



# Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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Mass will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 10.00 am and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 9.00 am.

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

***It is now 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.)*

**To pre-book your attendance at Mass, contact Anne Doyle telephone 01225 707486 or email [anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk) during the following times:**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August, between 09.00 am - 11.00 am, or 6.00pm – 8.00pm;**

We appreciate that some people would like to remain after Mass for private prayer. We must ensure the church is cleaned after each Mass, so **the church will be open 15 minutes before the beginning of Mass at 9.45 am on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 8.45 am on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September for private prayer. Please note: Toilet facilities will remain closed;** please remember this when planning your visit. Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteer stewards and cleaners who make reopening possible.

**Prayer for Melksham** - you are invited to spend some time on Wednesday in prayer for all who live and work in Melksham, our Council, industry and shops, hospital, care homes and surgeries.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August: Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year**

**Sunday Year A; Psalter week 2**

**Reading 1 – Jer 20: 7-9**

**Psalm refrain: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.**

**Reading 2 – Rom 12: 1-2**

**Gospel – Matthew 16: 21-27**

**Prayers of the Faithful, Twenty-Second Sunday**

We are the people of the Lord Jesus. Help us to take up our cross and follow Him.

We ask Him to listen to the prayers of our hearts.

We pray for an end to the pandemic, for a successful vaccine, and for God's grace to help us to cope with our apprehension and fear. May His grace enlighten our lives in unexpected ways.

We pray for all those we have known and loved, who have died, and for their family and friends.

We pray for Pope Francis, Bishop Declan, Fr. Vincent, the clergy and ourselves; by the example of our love and compassion, may we bring others to The Lord.

We pray for our Church, the Church of the Holy Road, Swindon, and the United Church, Melksham.

We pray for the Government and those in Authority, that they may be mindful of the weak and vulnerable.

We pray for the disabled and for those who love and care for them. We remember the people of Beirut.

We thank God for the gift of each day. Help us to live it the best way we can.

We make these prayers through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen

Gay Harris

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August: Word:** 1Cor 2: 1-5; Ps 118; Lk 4: 16-30

**Hours:** Psalter 2

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September: Word:** 1Cor 2: 10-16; Ps 144; Lk 4: 31-37

**Hours:** Psalter 2

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: Word:** 1Cor 3: 1-9; Ps 32; Lk 4: 38-44  
**Hours:** Psalter 2

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church**  
**Word:** 1Thes 2: 2-8; Ps 95; Mt 16: 13-19  
**Hours:** Psalter 2 and Proper of Feast

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September: Word:** 1Cor 4: 1-5; Ps 36; Lk 5: 33-39  
**Hours:** Psalter 2

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September: Word:** 1Cor 4: 6-15; Ps 144; Lk 6: 1-5  
**Hours:** Psalter 2

**Retiring Collections Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September: Building and Maintenance fund**

**Ride and Stride:** Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust is holding its annual fund raising effort on Saturday September 12<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am to 5.00 pm. Social distancing – 30 bicycle riders, 6 walkers if groups are taking part. Visit as many churches as you can. Half the money raised is returned to the church taking part; this would be a good way to replenish our coffers as well as helping church repairs etc. Fresh air, interesting churches, and a good deed – what more can you want?! Sponsorship forms for donations are available at the end of this newsletter, or from [sec.whct@gmail.com](mailto:sec.whct@gmail.com) Anne has gone totally mad and



is intending to walk around the churches in Melksham, Devizes and Trowbridge. Please sponsor her – or join her and raise some money for St Anthony's! Please contact Anne Doyle for further information on **01225 707486** or email [anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk)

**Gift Aid:** Some people have received their Gift Aid envelopes for this current year. Please contact Tricia Hoy 01225 704805 if you are still waiting for your new envelopes and we can arrange delivery. Only use the new envelopes for your giving as the numbers have changed again this year. Many thanks.

