

St. Michael and All Angels Church, Colehill

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Sunday 14th May
5th of Easter
Christian Aid Week
Dementia Awareness Week

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Eucharist
11.30 Holy Baptism
Annabelle Rose Pile

Monday 15th May

Tuesday 16th May
8am Morning Prayer
2.00pm LPA meeting at the Vicarage

Wednesday 17th May
8.00am Morning Prayer
12-1.30pm Centre Rendezvous
7.30pm Risen Review Evening

Thursday 18th May
8.00am Morning Prayer
1.55pm Y8 Assembly in Church
7.30pm Community Choir

Friday 19th May
8am Morning Prayer
9.30am-11.15am Cherubs Parent & Toddlers
7.00pm Choir Practice

Saturday 20th May

Sunday 21st May
8.00 Holy Communion
9.30 Parish Eucharist

*A number of people have asked for a copy of
the very moving poem read at last week's All
Age Worship, so it has been included on this
notice sheet after the Bible Readings*

ST. MICHAEL'S MONTHLY PRAYER DIARY

**In addition to those items in the Prayer
Diary, please pray this week -**

For the people of Syria and the international
community in its response to recent events.
For our nation in the run up to the General
Election on 8 June.

For the people of S. Sudan, Yemen and
Nigeria, facing famine.

For the people of France following
Presidential Elections.

For the work of Christian Aid in its diamond
jubilee year.

For Annabelle being baptised today.
For those living with dementia and their
carers

Georgina Weston

holding St Michael's Cross.

The sick & infirm & others in need:

Jane, Dorothy Watson
Andrew Martin, Sheila Spenceley,
Fraser Bacon, Chris, Stephen Ball,
Jayne Vousden, Joe West, Vera Crawford,
Diane, Louise, Colin Smith,
John Doyle, Vivienne Holliday
Rupert Sadler & family, and Edmee.

PLANT SALE

Thank you to all those who supported our
Annual Plant sale and to Margaret Gillingham
the organiser. We raised a total of £561.65 of
which £65 will go to the Mothers' Union from
the proceeds of the Raffle.

HOUSE TO HOUSE

The house-to-house collections are the major fund-raisers for the annual event which begins today.

There is a new strategy this year to make life easier for collectors. Willing collectors will be issued with 20 envelopes to drop off in their own street. They will write their own addresses as the drop-off point so collectors only have to go out once - and if you're really shy you can just pop the envelope through the letter box without disturbing your neighbours!

Please volunteer by contacting **Sharen** on **sharen_eappi@msn.com** or by phone on **01202 693837**

A BIG THANK YOU FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX OPENING COFFEE MORNING

St Michael's is fantastic at raising money for the Children's Society and this year is no exception - our joint efforts raised an amazing **£1,068**.

Many thanks to the kitchen team, the raffle team and the stall holders who made it such a success. Thanks to all of you who baked a cake, donated a raffle prize, books and bric-à brac and to all of you who keep a box at home to fill throughout the year.

And a big thank you goes to all of you who came along to eat the cake and made last Saturday such a pleasant social occasion. Your efforts will mean huge practical and emotional help to young people facing difficulty and disadvantage. **Sharen**

LITTER PICK AND CONSERVATION DAY

SATURDAY 20TH MAY @ 10.30AM

Join us at our Triangle Wood Litter Pick & Conservation Day

Meet at 10.30am at St.Michael's Middle School lay-by. Stay for as long as you like, but we finish at 1.00pm.

Bring tools (secateurs, loppers, bow-saws) if you have them.

Gloves, sacks and litter pickers are provided.

Further details contact **Colehill Parish Council 01202 900821**

WIMBORNE PRAYERS TOGETHER

Following on from our Prayer Lent Course, and our continuing Silent Prayer, I would like to invite you to join *Wimborne Prayers Together* and praying alongside those of other churches/denominations.

We meet in the coffee lounge at the **Methodist Church on the third Tuesday of each month at 12.30pm**. There is usually a speaker who gives a theme, and then you can join in the prayer or just listen. We usually bring sandwiches and stay afterwards for a short social time. We're a friendly group and would love to see you.

This group has been meeting for years, ever since Churches Together in Wimborne existed in a formal way - we now just keep the flame going, amidst all the shared work which goes on between the churches, of which, Experience Easter, the Just as I Am services, and the Good Friday Walk of Witness are examples. Prayers Together always feels worthwhile, and we value our fellowship very much. Our next meeting is **Tuesday 16th May**, in the downstairs lounge. In the summer, we shall be upstairs due to works taking place.

For more information, contact **Freda 889048**.

WIMBORNE FOOD BANK – LIST UPDATED

For the first time in 4 years the Foodbank are having to ration supplies.

They urgently need any of the following

Squash (they have run out)

Tinned Veg

Tinned Fruit Juice

Porridge Oats

Tinned Tomatoes

Tinned Custard

Tinned Pasta

Baked Beans

Tinned Meat

Dried Pasta

Pasta Sauce

Packet Rice

Many thanks

Biscuits

Shampoo

Shower Gel

Soap

Strong Plastic Bags with

Reinforced Handles

CHURCH CLEANER REQUIRED

Can you help clean the church? We need an extra person to join our team, to do one hour every six weeks. If you able to help, please speak to me. **Marjorie**.

RISEN DISCUSSION: 17th May @ 7.30PM

If you enjoyed watching the film *Risen* and would welcome an opportunity to meet together informally to discuss the film in the light of biblical material, do please come along to the Church Centre. Light refreshments will be served. All welcome.

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 7: 55-end;

But filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

1 Peter 1: 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner',

and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

John 14:1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has

seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS: Acts 17:22-31; 1 Peter 3:13-end; John 14:15-21

Refugees

They have no need of our help
So do not tell me
These haggard faces could belong to you or me
Should life have dealt a different hand
We need to see them for who they really are
Chancers and scroungers
Layabouts and loungers
With bombs up their sleeves
Cut-throats and thieves
They are not
Welcome here
We should make them
Go back to where they came from
They cannot
Share our food
Share our homes
Share our countries
Instead let us
Build a wall to keep them out
It is not okay to say
These are people just like us
A place should only belong to those who are born there
Do not be so stupid to think that
The world can be looked at another way
(now read from bottom to top)

Brian Bilston, taken from *You took the Last Bus Home*, a collection of Brian Bilston's poetry published by Unbound in October 2016 (www.brianbilston.com)