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**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

<b>Sunday and Weekday Worship in Wells &amp; Shepton</b>	
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	6.00pm Vigil Mass ( )
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug	9.00am Solemn Mass ( <i>Pro Populo</i> ) 11.00am Mass & Holy Baptism in Shepton 2.00pm Holy Baptism of Giovanni Wiltshire 6.30pm Mass at All Hallows School, East Cranmore (Alkington Intention)
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	St Stephen of Hungary 10.30 Funeral Requiem for Josie Howes Please note there will be no Mass at 9.30am
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Feria 9.15am Mass in Shepton 9.30am Mass
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Feria 9.15am Liturgy of the Word and HC in Shepton 9.30am Mass
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Feria 9.15am Mass in Shepton 9.30am Mass ( <i>Donald Holman RIP</i> )
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Aug	St Bernard of Clairvaux 9.30am Mass ( ) 7.00pm Traditional Latin Mass
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	St Pius X 9.30am Mass
<b>Next Week: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug	6.00pm Vigil Mass ( )
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	9.00am Solemn Mass ( <i>Pro Populo</i> ) 11.00am Mass in Shepton 6.30pm Mass at All Hallows School, East Cranmore (Alkington Intention)
<b>Confessions</b> Normally, the holy Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated on Saturdays, Noon to 12.30pm in Shepton & from 5.00pm to 5.30pm in Wells.	

Last week's collection for Reaching the Unreached raised £195.08.  
 This week's collection is for the Fabric Fund.

All friends of Josie Howes will be welcome at 22 Wood Close at 2.30pm following her funeral at 10.30am on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> August.

**ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME** Ronald Dicken (1993), Kenneth Apperley (1997), *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.* O Lord, grant them eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon them

**ONGOING PRAYER FOR PRIESTS** Please pray for the existing priests in our diocese especially Fr Patrick Eastman whose anniversary of ordination was last week.

**PRACTICAL MINISTRIES - ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEK**

CLEANING	COFFEE	FLOWERS	WELCOMING
Fionnula	Charlotte	Barbara	6pm Bea May
Duddy & Maria	Lythaby &	Duncan & Rosie	9am Claire
Engledow	Maria Mena	Gripper	Mitchell

**THE POPE IN SCOTLAND AND ENGLAND:** There are still a few copies of the booklet : *The Pope in Britain: preparing for the visit with prayer and devotion* in the CTS stand.

Some parishioners will remember the insistence of Pope John Paul II at Wembley that the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham should be placed in the altar. This time the Holy Father has asked that Wales be represented at his Mass in Westminster Cathedral, before the Hyde Park Vigil. The statue of Our Lady of the Taper, from Wales' National Shrine at Cardigan is making the pilgrimage to the Pope as well. The statue will make a stop or station at Clifton Cathedral on the 15<sup>th</sup> September for Lucernarium and Vespers (Service of Light and Evening Prayer) followed by a time of prayer until 10.00pm. May Our Lady, St David and all the many saints of Wales pray for the Successor of Peter



**TRAIDCRAFT has a new Face!** Introducing our very own Bag Lady! She will attend all our stalls, and with the help of our New Youth Group, she will help you simplify your shopping. Her job starts with the September Stall.

Tea farmer Frank Brown is a member of the Sukambizi Association in Malawi, which is one of Traidcraft's newest suppliers of Fairtrade tea. By selling tea to buyers on Fairtrade terms, the local community will build a school using the Fairtrade premium, close to where Frank and his family farm. So you see, sip by sip you are making a huge difference in people's lives. **Thank you.**

**LETTER FROM JAPAN** Robin Walker has written to the parish from Japan. There are copies of his letter on the noticeboard and around the church.

**TO REFLECT ON DURING THE WEEK - LUKE 13:22-30 (Gospel**



**for 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, displaced by the Assumption)** Jesus said to his disciples: "I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how I am constrained until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division; for henceforth in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against her mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

**Question of the week:** How can I live my life with something of Christ's tremendous zeal for what is right?

**WELLS CHRISTIAN AID GROUP** We are aiming to find a small group of people to accomplish the various elements of this important connection with our Christian brothers and sisters. Florinda Hansom has been our parish rep for a number of years and is willing to continue to organize the Lent lunches. However, we **URGENTLY** need a small group of people to volunteer to attend two group meetings a year and organize the annual house-to-house collections and flag week street collection. Florinda has devised a system which is simple and can be shared between two people. If you feel you might be interested please speak to Florinda (677061) or Fr Philip or Barbara Lewis in the parish office.



