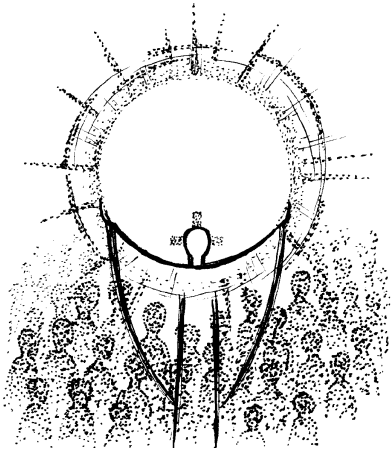


SUNDAY 21st MAY 2017

SIXTH OF EASTER



8.00am Holy Communion
9.45am Parish Eucharist with
members of the Methodist Church
11.15am Informal Service
6.30pm Evensong

We welcome everyone at our services. Families, please make use of children's corner at the back of the church. Sunday School meets in Church House during the Eucharist in term time. Morning Prayer is said Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays at 8.30am (entry by St. George's door)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	8.00am	Holy Communion
Wednesday	11.00am	Holy Communion at Victoria Hospital
	7.30pm	Roman Catholic Confirmation Service in Minster
	7.45pm	Prayer Group – Lounge
Thursday	9.30am	Holy Communion – Ascension Day
	9.30-11.00am	Two by Two Toddlers' Group – Hall
	11.00am	Holy Communion – Streets Meadow
	7.30pm	Sung Eucharist (Ascension Day)
Friday	11.00am	Holy Communion - St. Margaret's
	12 noon-1.30pm	Lunch and Chat – Lounge
	2.00pm	Canford School Leavers' Service
	7.30-9.00pm	Hustings - Minster
Saturday	9.30am	New Horizons Prayers
	2.00pm	Barclays' House Choir rehearsal
	7.30pm	Barclays' House Choir – Concert

NEXT SUNDAY
SUNDAY 28th MAY 2017
SEVENTH OF EASTER

8.00am Holy Communion
9.45am Parish Eucharist with Ministry of Healing
6.30pm Evensong

MINSTER MATTERS

THE SICK: We pray for those known to us who are sick and suffering: Pat Hughes, Elizabeth Dodd, 'Harv', Penny MacFarlane, Hazel Collins, Margaret James, Phillip Shea, Margaret Lewis, Peter Tame. Also recently departed: George Castle-Davis, Pat Jolliffe.

Flowers at the altar today are sponsored by Bel Sharp in memory of her husband, Brian.

We welcome the Revd Gwynneth Owen, Minister at Wimborne Methodist Church, to preach at the 9.45am Eucharist today.

Canon David Herrick is at Witchampton today

This morning: as **Rogation Sunday** is the day we ask God's blessing on the fruits of earth and sea and human endeavour, **the 11.15am Informal Service** offers you a special opportunity to pray for our world, nation, community, friends and family.

Our warmest congratulations to our Rector, Canon Vanessa Herrick, on her appointment as Archdeacon of Harlow. Vanessa will be leaving us on July 30th to take up her new post.

Parish Share: For the **next two weeks** we need to register those church members and visitors who attend services. This calculation assists the diocese in determining our contribution to **Parish Share for 2018.**

Pat Jolliffe, a long term member of the Minster congregation, volunteer librarian and guide, has died, and her funeral will take place in the East Chapel of **Bournemouth Crematorium on Wednesday 31st May at 2.30pm.**

Thy Kingdom Come – initiated by our Archbishops, this is now a **global-wide prayer event** where Christians are asked to come together and commit to prayer from **Ascension Day (25th May) to Pentecost (4th June).** Here at the Minster, our home and prayer groups have come together and are creating prayer stations in the Crypt during this period based on The Lord's Prayer. Please do come along and see what it's all about. If you are unable to come along you can still be involved – as part of our engagement with this initiative we are committed to **praying The Lord's Prayer every day at 3pm** whether we are in the Crypt, or elsewhere. This is something we can all do – so why not undertake this part of the prayer event, even if you are unable to come along into the Minster.

