



Parish of Christchurch

Matthew 11:27–28 (ESV)

²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.



We welcome you to St George's Church
this Sunday 9th July, 2017.
the Fourth Sunday after Trinity.

We welcome our President today,
Rev Richard Partridge.

A COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

TODAY'S READINGS:

Old Testament: Zechariah 9; 9-12
New Testament: Romans 7; 15-25a
Gospel: Matthew 11; 16-19, 25-30

TODAY'S HYMNS

277	Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
292	Lead, kindly light amid th'encircling gloom
226	I cannot tell how he whom angels worship
	Choir piece
-	If you believe and I believe (WORDS INSIDE)
242	Immortal, invisible, God only wise

A MESSAGE FROM SALLY:

Rex and I would like to thank you for the prayers, love and support shown to us during the past six months. It has been difficult, but Rex has been home for a month now and is finally making progress with the help of carers and physiotherapists.

We have felt very blessed and appreciate all the help we have had. We would still value your prayers.

Thank you all so much – Sally and Rex

ADVANCE NOTICE:

Jean Pitcher will be holding a CHARITY COFFEE MORNING on Saturday 9th September as part of the Macmillan Cancer Support celebrations. **Make a note in your diary NOW.** More information will follow when I have asked Jean to refresh my memory on the details!!

On Thursday 6th July, the Church remembered the life and work of Thomas More and John Fisher – Reformation Martyrs. Born in 1478, Thomas More studied classics and law, being called to the bar at the young age of twenty-three. His clear honesty and integrity impressed Henry VIII and he appointed Thomas as his Chancellor. He supported the king in his efforts to reform the clergy but disagreed over Henry's disputes with the papacy, caused by the king's desire to annul his marriage to Catherine of Aragon and to find another queen who might provide him with a male heir. Henry could stand no such act of defiance and imprisoned his Chancellor in the hope that he would renege. Thomas refused to take the Oath on the Act of Succession, which declared the king to be the only protector and supreme head of the Church in England, and was executed for treason on 6th July, 1535, declaring that he died the king's good servant, but God's first.

John Fisher was Thomas More's close friend and ally. A brilliant academic, he had substantially reformed the life of the University of Cambridge, through the wealth and influence of his patron, Lady Margaret Beaufort, the mother of Henry VII. He was made Bishop of Rochester and proved himself to be a good pastor to his small diocese. As with Thomas, Henry VIII admired him much at first, but

when he opposed the king their relationship deteriorated. Aged sixty-six and in indifferent health, he nevertheless endured the trauma of imprisonment in the Tower of London. He was executed just two weeks before Thomas on 22nd June 1535.

Many thanks once again to 'Exciting Holiness' for this article.

The biggest charity swim is back for 2017. Join other spectators at the Bournemouth Pier to Boscombe Pier Swim as you watch hundreds of swimmers brave the English Channel in this incredible 1.4-mile open water challenge in aid of and organised by the British Heart Foundation. This takes place next Sunday, 16th July and there will be two groups of swimmers; the first at 10.00am and the second at 12.00 noon. Needless to say, you will be in church when the first group swim, but you'll have time for coffee before setting off for Bournemouth to watch the second wave (no pun intended!).

The July COFFEE MORNING will be held this coming Wednesday, 12th July at 7 Elizabeth Avenue. Everybody is welcome!!!

At the Worship Committee meeting on Thursday the possibility of having a Christian Library at the Priory was discussed, and it was decided that this would go ahead; so if any of you would like to donate any Christian books to the library (**in good condition**) please let Bob have them.

ANOTHER MYSTERY:

Some of you will be aware that in recent weeks, lights have mysteriously been left on, and what should have been locked doors have been found unlocked, etc. etc. The most recent mystery is that the playgroup leader, on arrival in the hall at around 7.00am, has found that fire extinguishers have been removed from their brackets and left in the middle of the hall. I have asked the groups who use the hall on the previous evening, but they assure me that they would not have done this. Fire extinguishers should NEVER be unhooked from their brackets except to use in an emergency or to be inspected by the Fire Brigade or other professional bodies. If you have the solution to this enigma, please let Bob know.

A SUNDAY SMILE (Thank you to Janet Catton for this one!!)

SAGE...

I'm a man of
complete and utter
integrity

Never mind,
I still like you!



It has been suggested that our All-Age Service be switched from the first Sunday in the month to the second Sunday. This is quite logical because in May, the first Sunday is part of the Bank Holiday weekend, and the first Sunday in January is likely to be part of the New Year celebrations, etc. etc. Please let Bob know what YOU think!!

Any articles for inclusion in next week's St George's News must be in by Friday evening please to Bob Savage at: Breezy Corner, 1 Hampshire Close, Fairmile, Christchurch, BH23 2TH. Telephone 01202 255431 or 07902 469745 Email: StGeorgesNews@christchurchpriory.org

If You Believe and I Believe

Moderato

a cappella

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If you be-lieve and I believe and we to-geth-er pray,

the Ho-ly Spir-it must come down and set God's peo-ple free,

and set God's peo-ple free, and set God's peo-ple free;

the Ho-ly Spir-it must come down and set God's peo-ple free.