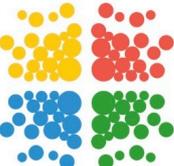




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WELCOME TO THE PARISH NEWS FOR ST LUKE'S CHURCH, SWAY SUNDAY 12th May 2024

Please find our live-streamed or recorded services on YouTube:
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An Update from Lisa Thomas

Hello everyone,

I have been asked to do the introduction for the Parish News this week so I am taking the opportunity to reflect a little on my experience as a chaplain to the Law Courts in Winchester.

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One of the things you notice immediately is that there is a lot of activity in the corridors. People arriving, barristers talking, court staff rushing. All very active. But there is also a lot of waiting around too,

If you have never been into a Crown Court before it can be quite bewildering and disorientating. If you go into the public galleries you can often hear distressing cases – it is a Crown Court so deals with serious cases – which can be quite shocking.

Chaplains offer non-judgemental, confidential listening to everybody involved in the life of the courts of whatever faith or non. We are not there to convert people or fill churches, though we do speak about our faith if asked.

So where is God in all of this? One of the lessons I have learned is that I don't take God with me into the Law Courts, he is already there. My calling is to discern where he is working in the lives of the people I talk to. Chaplaincy is above all an incarnational ministry, showing through being there that God loves and values the people I meet and talk with. It is about being alongside people and loving them. Not always easy but very humbling.

Prayer

Loving and generous God, thank you for the calling you have placed on me and my fellow chaplains, Thank you for the opportunity to minister to others through chaplaincy and to love those we meet with generosity. Amen (adapted from The Methodist Church prayer).

Lisa Thomas



Prayer

Risen, ascended Lord,

as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

SUNDAY 12th May - The Seventh Sunday after Easter

Sermon Series: Acts. The Church on Fire! Stephen's Speech

Acts 7: 1-53 (The reading will be shortened - tbc)

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Informal Service with Communion Leader and Speaker - Jane Mitchell.

10.30am Coffee Time

11am Morning Service with the Christening of James Williams Led by Revd Jane Mitchell. Speaker Malcolm Clayton.

Gospel reading: John 17: 6-19.

NEXT SUNDAY 19th May - PENTECOST

Sermon Series: Acts. The Church on Fire! Scattered. The Fire Spreads.

Acts 2: 1-4 and 17-21 and Acts 8: 1b-8.

9.30am Informal Service with Communion Leader Lisa Thomas.

Speaker Jane Mitchell.

10.30am Coffee Time

11am Family Communion Led by Revd Jane Mitchell. Speaker Revd Jane Mitchell.

Gospel reading: John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15

4pm Evensong

Prayers:

This week please pray for -

- Family of James Williams (christening)
- Family of Gail Cain

- Family of Davena Shelley
- St Luke's School Pentecost Assembly
- John Gaffney and Caroline van Der Welle

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Messy Church is this Monday, Please click [HERE](#) to register and let us know you'll be coming.



The theme for May is **God the Gardener** - how when we trust in Him - amazing things happen and we grow to know and love Him. Little ones will be able to engage in an eco activity, craft and of course the popular junk modelling. Vicar Jane will lead the short service in church - all children parents and carers welcome. Please click [HERE](#) to let us know you'll be coming along and to find out more about Messy Church.

Bible Course - May dates are 14th and 28th.

You don't need to have attended previous sessions to come and join in...

	Time	Thanksgiving Service Gail Cain
	7pm	The Bible Course
Wednesday 15	12pm	SWAG Lunch Club
	2.30pm	Christian Meditation
Thursday 16	9am	Online Morning Prayer
	6pm	Band Practice
Friday 17	9am	School Assembly - Pentecost
	9.30am	Bump, Baby & Toddler Group
	10am	Friday Service

Here is the link for Thursday online parish prayers -

[https://zoom.us/j/95044393409?](https://zoom.us/j/95044393409?pwd=ekVMbFBachZaeDF0aUM4bTluWU14QT09)

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

MAY

Sunday 12th May 11:00 - Christening of James Williams

Monday 13th May 15:15 - Messy Church - Click [HERE](#) to book

Tuesday 14th May 13:00 - Gail Cain Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday 14th May 19:00 - The Bible Course

Wednesday 15th May 14:30 - Christian Meditation

Thursday 16th May 10:00 - Lymington Naturalists Eco Church

Thursday 16th May 10:00-13:00 - Wildlife Group Visit

Friday 17th May 10:00 - Friday Service

Sunday 19th May 16:00 - Evensong

Tuesday 21st May 19:00 - PCC Shared Meal and Welcome

Friday 24th May 11:30 - Birchy Hill Communion Service

Friday 24th May 14:00 - Creative Space at Potters Field. Click [HERE](#) to book

Tuesday 28th May 19:00 - The Bible Course

Thursday 30th May 11:30 - Wedding Blessing John Gaffney and Caroline Van Der Welle

Friday 31st May 13:00 - Davena Shelley's Thanksgiving Service

Friday 31st May 14:00 - Sway Place Communion Service

JUNE

Friday 7th June 9:00 - School Assembly
Friday 7th June 10:00 - Friday Service
Sunday 9th June 9:00 - Sway Open Gardens
Monday 10th June 15:15 -Messy Church.
Tuesday 11th June 19:00 - The Bible Course
Thursday 13th June 19:00 - Summer Synod
Tuesday 18th June 19:00 - PCC Meeting
Wednesday 19th June 14:30 - Christian Meditation
Thursday 20th June 12:00 - Wedding of Millie and Tyron
Friday 28th June 10:30 - Creative Space at Russell Fry's home

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