

THIS WEEK

Monday	7.00pm Bell Ringing at Wimborne St Giles <i>Pray for the peace of the world</i>
Tuesday	12 noon Circle Lunch Club at Cranborne Garden Centre <i>Pray for all who are lonely</i>
Wednesday	10.00am Holy Communion by Extension at Woodlands <i>Pray for those serving through leadership</i>
Thursday	7.30pm Choir Practice at Cranborne <i>Pray for those looking for forgiveness</i>
Friday	6.00pm Stations of the Cross at Woodlands <i>Pray for those misled by the false gods of this present age</i>
Saturday	12 noon – 1.30pm Soup Lunch at 9 Castle St, Cranborne in aid of Christian Aid <i>Pray for all who are hungry</i>

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY – PASSION SUNDAY / LENT 5

9.00am Breakfast Church at Cranborne First School

9.30am Benefice Communion at Gussage St Michael

11.00am Elevenses at Woodlands

Jeremiah 31.31-34

Hebrews 5.5-10

John 12.20-33

There is a basket available at the back of church for the **Charity of the Month**. During February this will be for **Cranborne Middle School Breakfast Club**. It is now possible to donate online; www.bit.ly/DQchofm. Choose the amount and add Gift Aid. Donations by 31.3.24, Thank you.

Christian Aid Soup Lunch: Saturday March 23, 12 noon – 1.30pm
Edmondsham Hut

A Prayer for the King

Father of mercies,
grant to Charles our King
comfort and sure confidence in you,
and keep him in perpetual mercy and safety
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

COLLECT

Merciful Lord,
absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins
which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Numbers 21.4-9

The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2.1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved - and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

GOSPEL

John 3.14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

POST COMMUNION

Lord God,
whose blessed Son our Saviour
gave his back to the smiters
and did not hide his face from shame:
give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time
with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Quiver Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday March 10th, 2024

One of the New Testament's most familiar passages opens with a reference to one of the Old's most obscure; both hinge on a sign 'lifted up' for maximum visibility, and the need to respond with trusting obedience. As Moses' contemporaries needed to believe and look at the bronze serpent to be healed from snake bites, so everyone needs to look towards Christ, God's crucified, life-giving gift of love, with faith. The initiative is God's, the consequences are serious; but the choice – accepting the gracious offer, or staying unexposed and unreconciled in the apparent comfort of the shadows – is ours.

TODAY'S SERVICES

9.30am Benefice Communion at Cranborne 186 77 285 387 408

11.00am Mothering Sunday Service at Gussage All Saints

11.00am Mothering Sunday Elevenses at Wimborne St Giles

Give praise and thanks to God and pray for his help and healing:

For the Church: The Diocese of Salisbury and the Deanery of Wimborne
The Episcopal Church of Sudan (Diocese of Nzara & Deanery of Yabongo)
For the World: Nations and their leaders; justice, peace and development.
Refugees and victims of war. the dispossessed, the hungry, the persecuted.
The Middle East

For Jerome Starkey, a journalist in Ukraine and his safety

The housebound: Gerry & Pat Cope Ron Isaacs Geoff Phillips

Those in need : Hayley Loader Katherine Woodland Zachary Jackson
Sylvia Gray Frank Russell Pete Eyres Gill Lee Andrew Sawyer Michael
Goold Hilary & Guy Cherry Thick Christine Gibbons Jackie Sheen Jax
Sharp Jim Bolton Sue Day Clifford House Marion Challenor Tereasa
Harrison Sylvia Clacy Sheila Laker Sheila Soper

For those who have died Pat Dommet

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