



Celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Easter Weekly Update 8th May 2022

Most people in today's society would not take kindly to be called sheep! But in Jesus's day it was accepted as a legitimate way to describe the people, providing the shepherd could be trusted. Sheep played an important part in the religious and economic life of the nation and throughout the Bible there are examples of good and bad shepherds. Until Jesus the shepherd *par excellence* was King David, who established Israel as a Kingdom to be reckoned with. But kingdoms come and go, and it was the same in ancient Israel. However, Jesus came to establish a kingdom that would never fall, a kingdom based on love and compassion rather than controlling power and military might. Life in God's kingdom is for all eternity and is richer, fuller, and greater than anything the world has to offer.

Verse of the Week –

My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. John 10:27,28

Collect for today!

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

Bible Reading(s)

Today's reading; Acts 9: 36-42 and John 10:22-30

Next week's readings; Acts 11:1-18 and John 13:31-35



Services in the Parish this week Sunday 8th May 2022



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

9.00am Breakfast Church, Sandford St Martin's

10.00am Holy Communion, 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 dialing: 01202 078008 (charged at local rate)

Wednesday 11th May at 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – St Martin-on-the-Walls

Services in the Parish week beginning 15th May 2022

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, Sandford

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Wednesday 18th May at 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) – St Martin-on-the-Walls

Social Distancing in Lady St Mary church

Please note that the rear six pews of the north side of the nave, will be reserved for those who wish to socially distance. Please wear a mask if you sit in these pews, each alternative pews will be kept empty with kneelers placed on them.

What is happening in the Parish?

On Sunday May 15th there will be an annual Christian Aid service at Wareham United Reformed Church, Church Street at 10.30am. Please do come and support the work of Christian Aid.



Ladies That Lunch and Pray:



The next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th May 2022. 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

Ascension Day Service

There will be an Ascension Day service at St Nicholas church, Arne on Thursday 26th May 2022 at 10.30am. All are welcome.



Mission Sunday

Our annual Mission Sunday service, taking place this year on Sunday 29th May at 10am at Lady St Mary Church. This will be an opportunity to support and encourage our mission partners through prayer and financial giving towards the work they are doing to share the gospel, locally and around the world.



On Wednesday 29th June the Priory Church of Lady St Mary is hosting the world-renowned opera singer Joseph Calleja.

Doors open at 6.45pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets available from: <https://visitwareham.com>. Please do spread the word about this concert and help raise funds for Lady St Mary Church.



Prayer Focus:

We give thanks to God for:

- The gentle rain that is giving growth to creation.
- Those who bring the light and life into our lives.
- All who work for the good of others.

We pray to God for:

- Peace in the world.
- Our schools; in particular year 6 in SAT's week.
- World leaders: that they will make wise decisions on behalf of those they serve.
- World leaders: that they will make

Those asking for prayer:

Mary Richter, Zamira Gates, Eric and Anne Mills, Rebecca Hogg, Heather Preston, Frances Watts, Judith Nott, Libby and Matthew Richter, Lottie Bugler, Edna Farley

Those who have died recently and those who mourn:

Kenneth Fooks, Mark Lambert, Robert McLeish, Alan Southam

Our Mission Prayer:

We pray for our own mission partners, and for all people who are working to spread the love of Christ throughout the world.



Tuesday weekly prayer Zoom meeting

Our weekly Zoom prayer meeting will start at 7.30pm. If you would like to receive the Zoom link, please contact Debs or Stuart. All are welcome to join us to pray online.

Welcomers in Lady St Mary Church -



We would very much like to add to our team of welcomers in Lady St Mary church, expanding the current role to include welcoming people to the Coffee time after the main service. If you would like to help, please contact the Parish Office on 550905 or speak to one of our Churchwardens on Sunday morning.

Sunday Coffee in the Parish Hall and Virtual Coffee



We would like to invite you to join Sunday coffee after the Lady St Mary Church Sunday service, in the Parish Hall. Virtual coffee can still be accessed by using the Zoom link sent out to you in an email by Debs, please do continue to join in with others at 11.15am. **Please note that on Sunday 8th May there will be coffee and croissants in the Parish Hall at 8.30am for both the 8am and 10am worshippers. This is to enable the two congregations to meet up. All are welcome.**

GREEN TIP' by Helen Williams

Sustainable Wareham will be in the Town Hall on Saturday 14th May from 10am – 2pm. They will be collecting pill blister packs for recycling and running a Repair Café focussing on sewing repairs with experts on hand to help and advise.



Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival



Pat Cherrett is running a coach to Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival on Wednesday 11th May. Coach £16 and entry into Cathedral £15. Please contact Pat on 552087.

Parish Pilgrimage

Pat Cherrett now has details for this year's Parish Pilgrimage which departs on the 16th October, if anyone is interested and would like to see the itinerary, please contact Pat on 552087.

Readings for Daily Morning Prayer:

*Indicates Festival

	Psalm (s)	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday 9th May	103	Exodus 32:1-14	Luke 2:41-end
Tuesday 10th May	139	Exodus 32:15-34	Luke 3:1-14
Wednesday 11th May	135	Exodus 33	Luke 3:15-22
Thursday 12th May	118	Exodus 34:1-10, 27-end	Luke 4:1-13
Friday 13th May	107	Exodus 35:20-36:7	Luke 4:14-30
Saturday 14th May*	16, 147:1-12	Isaiah 22:15-end	John 15:9-17

Parish Office

The Parish Office is open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9am – 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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