Alternative Choir: Members are invited to help lead the singing at the **9.45am service on Sunday 28th May.** Please meet promptly in the vestry at **9.15am** on the day, to rehearse. New members and visiting friends and family most welcome!
Liz Watson 01202 884429.

Thank you to all who supported the **MAF** focus weekend. It was wonderful to have the plane on the Minster Green on Saturday and **Kevin Crook** as the inspirational speaker at the 9.45am Eucharist on Sunday. The total raised from the coffee morning, book sales, donations etc. on the Minster Green, retiring collection

on Sunday, was **£767.86**. £490.70 was sent by the Minster and £277.16 by Kevin. Thank you SO much. **Sheila Soper**.

The **Friends' AGM** is next month (June) and we are looking for members to serve as **trustees**. The duties are not onerous, just 4 meetings a year. Anyone who might be interested should **contact Peter Cook**, the secretary, who will discuss the duties with you. If you are not a member, you can easily join, and this will enable you to stand as a trustee. Peter will be at the **9.45am service on Sunday 28th May**.

Donna is now recovering from her operation. **Until she returns to work in July, the office will be closed on a Friday.** If you could spare a couple of hours, from **10am to 12 noon** on **1st, 5th, 15th or 22nd June or 3rd July** when Penny is away or at a staff meeting and Karen not available, please speak to **Francis** or **De**.

There will be a walk with the **Minster Strollers** on **Sunday 4th June** of about 4 miles in the area in the vicinity of **Longham Lakes and the Stour Valley** – only 1 stile and a short ascent! We'll meet near the **entrance to Hobbycraft** (Hampreston Road) and set out at **2pm** on predominantly good paths, though some may be muddy after rain. Please contact me **before** setting out should it be wet on the day. **Sandra Thompson (01202 886740)**

Greenbelt Group Meeting: Sunday 4th June 7.30pm in Church House Lounge: it is said that we are living in a **Post Truth Era**. How have things changed, and why? As individuals, how might we respond? What's being done to combat misinformation? Our discussion will be based on a short recording of a fascinating conversation between four people with contrasting specialist knowledge and experience. Do come and join us! **Rosemary and Mike Lunt, 01202 889487**

'Thanks to the ladies on duty on **Thursday 27th April** around about **1pm**. I was taken ill as I entered the Minster, and you were most helpful, calling an ambulance and keeping me calm. Thank you for all your attention. **Bernard Stone**'.

The **Licensing of The Revd Belinda Marflitt as Priest-in-Charge of Pimperne, Stourpaine and Durweston with Bryanston, and Deanery Schools Missioner**, will take place at **Holy Trinity Church in Stourpaine, Blandford** on **Tuesday, 20th June 2017 at 7pm**. The Parish is already asking for numbers attending from the Minster! There is a list by the North Door for you to sign today as you leave. If you would like to attend, please indicate if you can offer or need transport (and how many places). Refreshments in the Village Hall afterwards.

Save the date! Life, Love and Fun – a Summer Concert Saturday 15th July 2017 at 7.30pm in The Minster: Gather a party of friends and relatives to join us at a concert to suit most tastes – Schumann, Gilbert and Sullivan songs and the best of Flanders and Swann - to be performed by **Elizabeth Denham**, mezzo soprano and **Richard Godfrey**, pianist and organist. Refreshments, included in the ticket prices of **£10** and **£8**, will be served on the Green if fine. Tickets from mid-June.

WIMBORNE AND AROUND THE AREA

Food Bank: We have **run out of** squash and are **low on** tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, rice pudding, fruit juice, porridge oats, tinned tomatoes, dried pasta, pasta sauce, tinned custard, baked beans, biscuits, Thank you as always for your generosity.

Hustings prior to the General Election will be held in the Minster on Friday 26th May from 7.30 – 9pm. The doors will open at 7pm.

Rotary Wimborne is sponsoring a **World Record Attempt and Family Fun Day next Sunday, 28th May** in support of **Purple4 Polio**. Register to take part at Short and Sweet in Mill Lane. Details on flyers at the back of the Minster.

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