



Celebrating the 7th Sunday of Easter Weekly update Sunday 12th May 2024

The seventeenth chapter of John's Gospel is one of the most intimate and revealing passages in the whole Bible about Jesus' relationship with his Father. He starts by praying for himself 'Father, glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.' He then, moves on to pray for his disciples (that is today's Gospel passage), he prays for protection. Interestingly this is not so that they will remain safe and sheltered from the troubles of the world but so that they will remain united, just as the Father and Son are united. Church history attests to the failure of this desire but thankfully over the years differences have been acknowledged as way of embracing variety rather than a cause of division. Please God, may this work continue.

Verse of the Week

Jesus said, "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. John 17:6

Collect for today!

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church, on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father.



Bible Readings

This week's bible readings; Acts 1:15-17, 21-end, and John 17:6-19

Next week's bible readings; Acts 2: 1-21 and John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Services in the Parish this week beginning Sunday 12th May 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

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP), St John the Evangelist, East Holme

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)

Wednesday 15th May at 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP), St Martin-on-the-Walls

Services in the Parish for beginning Sunday 19th May 2024

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

9.00am Breakfast Church, Sandford St Martin's

10.00am Praise Communion Service, Lady St Mary, Wareham

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

10.30am Morning Worship, Sandford St Martin's

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

Wednesday 22nd May at 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP), St Martin-on-the-Walls

What is happening in the Parish?

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 12th 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 14th 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



Men's Breakfast - The next Men's breakfast will be on Saturday 25th May 2024 at 8.30am in

Sandford St Martin's church, this month's breakfast will be a cold breakfast.

The guest speaker this month will be Nigel Spiller, Sargeant Mace in Wareham. Whether you are a regular at men's breakfasts, or have never been before, you are most welcome to come along. **Please contact the Parish**

Office no later than the Wednesday before to book your place, on 01929

550905 or email: parish.office@warehamchurches.org.uk



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.



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.



Prayer Focus:

We give thanks to God for

- Warmer weather and the joy that it brings (here is hoping it continues!)
- Inter-church dialogue and the great strides made in ecumenism
- God's generous provision in so many ways (count your blessings one by one...)
- Our schools, colleges and universities and the education that they provide

We pray to God for:

- Relief for those affected by flooding in the different parts of the world
- All refugees and asylum seekers that they will be shown respect and have their voices heard
- World leaders and people of influence, that they would seek the ways of peace and justice.
- All newly elected Councillors, Mayors, and Police Commissioners

Those asking for prayer:

Madolin (Maddie) Stevens, Jane Patterson, John Cleaton, Terry Holloway, Rose Diment, Mary Binks, Anne Mills, Peter Wood

Those who have died recently and those who mourn:

Ron Lewis, Gwendoline Welsh, Alf Guenigault

Our Mission Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, enthroned in majesty, this Christian Aid week may they and other relief organisations faithfully proclaim your victory over sin and death by words and deeds, as they respond with compassion and wisdom to poverty and injustice in the world: for the glory of your name.

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 3rd 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 rd Wednesday Sandford Prayer*
May	21 st , 28 th	15 th

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.



Sunday Coffee Rota

We are looking for a few more volunteers to join our coffee rota team. If you can give any time to provide this wonderful service, even a few Sundays a year, it would really help us provide this valuable service which everyone appreciates. We can only run the refreshments with your help. Contact Nick Burden or Hilary Goodinge.



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 – Plastic Pollution Quiz: How Much do you know about the threats that our planet faces from plastic pollution. <https://www.earthday.org/plastic-pollution-quiz/>



Readings for Daily Morning Prayer:

***Indicates Festival**

	Psalm (s)	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday 13th May	93	Numbers 22:1-35	Luke 7:36-end
Tuesday 14th May*	16	1 Samuel 2:27-35	Acts 2:37-end
Wednesday 15th May	29	Numbers 23:13-end	Luke 8:16-25
Thursday 16th May*	24	Numbers 24	Luke 8:26-39
Friday 17th May	28	Numbers 27:12-end	Luke 8:40-end
Saturday 18th May	43	Numbers 32:1-27	Luke 9:1-17

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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