



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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No Wednesday Mass this week. Mass will be celebrated Sunday 9th May at 9.00 am.

Please do not arrive at church hoping to attend Mass if you have not booked in advance.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday is currently suspended.

It is mandatory for face coverings/masks to be worn in places of worship

unless you have an exemption from wearing one (Children under 11, illness, disability, etc.)

Please note that Covid regulations require young children to be supervised by an adult, remaining with them at all times in and around the Church. Thank you.

To pre-book your attendance at Mass, contact Anne Doyle telephone 01225 707486 or email anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk on the following days:

Monday, Tuesday or Thursday of each week

Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteer stewards and cleaners who make reopening possible.

Sunday 2nd May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Year B; Psalter week 1, Proper of Season

Reading 1 – Acts 9: 26-31

Psalm refrain: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.

Reading 2 – 1Jn 3: 18-24

Gospel – John 15: 1-8

Prayers of the Faithful, Fifth Sunday of Easter

Let us ask the Lord that we may make our home with Him, as He has made His home with us.

We pray for the Church that all her members may strive, as St John encourages us to do, to make sure that “our love is not just words or mere talk, but something real and active”.

We pray for those parts of the world where the Coronavirus had flared up most seriously, in particular for India and Brazil. May the international community be moved to help those countries.

We pray that we may all continue to contribute to the well-being of the environment by our careful use of the world's resources.

We remember in prayer the Christian communities of English Martyrs Chard, Crewkerne and Ilminster; and of St Andrew's, Melksham.

Gervase O'Donohoe

Monday 3rd May: Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles

Word: 1Cor 15: 1-8; Ps 18; Jn 14: 6-14

Hours: Psalter 1, Proper of Season

Tuesday 4th May: Feast of the English Martyrs

Word: Acts 7: 55-60; Ps 30; Mt 10: 17-20

Hours: Psalter 1, Proper of Season

Wednesday 5th May: Word: Acts 15: 1-6; Ps 121; Jn 15: 1-8

Hours: Psalter 1, Proper of Season

Thursday 6th May: Word: Acts 15: 7-21; Ps 95; Jn 15: 9-11

Hours: Psalter 1, Proper of Season

Friday 7th May: Word: Acts 15: 22-31; Ps 56; Jn 15: 12-17

Hours: Psalter 1, Proper of Season

Saturday 8th May: Word: Acts 16: 1-10; Ps 99; Jn 15: 18-21
Hours: Psalter 1, Proper of Season

Prayer Vigil to Pentecost: The vigil will take place in our church from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm on 13th May, and from 4.00 pm you are invited take part in the vigil in your home. If you wish to come to church between 11.00 and 4.00pm, please book a place with Anne Doyle (details above). If you would like to take part in the vigil at home, please contact Mary Rooney maryaroney@blueyonder.co.uk Mobile 07789 910591, landline 01225 708029.

LITURGY TRAINERS: The Diocese has been considering how, in the future, the formation and support of liturgical ministers can be provided. It was felt this could begin by “training some trainers” who would go on to be responsible for training ministers in their own area or deanery. If you would like to be considered for one of these roles, please email the parish office or contact Fr Vincent, so that he can submit names on behalf of St Anthony’s.

Gift Aid: Giving envelopes are available at church. Please start using these envelopes now and dispose of any of the old envelopes you hold. Many thanks for Gift Aiding your donations. Your Gift Aid contact is Tricia Hoy, phone number **01225 704805**.

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>

100 Days of Prayer: As we began this year, the National Office for Vocation decided to dedicate the first 100 days to prayer, celebrating our Church. This had a special focus on the saints of England and Wales, recognising and celebrating how their mission here on earth led to the ultimate call to Holiness. These prayers can be found here: [Discernment | National Office for Vocation England & Wales \(ukvocation.org\)](https://www.ukvocation.org/)

Rediscover Your Marriage: Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The programme offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a 'Virtual' weekend on 1st – 4th July 2021, call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443, or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Thy Kingdom Come 2021: This year Thy Kingdom Come, the global ecumenical prayer takes place from 13th to 23rd May. New resources for 2021 will include an **11-part children’s video series called Cheeky Pandas** - packed with Bible stories, prayers, animation, worship songs and interviews with special guests. This year Thy Kingdom Come have teamed up with the Archbishop of York’s Youth Trust to produce 11 video reflections from influential Christians for the daily themes of Thy Kingdom Come. Voices include Guvna B, Pippa Baker (Catholic Charismatic Renewal), Jamie Jones-Buchanan (former professional Rugby player) and Elle Limebear (worship leader). Each video reflection includes an accompanying discussion plan which is suitable for use in colleges, youth groups or at home with friends. Other new resources include [this year’s Novena and the Prayer Journal](#) and a Prayer Adventure Map. For more information visit [New For 2021 | Thy Kingdom Come](#)

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 help (non-food items such as energy meter payments, etc.). If anyone would like to contribute to this, please contact Sharon (email as at foot of newsletter) for further information.

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. Deacon David Wakefield, 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, Dennis Andrews, Maria Podraza. All who are suffering from coronavirus, and those finding isolation 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

Could you be a School Foundation Governor? St Edmund's school in Calne, urgently needs more governors. If you might be willing to help by becoming a school governor, and would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact the Chair of governors at St Edmunds, Ross Swan, either by email at rswan@st-edmunds-pri.wilts.sch.uk or by phone on **07906 918373**.

Our parish school, St Patrick's in Corsham also requires Governors; contact Clerk to the Governors Sharon Gilbert, **01249 713125**, email admin@st-patricks.wilts.sch.uk. Alternatively contact Bill McEntee at Clifton Diocese bill.mcentee@cliftondiocese.com **07710 094976** for more information – he would be delighted to hear from you.

Wordsearch – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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| ALLELUIA | FEARLESSLY | PART |
| BEARS | FIRE | PLENTY |
| BOLDLY | FRUIT | PRUNES |
| BRANCHES | GIVEN | RAISE |
| DAMASCUS | GLORY | REAL |
| DEAR | HEARTS | SAMARIA |
| DUST | HELLENISTS | SAUL |
| FAITHFULNESS | HOME | SEEK |
| FAMILIES | MORE | WANTS |
| FATHER | OFF | WONDERS |

Eliminate only the words given in the list. The remaining letters describe Christ as

_ _ _ / _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ The word from last week was "SHEPHERD" Hilary Clifton

Just a thought....

Church Bulletins
 Smile at someone who is hard to love.
 Say hello to someone who doesn't care much about you.
 Irving and Jessie got married on Wednesday, so ends a friendship that began in their school days. Holy Joke

Words of Wisdom:

If you see everything in black and white you miss the rainbow. Anon

Any Comments? *Is there anything you would particularly like to see included in the weekly newsletter? 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.*

Contact: comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com

If you know of any parishioners who do not have access to email, please print this newsletter for them.