



Welcome to the Parish of St Anthony of Padua

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No Mass this Wednesday (7th July). Mass will be celebrated Sunday 11th 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, contact Anne Doyle telephone 01225 707486 or email anne.doyle16@blueyonder.co.uk on the following days:

Monday, Tuesday or Thursday of each week

Sunday 4th July – Fourteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Sunday Year B; Psalter week 2

Reading 1 – Ez 2: 2-5

Psalm refrain: Our eyes are on the Lord 'til he shows us his mercy

Reading 2 – 2Cor 12: 7-10

Gospel – Mk 6: 1-6

Monday 5th July: Word: Gn 28:10-22; Ps 90; Mt 9: 18-26 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Tuesday 6th July: Word: Gn 32: 23-33; Ps 16; Mt 9: 32-38 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Wednesday 7th July: Word: Gn 41: 55-57, 42: 5-7, 17-24; Ps 32; Mt 10: 1-7 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Thursday 8th July: Word: Gn 44: 18-21, 23-29, 45: 1-5; Ps 104; Mt 10: 7-15 **Hours:** Psalter 2

Friday 9th July: Word: Gn 46: 1-7, 28-30; Ps 36; Mt 10: 16-23; **Hours:** Psalter 2

Saturday 10th July: Word: Gn 49: 29-33, 50: 15-26; Ps 104; Mt 10: 24-38 **Hours:** Psalter 2

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

unless you have an exemption from wearing one

Retiring Collection 11th and 14th July – Stella Maris

PARISH NEWS

Seating at Mass: Please note that we must still observe social distancing, and the stewards have been instructed to fill the church from the front. Please help us by taking your seat as directed by the stewards. Thank you.

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.

Trowbridge Deanery News

DEACON DAVID WAKEFIELD, RIP: The Funeral of Deacon David will be at 2.30pm on Wednesday 7th July 2021. Attendance is by family invitation only. Please keep his family in your prayers.

CLIFTON DIOCESE NEWS

Step out against Climate Change: Walking now towards Clifton Diocese are a group of pilgrims, part of a relay on a 5-month journey. They set off from Cornwall earlier this month, and are on their way via Clifton Diocese & London, for Glasgow - more than 600 miles. This extraordinary event has been organised by a group of young Christians (the Young Christians Climate Network). A wide range of volunteers are needed to greet walkers; walk part of the way; offer refreshments; cheer the walkers on; and other capacities. People of all ages, and from all churches, are urged to get involved in this walk for climate justice. Closest stage of the route to us - Monday 19th July, Bath – Trowbridge; 20th July, Trowbridge – West Lavington. Details available are on the YCCN website: [RELAY | YCCN](https://www.yccn.org.uk).

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> . A prayer to the creator is at the foot of this newsletter.

Pro-Life Mass Lobby: Please meet your MP to lobby against DIY abortion and assisted suicide. SPUC is holding a **Mass lobby of MPs on Friday 16th July or Saturday 17th July 2021.** We are asking pro-life supporters up and down the country to organise a meeting with their MP, at the constituency office on one of these dates. The DIY abortion policy is still in place, and there is a renewed threat of assisted suicide being legalised. Please ask your MP to lobby the Health Secretary to end DIY abortion. Please ask your MP to **vote against assisted suicide.** SPUC has produced dedicated briefings to help you lobby your MP: www.spuc.org.uk/MassLobby2021
Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool that makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to vote against a motion to **introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth** to England and Wales. Contact your MP on the link below to ask them to vote against this:

www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAbortionUpToBirth

Thy Kingdom Come – Single Release: “We Seek Your Kingdom”, this year’s anthem for Thy Kingdom Come has now been released. The beautiful civic hymn, with fresh lyrics, is set to the tune of “Abide With Me” and can be downloaded from <https://slinky.to/WeSeekYourKingdom>

MELKSHAM FAMILY OF CHURCHES NEWS

Now that Covid restrictions are easing, Melksham Family of Churches want to intensify their work on the initiatives below. This does need 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: 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.**

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, 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 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

AND FINALLY....

Wordsearch – Fourteenth Sunday

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ACCEPT	EYES	REVELATIONS
AGONIES	FLESH	RICH
AMONG	GETTING	SABBATH
ASTONISHED	GRACE	SENDING
BLESSED	HAND	SLAVES
BOAST	HAPPY	SYNAGOGUE
CARPENTER	INSULTS	THORN
EARTH	PERSECUTIONS	TOWN
ENOUGH	REBELS	VIEW

Eliminate only the words given in the list. No word should be entirely inside any other. The remaining letters complete this phrase:

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The word from last week was "APOSTLES"

Hilary Clifton

Just a thought....

Cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education.

Mark Twain

Words of Wisdom..

"We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship."

Pope Francis

A Prayer to the Creator

Lord, Father of our human family, you created all human beings equal in dignity: pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter, dialogue, justice and peace. Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.

May our hearts be open to all the peoples and nations of the earth. May we recognise the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us, and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects, and shared dreams. Amen.

This prayer is from Pope Francis' encyclical, Fratelli Tutti.

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

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

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