

THIS WEEK

Monday	10.30am Circle Coffee Club at Cranborne Garden Centre 7.00pm Bell Ringing at Wimborne St Giles <i>Pray for tomorrow's SIAMS inspection at Cranborne 1st School</i>
Tuesday	George, Martyr, Patron of England c.304 <i>Pray for the Parish of St George's, Damerham</i>
Wednesday	8.30am Open the Book at Cranborne First & Wimborne St Giles Schools 10.00am Holy Communion at Woodlands 2.00pm Burial of Ashes of Paul Berlin at Gussage All Saints <i>Pray for Open the Book</i>
Thursday	Mark the Evangelist [St Mark 13.5-13] <i>Pray for the Parish of St Mark's, West Parley</i>
Friday	11.00am Funeral of John Edwards at Gussage St Michael <i>Pray for faithful departed</i>
Saturday	<i>Pray for the peace of the world</i>

SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY – EASTER 5

9.00am Breakfast Church at Cranborne First School

9.30am Benefice Communion at Woodlands

11.00am Matins at Cranborne

11.00am Elevenses at Edmondsham

6.00pm United Service at Woodlands Methodist Church

Acts 8.26-end

1 John 4.7-end

John 15.1-8

There is a basket available at the back of church for the **Charity of the Month**. During April & May this will be for **Encircles** a Salisbury-based charity which distribute food to the homeless each evening and provide a hot Sunday takeaway. It is now possible to donate online; www.bit.ly/DQchofm. Choose the amount and add Gift Aid. Donations by 31.5.24, Thank you.

Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs)

Woodlands – Sunday April 21st 12 noon – Today!

Edmondsham – Tuesday April 30th 11am

Benefice – Sunday May 12 10.30am

Wimborne St Giles – Sunday May 26th 11am

Next Sunday (April 28th), Afternoon Teas in Wimborne St Giles Village Hall will be in aid of our bell ringers

Ascension Day – Thursday, May 9th 7pm United Benefice Communion at Woodlands with Bishop Tim Thornton (former Bishop of Sherborne) followed by refreshments.

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Acts 4.5-12

The Jewish rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

SECOND READING

1 John 3.16-24

We know love by this that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL

John 10.11-18

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away--and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

POST COMMUNION

Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:
keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Prayer for the Vacancy

Loving God, as we journey together through this period of interregnum, we thank you for your everlasting faithfulness to us. At this time of uncertainty and change we ask that you send us your Holy Spirit, to fill us with your vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer. We ask that you will help us share responsibility, grow in faith, love one another, care for those in need, and have courage to face our future and embrace the unknown, with praise in our hearts, in loving obedience to you.

The Quiver

Easter 4

April 21,

2024

The Good Shepherd is one of the most well-known and well-loved epithets for Jesus, and puts him in the same place as God in Psalm 23. Here, Jesus not only paints himself as the fulfilment of that psalm, and of the heritage of David, the shepherd king, but in a country where the keeping of sheep was still a common trade, he accepts his own vocation to care for those who belong to him.

SERVICES TODAY

9.30am Benefice Communion at Gussage All Saints 274 484 237 504

11.00am Elevenses at Woodlands (followed by APCM)

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

The housebound: Gerry & Pat Cope 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 Jackie Sheen Jax Sharp
Jim Bolton Sue Day Clifford House Marion Challenor Tereasa Harrison
Sheila Laker Sheila Soper Alice Dolan

For those who have died Christine Gibbons John Edwards

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