



## Celebrating the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Weekly update Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

In the Gospel this week, Christ the vine, tended by God the vine-grower, enables the disciples to be fruitful. Only through abiding in Jesus Christ – through dependence on him and with the help of the Holy Spirit - can we be fruitful too, loving one another as he has loved us. The actions of Philip and the Ethiopian, in the Acts of the Apostles, shows the instant response that promises fruitfulness.

### Verse of the Week

*'I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.'* John 15.5

### Collect for today!

God of deep soil and luxuriant growth; you call us from our shallow selves to find our depth in you: may we abide in him alone who can teach us who we are through Jesus Christ, the true vine. Amen



### Bible Readings

**This week's bible readings; Acts 8: 26-end and John 15: 1-8**

Next week's bible readings; Acts 10:44-end and John 15:9-17

### Services in the Parish this week beginning Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024



**8.00am Holy Communion (BCP), Lady St Mary, Wareham**

**9.00am Breakfast Church, Sandford St Martin's**

**10.00am Holy Communion Service, Lady St Mary, Wareham**

**10.30am Holy Communion, Sandford St Martin's**

**10.30am Parish Online Service - Watch here: <https://tinyurl.com/warehamchurches>**

you can listen to the service by dialling: 01202 078008 (charged at local rate)

**6.00pm Evensong (BCP), St John the Evangelist, East Holme**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP), St Martin-on-the-Walls**

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9.00am Breakfast Church, Sandford St Martin's

10.00am Holy Communion Service with Angel Voices and Baptism, Lady St Mary, Wareham

10.30am Holy Communion (BCP), St Nicholas, Arne

10.30am Morning Worship, Sandford St Martin's

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## What is happening in the Parish?

**Lady St Mary Church Bell Ringers** are teaching new recruits aged 12+ years on Thursdays 7.00 until 7.30pm. If anyone is interested or would like to see the bells in action, please contact Jenny Elmes 01929 553651.



### Ascension Day Service

Our Parish Ascension Day service will take place on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024** at St Nicholas church, Arne **11am**. All are welcome.

### Going Deeper: Everyone welcome!

Do you want to deepen your faith, learn alongside others, and be encouraged in following Jesus Christ?

If so you are warmly invited to Going Deeper:

**6pm** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Sandford St Martin's Church

This month reflecting on the theme of The Holy Spirit

This relaxed gathering, starting with refreshments, includes; worship (prayer, including silence, music and singing), a talk, on an aspect of faith, opportunity to ask and discuss questions and reflect together more deeply.

**Ladies That Lunch and Pray: The next meeting will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024.** Please



bring a sandwich, lovely cake and drinks will be provided. 12.00 - 14.00pm at the Rectory. For further information or RSVP please contact Linda Tel: 01929 289236 or [l.everett1@icloud.com](mailto:l.everett1@icloud.com)

### Open House

'Open House' at Sandford St Martin's Church - **Thursday 30th May at 2 pm.**

'Quiz' - followed by cup of tea, chat, and a raffle. All Welcome.





## Prayer Focus:

### We give thanks to God for

- Those who 'bear much fruit' by loving others through practical action: remembering those we know who work and volunteer, in our community
- Music and singing to praise God: for the blessing of the musicians, organists, choir, and singers in our Parish, who share their gifts and faith with us
- The life and witness of the apostles and for Philip and James (Saints Day 1<sup>st</sup> May).

### We pray to God for:

- All who have no 'abode' and place of safety to 'abide' in remembering refugees and asylum seekers
- All who work in horticulture and farming in our Parish: praying for God's strength and encouragement amidst the challenges they face
- The Trustees of Not Just Sundaes: that they may be given wisdom and discernment regarding the future direction of the charity.

### Those asking for prayer:

Jane Patterson, John Cleaton, Terry Holloway, Rose Diment, Mary Binks, Anne Mills, Peter Wood

### Those who have died recently and those who mourn:

**Our Mission Prayer:** Ruth Guinness in Malawi asks for prayer for her work with another SIM mission partner, Volker Glissmann, as together they put together a resource for understanding the whole Bible story. Risen Lord encourage Ruth in this project that it may be a real blessing to your Church in Malawi. Amen.

**Parish Prayer Meetings** Now that the evenings are lighter, we will be meeting in person in one of our homes every Tuesday at 7.30 pm, except for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of each month when we will be in Sandford St Martin's Church on the Wednesday\*. We will ensure that we are on Zoom so that those unable to come in person will still be able to participate. The Zoom link on the weekly notice sheet will be emailed out each Friday or contact Debs at the Parish Office Tel: 550905. All are welcome to join us to pray. Please see dates below:

Month	Meetings in person or by Zoom (if required) on Tuesdays	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Sandford Prayer*
April	30 <sup>th</sup>	

**Prayers for Peace** Jesus said, 'There will be wars and rumours of wars... Nations will rise against nations, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.' We do not have to look too far to see this prophecy fulfilled and with open warfare persisting in many parts of the world and political tensions elsewhere it is easy to feel helpless. However, as a church the one thing we can do, and must do, is pray. Prayers for peace are said most days in Lady St Mary church at 5pm it is a time when we can pray for the needs of the world.



**Confirmation Classes** - Are you interested in confirmation classes or exploring your faith? We have some people that are interested but it would be nice to have a group of people so if you would like to find out more, please talk to a member of the Ministry Team.



**GREEN TIP** - Fit more active travel into your day and daily routine. Reevaluate your journeys: explore walking or cycling options or modify your route to include some form of active travel, i.e. disembark a stop early and complete the remaining part of your journey on foot.



**Readings for Daily Morning Prayer: \*Indicates Festival**

	Psalm (s)	Old Testament	New Testament
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>145</b>	Numbers 9:15-end, 10:33-end	Luke 4:38-end
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>19</b>	Numbers 11:1-33	Luke 5:1-11
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May*</b>	<b>139</b>	Proverbs 4:10-18	James 1:1-12
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>57</b>	Numbers 13:1-3, 17-end	Luke 5:27-end
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>138</b>	Numbers 14:1-26	Luke 6:1-11
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>146</b>	Numbers 14:26-end	Luke 6:12-26

**Parish Office** - The Parish Office is open on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** 9am to 1pm. At all other times enquiries and queries can be made by email and they will be dealt with as soon as possible.



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