



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – see below for prayer times

Sunday 15th January: Second Sunday Ordinary Time: Mass 9.00 am

Wednesday 18th January: Morning Prayer and Prayer for Unity 10.00 am; NO Mass today

Thursday 19th January: Adoration: Special Intention Prayer for Unity in the hall 10.00am - 3.00pm

Friday 20th December: Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayer for Unity - 3.00 pm

Saturday 21st January: Mass and Prayer for Unity 10.00 am

Reconciliation after Mass on Saturdays, or by arrangement with Fr Vincent

Government advice is that face coverings/masks can help reduce the spread of Covid.

PARISH NEWS

A Message from Chris Clifton: I would like to thank Fr. Vincent, the Parish Parochial Council and all the members of the congregation of St Anthony's for arranging Sunday's presentation to me and for the warm sentiments and generous gifts. I really was not expecting anything on that scale, and I am very touched by it. Thank you all very much, and God bless you all.



Photo courtesy J McCann, MIN

Children's Liturgy of the Word has recommenced at our Sunday Mass.

PEACE SUNDAY: Today is Peace Sunday, and this year the message from Pope Francis is: 'No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace'. A vaccine has been found for Covid-19, says the Holy Father, but we still need to tackle the virus of war, and of inequality, and this can only be done **together**. The Catholic peace movement Pax Christi aims at working together to promote peace through parishes, schools and social

media. Their website suggests ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2023>

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from 18th - 25th January 2023. This year's theme is Be-Longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice, and materials for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023 have been prepared by the churches of Minneapolis. Prayers for each day can be found in church. Please join with us in prayer. More information can be found at: <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2023/>

Diary

Mothers' Prayers: Mothers' prayers in the hall on Mondays at 10.30 am.

Breaking Open and Sharing the Word: After Morning Prayer and Prayer for Unity on Wednesday.

Fridays: Divine Mercy Chaplet and prayer for unity 3.00 pm

During the cold weather, we ask everyone to make sure they dress for warmth when they come to church. We continue to keep windows open in the church to reduce the spread of virus – at the same time due to increased utility costs that we all face, church heating cannot be set to as high a temperature as we would like. Thank you.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for: Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Anne Doyle, Sheila Likey-Ayling, Anne O'Mahony, Lorraine Pavey, Francis Ballinger, Shireen Doyle, Fr John O'Toole, Tess Jones, Kelvin Boorer. All who are suffering from illness, and those finding life difficult. **Please note – due to GDPR regulations, we are obliged to have the consent of the person you wish to pray for (or that of a close family member) before publishing their name in the newsletter.** If anyone in the Royal United Hospital would like to receive Holy Communion, please telephone 01225 824039 and leave a message, or Email ruh-tr.chaplaincy@nhs.net

OTHER NEWS

Prayer for Melksham will be held at 'that meeting space' on Tuesday January 24th at 7:30pm. We join in praying for our town and surrounding villages and for a fresh outpouring of the Lord's grace and mercy. We look forward to this time of praying together.

SYCAMORE – WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. Rose Lanigan, Mission Support Manager for Sycamore is running a series of 'How to Webinars' for Clifton diocese. This series will be hosted on Zoom in January as evening sessions each starting at 7pm, **and then repeated** in February during the daytime from 11am.

Sessions	January	February
How to run a group	17 th	8 th
How to get momentum going		2 nd
To 'Retreat' or not?	25 th	14 th
How to support parents	31 st	28 th

How to get momentum going - This will offer very practical suggestions for how to get Sycamore sessions started.

How to run a group - This webinar goes through how to prepare for and deliver a session effectively

as well as ways you can deal with difficult or awkward situations carefully and respectfully.

To 'Retreat' or not? This webinar talks about a typical retreat format, including how to lead prayer, and a discussion on alternative approaches, for example, online groups.

How to support parents - This will look at ways Sycamore can be used to supplement the current catechetical programmes to support and encourage parents and help build community. Everyone is welcome to take part in some or all of the sessions, please sign up by following the links below. For more details, please contact adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

How Can You Help Rough Sleepers? A

Message from Wiltshire Council: If you see someone on the streets, you can provide details to [StreetLink](#) which connects rough sleepers with local services that can support them. StreetLink will provide the council with details so officers can talk to the rough sleeper, help them find a warm place to stay and offer ongoing support. People are also encouraged to donate to local charities in Wiltshire, which directly help those in need. If you are sleeping rough, or you know someone who is, let us know on **0300 456 0100** so we can provide accommodation and support.

