



God's  
Love



Parish of Christchurch

We welcome you to St George's Church  
this Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018,  
the Seventh Sunday after Trinity.

We welcome our Presidents for today's services:  
at 8.00am Rev Canon Charles Stewart  
and at 9.30am Rev Richard Partridge.

A COLLECT FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as a mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

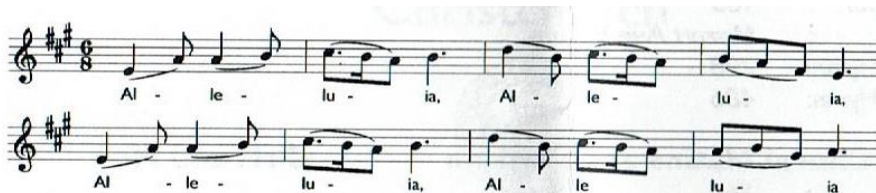
TODAY'S READINGS:

Old Testament: Amos 7; 7-15  
New Testament: Ephesians 1; 3-14  
Gospel: Mark 6; 14-29

TODAY'S HYMNS:

288	King of glory, King of peace
119	Father God I wonder how I managed to exist
25	Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven
	CHOIR PIECE
Inside	God sent his Son, they call him Jesus
560	Will you come and follow me

## Music for Alleluias sung as the Gospel Book is carried into the nave:



## COMMUNION HYMN

God sent his son, they called him Jesus.  
He came to love, heal and forgive,  
He bled and died to buy my pardon  
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives

*Refrain*      *Because he lives I can face tomorrow,  
Because he lives all fear is gone.  
Because I know he holds the future;  
My life is worth the living just because he lives.*

How sweet to hold a new-born baby  
And feel the pride and joy he gives,  
But better still the calm assurance  
That child can face uncertain days because he lives

*Refrain*

And then one day I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain.  
And then as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he lives

*Refrain*

Today the Church celebrates the life and work of Swithun, Bishop of Winchester. He was Bishop of Winchester in the 9<sup>th</sup> century, though little is known of his life. He was bishop for ten years and appears to have been the trusted adviser of Egbert, his king in Wessex. He asked to be buried 'humbly' and not in a great shrine and, when he died on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 862, his request was fulfilled. However, when a new cathedral was being built, Ethelwold, the new bishop decided to move Swithun's remains into a shrine in the cathedral, despite dire warnings that to move the bones would bring about terrible storms. His bones were duly moved on this day in the year 971 and, though many cures were claimed and other miracles observed, it apparently

rained for forty days as forecast. Thus, the feast day of St Swithun became synonymous with long, summer storms, rather than as an occasion for celebrating Christian simplicity and holiness.

AS USUAL, THANKS TO 'EXCITING HOLINESS' FOR THIS ARTICLE.

The July Coffee Morning raised a total of £29.00 which includes the £10.00 Thunderball prize

Last Sunday Heidi arranged a litter-pick and a shared lunch for those who wanted to come. Unfortunately, I couldn't stay with Maroulla at home and in great pain. However, I am told that the event was a great success and here are a couple of pictures that Heidi wanted to share.



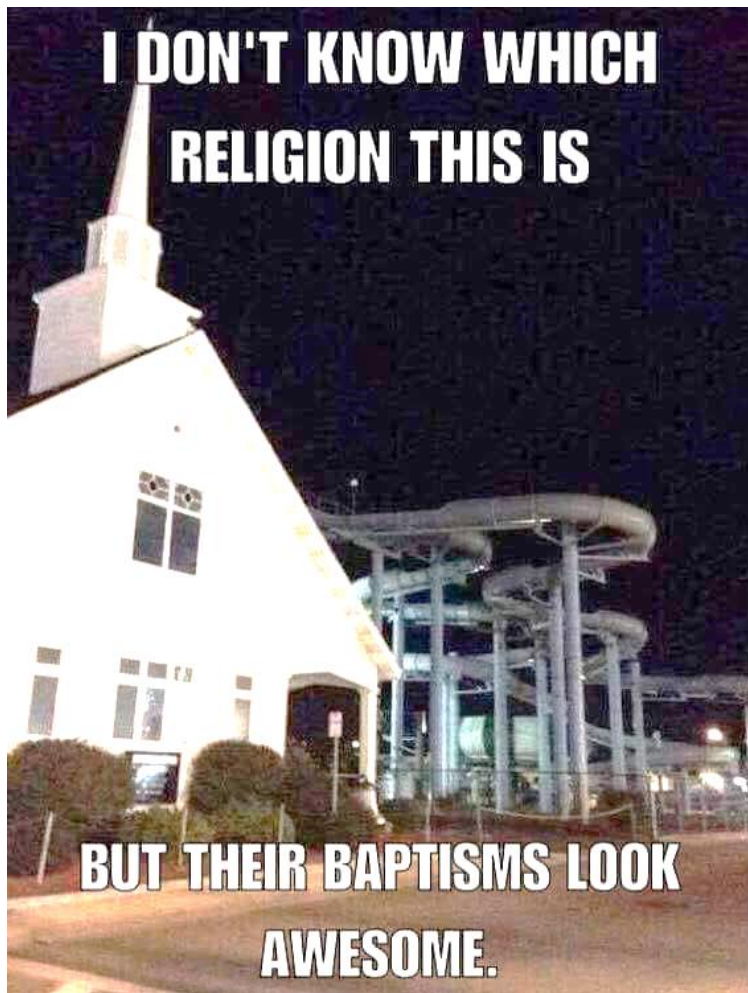
Thanks to all who attended and made the day a success. Even more thanks to everybody who played a part, no matter how large or small.

If you have any ideas for events we could hold in



the future, whether new suggestions or something that has been done in the past, please see Norma or Bob. With the summer here, it would be great to get together and have fun. In the past I have suggested a quiz but it wasn't terribly popular; so, rack your brains and we'll see if we can arrange something to suit everybody.

A SUNDAY SMILE:



Several people have said that they would write an article for St George's News but so far haven't let me have anything. Please, **please**, **PLEASE** get your brains in gear and put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard). Thank you!

**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](mailto:StGeorgesNews@christchurchpriory.org)**