



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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There will be NO Mass this Wednesday. Mass will be celebrated Sunday 25th July at 9.00 am.

Masses

Please do not arrive at church hoping to attend Mass if you have not booked in advance. To pre-book your attendance at Mass on Sunday 25th, July contact Anne Doyle telephone 01225 707486 or email anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk on **Thursday only this week, please**

Sunday 18th July – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Year B; Psalter week 4

Reading 1 – Jer 23: 1- 6;

Psalm refrain: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Reading 2 – Eph 2: 13-18

Gospel – Mk 6: 30-34

Monday 19th July: Word: Ex 14: 5-18; Ex 15; Mt 12: 38 -42 **Hours:** Psalter 4

Tuesday 20th July: Word: Ex 14: 21-15:1; Ex 15; Mt 12: 46-50 **Hours:** Psalter 4

Wednesday 21st July: Word: Ex 16: 1-5, 9-15; Ps 77; Mt 13: 1-9 **Hours:** Psalter 4

Thursday 22nd July: Feast of St Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles

Word: Sg 3: 1-4; Ps 62; Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18

Hours: Psalter 4

Friday 23rd July: Feast of St Bridget, Patron of Europe

Word: Gal 2: 19-20; Ps 33; Jn 15: 1-8; **Hours:** Psalter 4

Saturday 24th July: Word: Ex 243-8; Ps 49; Mt 13: 14-21 24-30 **Hours:** Psalter 4

Please ensure young children are supervised by an adult, remaining with them at all times in and around the Church. Thank you.

It is mandatory for face coverings/masks to be worn in places of worship until restrictions ease unless you have an exemption from wearing one

Retiring Collection: 18th July – Clergy Training Fund

PARISH NEWS

Wednesday 21st July: There will be a **Finance meeting** at 10.30 am in the hall.

Thursday 22nd July: The **PPC/Liturgy group** will meet at 7.00 pm in the hall. Future Covid procedures will be discussed. If there is anything you would like to be considered by this group, please give details to a PPC member, email the parish office or leave a note through the Presbytery door. Thank you.

Saturday 24th July – Baptism: We are delighted to welcome Sophia Fletcher into our parish family as she is Baptised this morning.

First Holy Communion: If you have a child in Year 3 or above who would like to join our First Holy Communion preparation please leave your details on the sheet in the porch or email the parish office. Classes will begin in late September/early October.

Mothers' Prayers: Mothers Prayers continue each Monday in the Hall. Covid-19 restrictions apply, so please book attendance with Mary Rooney on **07789 910591**, or email maryaroonney@blueyonder.co.uk each week, please.

CLIFTON DIOCESE NEWS

Step out against Climate Change: The pilgrims walking the 5-month, 600-mile relay journey from Cornwall to Glasgow will be close to us this week: **Monday 19th July, Bath – Trowbridge; 20th July, Trowbridge – West Lavington.** People of all ages, and from all churches are urged to get involved and support them. More details available on the YCCN website: [RELAY | YCCN](http://www.yccn.org.uk).

Catechists' Day, 25th September: On Saturday 25th September the Diocese will hold a day for catechists and those involved in parish formation and evangelisation. The focus will be on family catechesis, and will be led by David Wells and Ingrid La Trobe. The event will take place at **St. John the Baptist parish centre, Trowbridge**, and will start at 11.00am and finish around 4.00pm. Refreshments will be

provided from 10.30am, we ask catechists to bring a packed lunch. Please register early via: adult.education@cliftondiocese.com

Vacancies at Clifton Diocese: Clifton Diocese are recruiting a Caritas and Environmental Officer, and an Adult Formation and Evangelisation Officer. Closing date for applications is 5.00 pm, Friday 23rd July. Details can be found on their website: <https://cliftondiocese.com/diocese/working-for-us/>

CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE NEWS

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: The inaugural day for Grandparents and the Elderly falls on Sunday 25th July. Pope Francis has given it the theme "I am with you always". More information can be found on the CBCEW website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-day-grandparents-elderly-2021/>

OTHER NEWS

CAFOD – Reclaim Our Common Home: We all have a role to play to stop the climate crisis. In November the UN "COP26" climate talks take place in Glasgow, and CAFOD are petitioning the Prime Minister urging him to make sure world leaders take action. Pick up a petition leaflet in church to sign and send, or sign electronically and see more details at <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Reclaim-our-common-home>.

MELKSHAM FAMILY of CHURCHES - Can you help? Melksham Family of Churches plan to intensify their work on the initiatives below. This needs help from all of Melksham' Christian community to succeed and volunteers are very welcome: **Melksham Foodbank** are looking for Trustees to support registration with the Charity Commission. **Melksham Community Money Advice** (formerly Hope Debt Advice) is now in alignment with the national Community Money Advice organisation, and needs office support and trained advisors in the next 6-12 months to support those struggling with debt. **Messy Church**, based at Forest and Sandridge School, plans to reopen on a face to face basis in September - help with sessions will be welcome. Plans for a **Melksham Job Club** are in very early stages, but people who have the skills to help others search and apply for jobs will be needed. **Open the Book** is a Bible Society initiative and groups from Melksham churches have been taking this to 3 of our town's primary schools. More team members are needed to continue and perhaps extend the number of schools visited. If you can give help any of these Christian projects in Melksham, please contact Sharon in the parish office for further details.

CHARITIES

Our Parish Charities: If you would like to make a donation to **Wiltshire Air Ambulance**, please use the following link: <https://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/donate/> **Mary's Meals** also has an internet "Giving Page": <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate>

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

Melksham Food Bank: There has been a huge rise in the number needing the Food Bank. To donate food items, please use either the 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: Melksham Family of Churches also supports those who need emergency relief (non-food items such as energy meter payments, uniform costs for school children etc.). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Sharon (parish office) for further information.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Please pray for the following: Don d'Cruz, John Doyle, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, Andrew Bate, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey, Janet Ruddick, Judith Curtis, Janice Kuranlu, Alan McFall, Alistair Strudwick, David Elliot, Callum Ford, Maria Podraza. All who are suffering from coronavirus, 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

AND FINALLY....

Just a thought....

The ark had 3 floors; the top floor had windows to let in the light.
How were the other 2 floors lit? They used floodlights.

Advice is what we ask for when we already know the answer but wish we didn't....

Words of Wisdom....

Christ is the great disturber, but when he disturbs he also inspires hope. There is always a crisis where Christ is.

Gordon Davies

Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter? Help us make our newsletter a good read!

*Please send any comments 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*

Wordsearch – Sixteenth Sunday

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AWAY	FLOCK	NAME
BELONG	GATHER	PASTURE
BETWEEN	GUIDES	REMNANT
BOTH	HAND	REVIVE
BRING	HELP	SCATTERED
CARE	HOUSE	SHEEP
CROOK	INCREASE	SINGLE
DISPERSED	INTEGRITY	TWO
DWELL	LEADS	UNITE
EVER	LIFE	WANDERING

Eliminate only the words given in the list. No word should be entirely inside another and ignore any others that appear but which are not on the list.

The missing letters complete this phrase:

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The completed phrase from last week was:

Go, tell "MY PEOPLE"

Hilary Clifton