



Parish of Christchurch



We welcome you to St George's Church
this Sunday 20th August 2017,
the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

We welcome our Presidents to today's services,
at 8.00am, Rev David Lund
at 9.30am, Rev Angela Newton

A COLLECT FOR THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

TODAY'S READINGS:

Old Testament: Isaiah 56; 1, 6-8
New Testament: Romans 11; 1-2a, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15; (10-20 optional), 21-28

TODAY'S HYMNS:

175	God of mercy, God of grace
404	Once, only once, and once for all
426	Praise to the holiest in the height
	CHOIR PIECE
83	Christ's is the world in which we move
95	Come on and celebrate

Today the Church remembers the life and work of Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux. Bernard was born at Fontaines, near Dijon, in France in the year 1090. He entered the Benedictine abbey at Cîteaux in 1112, taking with him many of his young companions, some of whom were his own brothers. He was a leader of the reform within Benedictinism at this time and in 1115 was sent to establish a new monastery at a place named Clairvaux (meaning 'valley of light'). Though times were hard, he built up the community with his remarkable qualities of leadership. Bernard preached widely and powerfully and proved himself a theologian of renown. Literally hundreds of houses were founded on the Cîteaux or Cistercian system and Bernard's influence on his own generation and beyond was immense. He died on this day in 1153.

TO CUT OUT AND KEEP:

The first time I went into St George's Hospital, Betty Green gave me a poem which I think everybody should read in times of trouble and despair. I'm sorry if I've included this before, but it really helped me both times when I went in for surgery, and might well help others.

Every day I need you, Lord,
But this day especially,
I need some extra strength
To face what is to be.
This day more than any day
I need to feel you near;
To fortify my courage
And to overcome my fear.

By myself I cannot face
The challenge of the hour,
There are times when human beings
Need a higher power
To help them bear what must be borne
And so, dear Lord, I pray:
Hold on to my trembling hand
And be with me today.

It is proposed to hold our Harvest Lunch in the hall on 17th September (this is the date when we will be celebrating Harvest Festival in church). If you have any menu suggestions please let us know ASAP. If you would like to come, please put your name on the form at the back of the church. There is a space for special dietary requirements.

Whilst on the subject of meals, I know it's only August, and summer isn't over yet (I hope), but it's time to think about the St George's Christmas Meal. The Bailey Bridge have served us well for the past couple of years, and the suggestion is that we go there again this year. The proposed date is Sunday 3rd December. If you are interested, please let Gill or Pat Aslett or Bob know ASAP. Details of menu and cost will follow as soon as available. If you would like to come, please put your name on the form at the back of the church, which has a space for special dietary requirements.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Don't forget our Social Afternoons will begin again on Friday 1st September. Any newcomers will be very welcome!!

JEAN PITCHERS COFFEE MORNING in the hall will be on Saturday 9th September from 10.30 until 12.30 in aid of RIDING FOR THE DISABLED. £1.00 will buy you coffee and biscuits, but cakes will be available; also, a raffle and a bring-and-buy table. Please give this event your support if possible for this very worthy cause.

FROM SANDY:

Dear All,

Many thanks for doing the coffee on Sundays; I know that everyone appreciates your efforts. Sadly, Annie and Ernie have decided not to continue so I have updated the rota for the rest of this year. There are a couple of dates which need to be covered, Sunday October 22nd and Sunday 3rd December, so any offers would be appreciated.

If anyone else would like to join the rota that would be great, so please let either Bob, Norma or myself know.

Many thanks - Sandy

A SUNDAY SMILE



REVISED COFFEE ROTA FOR THE REMAINDER OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER:

August 20 th	Sandy Gola & Janet Catton
August 27 th	Pat and Gill Aslett
September 3 rd	Pat Tapply & Jean Pitcher
September 10 th	Ray & Julia Wilkins
September 17 th	Sandy Gola & Janet Catton
September 24 th	Sylvia Young & Jan Clyde

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