



All Saints, Mudeford



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Standing firm in the Lord

Philippians 4.1-9

If you were writing a letter to a friend this week, I wonder what you would write, about your own circumstances and your hopes for the future.

Paul's circumstances at the time of writing his letter to the Philippians were grim; he was in prison, probably in Rome around 61AD, yet this is a wonderful letter full of joy and encouragement showing his love and friendship for them all – the word 'joy' appears 16 times.

His friend Epaphroditus, from Philippi, had brought a financial gift from the church and the latest news. He had stayed on as a companion, became very ill, recovered and was returning to Philippi. Paul was sending a letter back with him, thanking them and responding to the news.

Paul says with great warmth *My brothers and sisters whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.*

Very warm words, describing the Philippians as his joy and his crown; he loves them, longs to be with them and for them to stand firm in the Lord.

He sets out how to do that in three ways

1. Standing firm by being united

Paul names two women, Euodia and Syntyche, who have had a disagreement and urges them to be reconciled. He also asks his loyal companion, possibly Luke, to help.

Unity is a powerful witness to the reality of God in our midst; disunity weakens the body of Christ.

2. Standing firm by rejoicing in the Lord. This rejoicing does not depend on our circumstances; Paul was rejoicing in prison, so he wasn't asking them to do anything he wasn't doing.

Rejoicing, thanksgiving and prayer are the antidote to worrying and bring *the peace of God*.

3. Standing firm by practising living in the light of the gospel.

Paul encourages us to embrace whatever is good, true, honourable, just, pure and commendable. As we practise living out the gospel of grace the *God of peace* will be with us.

My brothers and sisters whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way,

by being united, by rejoicing in the Lord and by practising living out the gospel of the grace of God.

Rev Anne Jablonski



Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table
where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**

Sunday Services 11th October In Church

8am & 10am Holy Communion Sermon by Rev Anne Jablonski,

Reading: Philippians 4: 1-9 by Maggie & Megan Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14 Prayers with Vikki

In our Parish

We continue to ask for God's healing presence in the lives of those who are unwell, those in hospital and those waiting for treatment.

We remember especially Marion, Amanda, Catherine, Canon Patrick, Marian, Berry, Sarah, Liz, David, Sheila, Tony, Doreen, George, Margaret and Angela D.

We remember all those suffering from Covid 19 and those who care for them.

We pray for those who are lonely and afraid of the future. We think particularly of those in care homes, separated from their families. We remember children & young people as they continue with their learning and pray particularly for their teachers and all who care for them.

We pray for those who are suffering through the loss of their livelihoods and who face an uncertain future.

We continue to pray for our missionary links around the world. We hold in our prayers especially: The girls in The House of Joy, the people of Kinkiizi, the Julius and Dora Children's Centre in Kenya, Chris & Veronica Padayachee our CMS link partners. We pray the work of St Francis Hospital, Zambia. We also remember Jeremy Nash and the people of Burkina Faso in West Africa.



APCM: Our annual parochial church meeting will be held at **4pm on this Sunday 11th October** in the Vestry Hall. Before you come to the meeting we suggest you read the minutes of the 2018 meeting as these will need to be approved. Please note if you have any comments on the minutes to bring to the meeting.

Christchurch Food Bank+

Our needs this week are **Toilet rolls, Pasta sauces, UHT milk, Tuna, Jelly, Tinned fruit and Tinned carrots.** Thankyou.

Our Mission Pot for October will go to The Bible Society

You can read about the Bible Society and in the October edition of the Anchor page 25.

CAMEO

Our next meeting of support will be next Tuesday 13 th October at 2.30 p.m. Please remember to wear face covering and be aware of the social distancing rules.



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**If you would like any
Traidcraft food items
please contact Pauline
and you might be able to
collect the items from
her front porch**

Pauline's contact number is: 01202 241395

Cards by Rachel Nash Rachel is still selling her beautiful greetings cards with profits going to Burkino Faso. Her email address is rachel.nash.cards@gmail.com She delivers to your door or you can pick them up at Pauline's house.

Pastoral Care:

Please contact: Rev Anne Jablonski
01425 240018
or Tony Eden 01202 473003

If you are in need of shopping please get in contact with us to help arrange for someone to contact you. If you are able to shop for someone please let us know.

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Internet Church from 7am on Sunday

Sermon by Rev Anne Jablonski
Reading by Maggie & Megan Philippians 4: 1-9
Gospel Matthew 22: 1-14
Prayers with Vikki Miller

Our internet services, prayers, and talks are posted on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/parishofmundeford/> and on You Tube Channel.

Both of these can be accessed from our web site at www.allsaintsmundeford.org

Our Vision for Mission

This Parish seeks to be inclusive in extending God's kingdom, by encouraging the whole community to grow in the Christian faith through prayer and worship and to care for others through pastoral and practical support.

