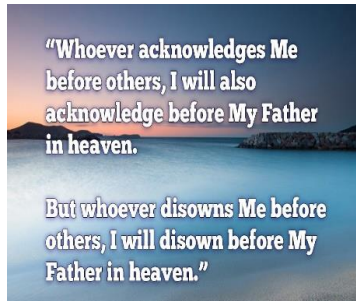




Parish of Christchurch



## We welcome you to St George's Church this Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017, the Second Sunday after Trinity

We welcome our President for today's service,  
Rev Richard Partridge

### A COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

### TODAY'S READINGS:

Old Testament:                   Jeremiah 20; 7-13  
New Testament:                 Romans 6; 1b-11  
Gospel:                             Matthew 10; 24-39

### TODAY'S HYMNS:

227	I come with joy, a child of God
173	God moves in a mysterious way
478	The God of Abraham praise
379	O Lord, hear my prayer
32	And now, O Father, mindful of the love
426	Praise to the holiest in the height

Yesterday the Church celebrated the festival of the Birth of John the Baptist. The biblical story of John, the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah, begins even before his birth. His leaping in his mother's womb is seen as a great 'alleluia' in anticipation of the birth of his Redeemer and the good news of Jesus Christ is related in all four gospels as beginning with John as Christ's forerunner. He seems to have a predestined rôle akin to that of the Old Testament prophets, particularly in encouraging the people of God to live lives worthy of their calling and in imminent anticipation of the coming of the Anointed One. In the tradition of the early Fathers, John was seen as endowed with grace from before his birth, and consequently the Church has always kept the celebration of this day with greater solemnity than that of his death.

**My thanks, once again, to 'Exciting Holiness' for this article.**

#### On a Personal Note

Some of you may already be aware of this, but I spent most of the day on Tuesday at St George's Hospital in Tooting, London, having various tests and my six-month post-surgery review. Unfortunately, the news was not good, and my cancer is back, so I will be going into hospital on 18th July and my surgery (more complicated this time) will be the following day. My surgeon assures me that this is entirely operable and the prognosis is very good.

Your prayers for both myself and Maroulla would be much appreciated during this difficult time, and my thanks go to those who have already made offers of help during this period.

The 'Win on Waste' organisation are looking for a volunteer to run a Christchurch Branch. I don't know exactly what is involved, but I imagine it will not be too arduous. I would willingly volunteer myself, but I would probably be threatened with divorce proceedings!! There is already a group running in Southbourne, and it has been suggested that we, as a church, might support the Southbourne scheme until one is started in Christchurch. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Bob as soon as possible. In the meantime,

from next weekend there will be a couple of recycling bags at the back of the church to collect the following items:

Plastic milk bottle tops for the Gift of Sight appeal.

Old keys and padlocks for Routes to Roots, Tassimo coffee discs (any size of Tassimo T-DISC and Kenco refill packs and plastic coffee jar lids for Poole Hospital scanner appeal.

Baby food pouches (any brand) for NICU.

Biscuit wrappers (any brand of sweet biscuit) for Ideas2Action.

Air freshener and home care waste for Ideas2Action (plastic bottle caps e.g. washing-up liquid, plastic trigger heads, sprays and packaging from disinfectant wipes).

Used anti-perspirant and deodorant aerosols for Ideas2Action.

Items for a children's workshop (old toys that need to be upcycled, bottles, yoghurt pots, ping pong balls, pegs, kitchen rolls).

These are all things that would either go into regular recycling or into waste for landfill. Using them for local charities must surely be a better idea!!

Did you know that BAILEY'S CAFÉ at 131 Barrack Road is a training café run by the Water Lily Project? They provide very reasonably priced home cooked meals and delicious cakes. Volunteer run, they welcome additional volunteers interested in helping, cooking, running and training. Why not pop in for a meal or coffee/tea and cake (available during Happy Hour 9am-10am for £1.00)?

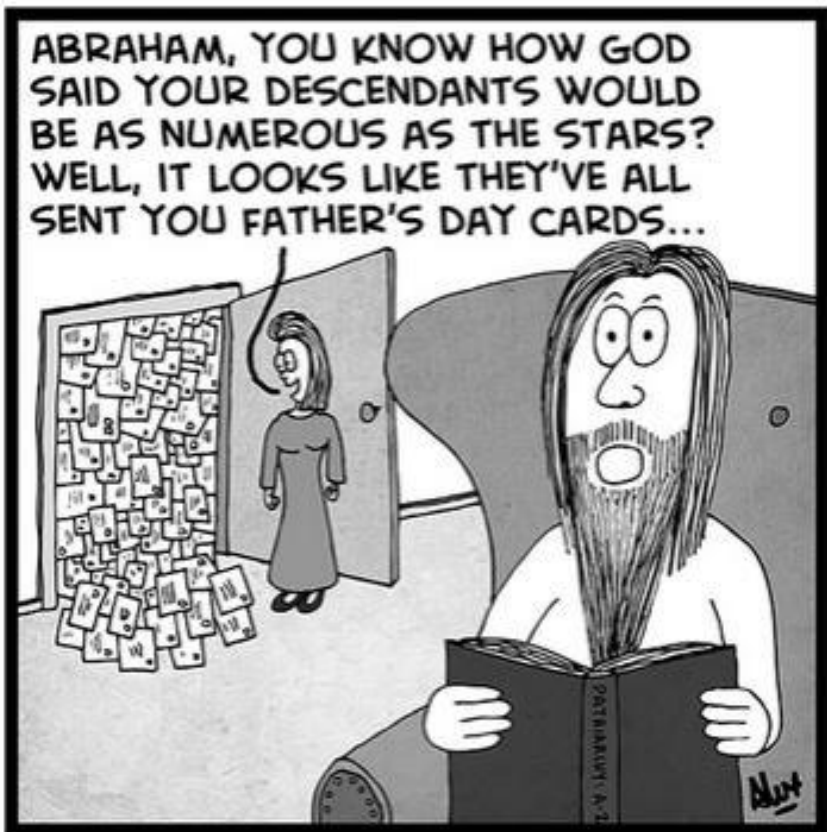
A few years ago, the BBC conducted a nationwide survey to find the nations favourite hymns. Do you agree with them? The top ten were as follows:

- 1 How Great Thou Art
- 2 In Christ Alone my Hope is Found
- 3 Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord
- 4 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

- 5 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am, Lord)
- 6 And Can It Be That I Should Gain
- 7 Abide with Me
- 8 Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer
- 9 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
- 10 The Day Thou Gavest, Lord, is Ended

If you have a favourite 'Top Ten' hymns, PLEASE let Bob know.

A SUNDAY SMILE:



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