

20.31 *believe*; some manuscripts have *continue to believe*.

For the Week

...teenth-century Italian artist, who captures most vividly the moment when Thomas makes his declaration of faith in the risen Christ. Jesus has loosened his garment. In the dim light of the spluttering candle, he grips Thomas by the wrist. Thomas extends a distinctly grubby fore finger which Jesus guides into the loose flesh of the gaping wound in his side. Thomas' brow is deeply furrowed with doubt and incomprehension. His eyes follow the direction of his extended forefinger. This is the moment of decision. Can he believe what he sees? He can, and he does: "My Lord and my God!" It is a life-changing moment for Thomas. It remains a crucial moment for the many who would come after him in the course of time "who have not seen and yet have come to believe".

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

Archie Webster, 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

Pat Dibden, Lydia Mills, Anthony Brereton, Joseph, Joyce James and Emma.



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

In his disciples' presence Jesus performed many other miracles which are not written down in this book. But these have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through your faith in him you may have life. (John 20.30)

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

Weds 11 10.30 am Holy Communion and coffee in Nondescripts
11.00 am Bellringing AS
Thurs 12 3.30 pm Churchwardens meeting Little Paddock
7.30 pm Bellringing St M and AS
Fri 13 3.00 pm Kneeler Group AS
Sat 14 10.00 am Church and grounds Spring Clean St M

Next Sunday 15th April Easter 3

9.30 am Holy Communion AS
11.00 am Holy Communion and coffee St M
6.00pm Sunday at Six CC

Notices

New Forest Filling Station

Brockenhurst Village Hall Wednesday 11th April 7.30pm refreshments from 7pm. Guest speakers John and Anne Coles. A new and informal way of expressing the Christian Faith.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Will take place at All Saints', Minstead on Saturday April 14th. Refreshments at 10.30am; service at 11am.

Emery Down and Bank Village Hall – Grand Reopening by Dame Esther Rantzen on 21 April 2018

The Trustees wish to have a record of the hall's history for its Grand Re-opening and need your help. It is known that the hall was built at the behest of the Misses Chamberlain of Westons, Bank for the newly formed Emery Down and Bank Village WI. The inaugural president was Alice Hargreaves and it is believed that this WI branch was one of the first to be formed in the country. Unfortunately, the records have disappeared. I would welcome pictures or information about any events at the hall (WI or not) - memories, photos, press cuttings or stories of activities - or if anyone can put me in touch with someone who might be of help. Please contact 02380 282842 or angela.trend@outlook.com

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 Wednesday 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

22nd April

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

29th April

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

6th May

9.30 am Holy Communion AS
10.30 am Morning Prayer CC
11.00 am Holy Communion, Young Church and coffee St M

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Transforming Community

8th April 2018

Easter 2

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 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

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son
to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification;
grant us so to put away the
leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your
Son Jesus Christ 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 4. 32-35 **GNB NT 148**
Their experience of the risen Christ led the first believers to share everything, laying all their possessions "at the apostles feet". Barnabas was especially generous.

1 John 1. 1-2 **GNB NT 290**
John affirms his conviction that God's gifts of eternal life and light are only to be found in Christ. He alone can bring us the forgiveness of our sins.

John 20. 19-31 **GNB NT 140**
The risen Christ appears to the disciples when Thomas is not with them. Thomas refuses to believe them when they tell him they have seen the Lord. Only when Jesus appears again and tells him to touch the wounds on his body does Thomas make his declaration of faith.