**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.

**Please pray for the following:** Mrs. Rosa Menghini, Don d'Cruz, Mrs Kathleen Murphy, John Doyle, Mrs Marian Frawley, Geoff Blwyddin, Mrs Jean Irwin, Mrs Jeanette Allsop, Mrs Bridie Liddle, Zofia Clarke, Chris Bate, David Coughlin, Katja Lubina, Patrick Egan, Mrs Jonasz. Deacon David Wakefield, Rebecca Matthews, Paul Hogg, Keith Healy, Alan Glass, Tricia Rigg, Henie Dixon, Brian Hillhouse, June Carey, Jon, Naomi & Isaac Harrison. All those 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.**

**Last Week's Quiz Answers – Birds, Animals and Insects**

1. There were four and twenty: *Blackbirds*.
2. Type of Lily: *Tiger*.
3. Royal Angler: *Kingfisher*.
4. It wiggled and jiggles and tickled inside her: *Spider*.
5. Sounds like one of the fab four: *Beetle*.
6. Computer Aid: *Mouse*.
7. A Chess Piece: *Rook*.
8. A Christmas Country: *Turkey*
9. Dwelling Boy: *Housemartin*.
10. Every batsman's nightmare: *Duck*

Anne Doyle

**Just some thoughts:**

- In a Catholic school cafeteria a nun placed a notice by a plate of apples: "Only take one. God is watching". Further along was a plate of cookies. A little boy put up his own notice: "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."
- Most common lies – "I didn't do it". "I'm fine." "I have read the terms and conditions."

**Words of Wisdom:**

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year;  
"Give me the light that I may tread safely into the unknown".

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".

So I went forth, and finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

M.Louise Haskins

## Wordsearch – Twenty-Second Sunday

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BANQUET	GAIN	PATH
BEAR	HEART	PAUL
BEGAN	INSULT	PLEASING
BEHAVIOUR	JESUS	RUIN
BROTHERS	LIPS	SACRIFICE
CHIEFPRIESTS	MODEL	SCRIBES
CLINGS	MOUTH	WORLD
EFFORT	OFFERING	WORSHIP
EYES	OVERPOWERED	WORTHY

Only eliminate the words given in the list. The remaining letters give a request to us by Jesus  
\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_ The remaining words from the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday were: LORD FEEDS US. Hilary Clifton

**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.*

For electronic newsletters, please email: [comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:comms.melksham.stanthonyofpadua@cliftondiocese.com)

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

### Prayers for the Season of Creation

#### 30<sup>th</sup> August (CAFOD Prayer for our world)

Creator God, who made our beautiful world,  
appointed us as its guardians  
and gifted us with everything we need,  
forgive us  
for the times we cause it harm;  
for the times our way of life  
affects our neighbours.  
Inspire us  
to care for the environment;  
to help rebuild lives and communities;  
to share in the griefs and anxieties,  
joys and hopes of all your people,  
so that all your creation may flourish.  
Amen.

**WILTSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST**

**Registered Charity Number 1075598**

**RIDE+STRIDE SPONSORSHIP FORM 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

*(Participants – please print as many copies of this form as required. Please fill in the details yourself, or obtain them by email etc. – you should not pass the form to others outside your household to write on)*

**Please ask your sponsors if they are able to gift aid their sponsorship, and if so ensure that the Gift Aid box is ticked and that full home address including postcode is given.** Gift Aid enables us to claim an extra 25% on the donation.

For those who intend to pay by CAF voucher, do not tick the Gift Aid box.

If sponsors are not able to Gift Aid their donation, you do not need to record their full address or postcode.

**Sponsor declaration:** If I have agreed to allow the box 'Gift Aid? ✓' to be ticked, I confirm that I am a UK Income or Capital Gains taxpayer. I have read this statement and want Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust to reclaim tax on the donation detailed below, given on the date shown. I understand that if I pay less Income Tax or Capital Gains tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

By giving my name and address I agree to the Ride+Stride Administrator holding this data. It will not be passed to any third party. I understand that a Privacy Notice is available on the WHCT website.

Surname & Initials Please write legibly	Home address (If the donation is to be Gift Aided, home address and postcode must be provided)	Post Code	Gift Aid ✓	Sponsorship offered		Sum given	Date
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Please return this form with your money to your Parish Organiser – Anne Doyle or Sharon Pearce - or direct to the R+S administrator by **SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020**