CHARITIES and PARISH PROJECT

Gift Aid: Your Parish Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number **01225 704805**.

Our Parish Charity is Wiltshire Air Ambulance. You can donate by using this link:

<https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/>

Our Parish Project is the repair and refurbishment of the Presbytery. Funds raised will be split between our charity and our project with $\frac{2}{3}$ allocated to Presbytery repairs, and $\frac{1}{3}$ to Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

Melksham Food Bank is grateful for the help from St Anthony's parishioners. A basket for donations is in the church porch, or you can use designated trollies in the Supermarkets, or deliver to the Baptist Church. Items needed – cans of meat, vegetables and fruit, pots of jam, crisps. Do not send chilled, or frozen foods or fresh fruit or vegetables as these cannot be stored. Thank you.

Melksham Family of Churches' Crisis Support for those who need emergency relief. This fund is seeing increased demand; if you would like to contribute, please contact Melksham Foodbank or Sharon (Parish office) for further information.

AND FINALLY –

Did you know?

A bolt of lightning contains enough energy to toast 160,000 pieces of bread.

FIFA has more member countries than the UN.

Wordsearch: Second Sunday

C	F	W	G	N	I	S	I	T	P	A	B
D	O	W	N	T	S	S	H	E	H	L	N
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APOSTLE	EARTH	OFFERINGS
BAPTISING	FORMED	PEACE
BLESSINGS	GOD	SACRIFICE
BOW	GRACE	SAID
CHOSEN	HEART	SEND
CHURCH	HEAVEN	SONG
COMING	HERE	SOSTHENES
CORINTHIANS	JESUS	SPOKE
CRY	KING	THIRST
DOWN	MOST	WITNESS

Eliminate only the listed words. No word should be entirely inside another. The remaining letters complete a well-known phrase about Jesus:

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The completed phrase from last week was "BELOVED SON" Hilary Clifton

A Prayer for Peace Sunday

God, our Creator and Redeemer,

May we see the sorrow of war in the eyes of those who suffer and have known only violence in their lives.

Give us a voice for those who have no voice and are not heard; those who know that there is no tomorrow in war, and that the violence of weapons destroys both the beauty of creation and the joy of life.

That way, with your help, will we become true instruments of your peace.

Amen

(Adapted from Pope Francis' Address for the World Day of Prayer for Peace, Assisi, 2016) Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way London NW4 4TY

www.paxchristi.org.uk 0208 203 4884

Sunday 15th January Second Sunday Ordinary Time Sunday Year A; Psalter 2

Reading 1: Is 49: 3, 5-6

Psalm Refrain: Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

Reading 2: 1Cor 1: 1-3

Gospel: Jn 1: 29-34

Monday 16th January: Word: Heb 5: 1-10;
Ps 109; Mk 2: 18-22 Hours: Psalter 2

Tuesday 17th January: Memorial of St Anthony,
Abbott

Word: Heb 6: 10-20; Ps 100; Mk 2: 23-28

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Memorial

Wednesday 18th January: Word: Heb 7: 1-3,
15-17; Ps 109; Mk 3: 1-6 Hours: Psalter 2

Thursday 19th January: Memorial of St Wulstan,
Bishop

Word: Heb 7: 5 – 8:6; Ps 39; Mk 3: 7-12

Hours: Hours: Psalter 2

Friday 20th January: Word: Heb 8: 6-13; Ps 84;
Mk 3: 13-19 Hours: Hours: Psalter 2

Saturday 21st January: Memorial of St Agnes,
Virgin, Martyr

Word: Heb 9: 2-3, 11-14; Ps 46; Mk 3: 20-21

Hours: Psalter 2, Proper of Memorial

Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter? Help us make our newsletter an enjoyable read! Please send any comments or items for the newsletter to the email address below, 'phone the office on **01225 702128** and leave a message or put a note through the Presbytery door. Thank you

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