29th April 2018

Easter 5

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).

Today's Services

10.30 am	Morning Worship CC
10.30 am	Coffee then Altogether Worship St M
10.30 am	Service of Worship and Music AS

Collect

God our redeemer, ☐
you have delivered us from
the power of darkness ☐
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: ☐
grant, that as by his death
he has recalled us to life, ☐
so by his continual presence in us
he may raise us to eternal joy; ☐
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

Acts 8. 26-end GNB NT 156
An African dignitary finds his way into the community of Christian believers.

1 John 4: 7-end GNB NT 293
Love is the force that binds us to God and to one another.

John 15: 1-8 GNB NT 133
We can only achieve anything when we are in communion with Christ and with our fellow Christians.