



All Saints, Mudeford



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The Parish of Mudeford

Weekly News Sheet



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Psalm 19 More precious than Gold

What might be most precious to you? Perhaps family, friends, a garden, money, God's presence? What do you speak about or think about most? In Psalm 19 that there is much about speaking: it opens with words proclaimed by all creation; moves to the word of God; and closes with the words of the worshipping servant.

The heavens declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of his hands. They are so enthralled by God that they speak about him all day and all night. Even the sun rejoices in God's glory. We are to join with the praise of all creation about how precious God is.

We move from our wonder at creation to the preciousness of God's teachings. We can think of the Old Testament Law as a burden and the words here – law, statutes, precepts, commands, fear and decrees – do not seem very uplifting. But their impact is amazing – they: refresh the soul, make us wise, give joy to our hearts, give light to our eyes, are pure enduring for ever, are faithful.

The Psalmist tells us that God's words are more precious or desirable than gold than much pure gold, they are sweeter than honey on the honeycomb.

The word precious or desirable in verse 10 is an interesting word. It only occurs elsewhere in Genesis 2 & 3 where the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil and its fruit are described as desirable. So Adam and Eve had thought the forbidden fruit was more desirable than God's teachings. But the Psalmist declares that God's teachings are more desirable than anything in all creation, than gold or honey.

In our Gospel we find our God in Jesus, the Lord of all creation comes to the temple. The Temple was the place where all people came to praise and worship their creator, it was to be a light out into all the world. But Jesus finds that the courts of the gentiles are full of the money exchangers and the sellers of sacrificial animals. The gentiles and women and children were prevented from coming to worship God and hear his precious teachings. Jesus makes a whip and drives them out. Zeal for God's house consumes him. It's not a passion for the building it is a passion that people might be able to come in and hear God's word that God's word might shine out into the world.

At church we have been working so that the church building might be more accessible to more people and that God's word might go out.

May we continue to have a passion for God's word and the glory of God to be known in the world. That is more precious than much fine gold.

Rev Andrew Jablonski



Collect Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, **Amen**

Post Communion Prayer Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Online Service for 7th March from 7am
Holy Communion Sermon: Rev A. Jablonski
Reading: Psalm 19 by Ann Smith
Gospel reading: John 2:13-22
Prayers: Pauline Williams

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 all those still suffering from Covid 19 especially those known to us and those who care for them. We pray for the lonely and anxious who are missing their families and friends. We remember especially Marion, Amanda, Canon Patrick, Sarah, Liz, David, Sheila, Tony, Doreen, Angela, Robert, Stephen, Betty, John, Joan, Michelle, Diana, Richard, Brenda and Ann Smith.



We pray for the Faithful Departed and all those who mourn. We remember especially the family and friends of Audrey Thorne.

We pray for children and young people who will soon return to full education. We pray for the teachers and all those who care for the children as they prepare to welcome them back in the safest way possible.

We give thanks for our NHS workers who work tirelessly to relieve those suffering from Covid 19 and we pray especially for Neil & Pauline's granddaughter Katie and others known to us who are working on the frontline in Hospitals. We pray that they stay safe and well as they care for those in need.

We pray for the future of our Parish, for Anne & Andrew, the churchwardens and the PCC and all those whose are working towards the continuity of our Mission here in Mudeford

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 and the Anglican Church in Myanmar, for Archbishop Stephen and his family, and the citizens of the country during the political upheaval.

Church Opening

The PCC has decided to open the church for worship from **Sunday 28th March** which is Palm Sunday with services at 8am and 10am. We will attempt to live stream this service from church. There will be social distancing and the need for face masks and still no singing.

The service will start in the church as we cannot have a Palm Sunday procession.

Holy Week

The church will be open for private prayer between 10 and 12 each day in Holy Week. We will be trying to live stream a service from church on 21st March but this will be limited to people who need to be there for learning the new systems or reading/prayers.

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.

Priest-in-Charge of Mudeford

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Revd Anne Jablonski 01425 240018

This Week online

Monday: Mothers Union Prayers

Tuesday: Lent Course –

'Cedar of Lebanon'

Thursday: Messy Church

Sunday : Mothering Sunday

The Anchor. The March edition of the church magazine is online now.

Online Service from 7am Sundays

Our internet services, prayers, and talks are posted on Facebook at

<https://www.facebook.com/parishofmudeford/> and on You Tube Channel.

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

Mission Pot update

In January we sent £300 to Practical Action which will be doubled by the Government. We have had a thank you letter from them. We have also had thank you letters from organisations that we supported at the end of last year which include The Bible Society (£500), CMS (£500), USPG (£500), Mission Aviation Fellowship (£250), The Children's Society (£300) and The Royal British Legion (£339.60). Thank you to everyone who supports our Mission Pot monthly appeal.

FINANCE: Please may I ask for your continued financial support. Please send donations in cash or cheque to me Tony Eden at, 3, Minterne Road, Christchurch, BH23 3LD making cheques payable to "The PCC of Mudeford.". If you use the BACS system you can send donations directly to the following account: The PCC of Mudeford, Sort Code: 52-21-34, Account no: 03060012

Reference: please use your name as reference.

We are truly grateful for all the support that we have been given over the past year, which has enabled us to continue paying our bills. We hope that we can continue to do this in 2021.

APPEAL: I am delighted to say that we have reached our target of raising £10,000 towards the improved lighting and the new AV system. Work is now well under way and the target completion date is Friday 12th March with the scaffolding coming down on the following Monday. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this project.
Tony Eden—Treasurer

MISSION POT:

In March we will be supporting

The Leprosy Mission.

The Christian Leprosy Mission's project this year is for Community Hubs in Mozambique where villagers can get treatment and education about leprosy. The UK Gov match funding scheme is from now until 24th April.

WORLD DAY of PRAYER

There will be no ecumenical Church service in Christchurch this year, because of Lockdown. However, a reading of the service, recorded via Zoom, can be seen on our Church website from Friday 5th March

The Lent Course

The Lent course continues with "Trees in the Bible"

The Zoom sessions are on Tuesdays 23rd during Lent and the course is available both online and in a paper version. See the webpage at: <https://allsaintsmudeford.org/trees-in-the-bible-lent-2021/>

If anyone wants a paper version please call Judy or Tony on 01202 473003. If you would like to join in the Zoom session ask Maggie and she will send you a link.

Cards by Rachel Nash

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



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

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

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.