**DISCUSSION GROUPS OPEN EVENING Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. at 7.30pm in church.** Over the past year 3 groups of parishioners have been meeting to discuss Timothy Radcliffe's book *Why Go to Church?* We are now planning a social evening to share our thoughts on the book and to think about what to do next. Anyone who would like to join a group or to start one of their own is also most welcome. So do come along for a glass of wine and bring your ideas!

**AN EVENING WITH C.S. LEWIS** *An Evening with C S Lewis* will be stopping off in Wells for one night only...Wells Little Theatre on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August. Doors 7pm, with the performance starting at 7:30pm. Tickets are £5 and available from the Elim Connect Centre (opposite the theatre) or by calling 01749 677097 or emailing [info@connect-centre.org.uk](mailto:info@connect-centre.org.uk)

**FORTHCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY**

<b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	<b>4.15pm Church</b>	<b>Praying into Silence</b>
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept	7.30pm Church	Discussion groups open evening
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6.00pm Church	RCIA sponsors' meeting
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	7.30pm Church	Talk by Fr Nicholas King
<b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>10.00am Church</b>	<b>Coffee morning</b>

**TALK BY FR NICHOLAS KING** An important date for the diary is Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September when **Fr Nicholas King SJ** will be coming to speak to us on **'Matthew -A Gospel with Attitude'** Fr King lectures in Theology at the University of Oxford and made a new translation of the New Testament in 2004 which has been widely acclaimed. Cardinal Cormac Murphy -O'Connor said of it: *Nicholas King has succeeded in putting into English something of the raw power that the first Christians experienced when they heard or read the documents.* Many parishioners will remember Fr King's very lively and enjoyable talk to us two years ago.



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

The RCIA process restarts on Monday 6 September at 6.00pm in the church with a meeting for Sponsors only, and then on Monday 13 September for Candidates and Sponsors together. These weekly meetings will then continue until Easter 2011 when the Candidates will be received into the Church. The support of our Candidates is the responsibility of the whole parish community; please remember them in your prayers.

**CALLING ALL PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 12 AND 18!**

Come to the church at 4.30pm Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> September for the **BEGINNING** of something **WONDERFUL**. We have research teams out on planning expeditions who will report back then on possible activities. Do come willing to give your ideas of how the group should look and what we should be involved in. Nibbles & drinks supplied. **See you there!** Sharon Haigh & Fr Philip

**ROTAS** Barbara Lewis will be producing another short rota for Ministers of Communion fairly soon. Please would Ministers indicate any dates in October for which they are unavailable: either on the noticeboard or by email

## 9.00AM SUNDAY MASS MUSIC:

### *Mass setting*

Kyrie Murray "New People's Mass"  
Gloria Murray "New People's Mass"  
Sanctus Murray "New People's Mass"  
Accl. Murray "New People's Mass"  
Agnus Dei Murray "New People's Mass"

**1** In splendour arrayed  
In vesture of gold  
The Mother of God  
In glory behold  
Oh daughter of David,  
Thou dwellest on high,  
Excelling in brightness  
The hosts of the sky!

**2** O Maiden, thou art  
A mother renowned:  
A mother, who yet  
As virgin art crowned;  
The Lord of the angels,  
God high and supreme,  
Took flesh of thy substance  
The world to redeem.

### *Hymns*

Opening 238  
Offertory **See below**  
Communion 684  
Final 263

**3.** All kindreds and tongues  
Thine Offspring adore.  
Creation must bow  
His footstool before;  
At thy gentle pleading  
May He, from His height,  
Disperse all our shadows  
And fill us with light

**4** The Father we praise  
Who chose for His Son  
A mother all-pure,  
Th'immaculate one.  
All praise to her Offspring,  
Who saveth our race.  
Like praise to the Spirit  
Who filled her with grace.

## **Praying into Silence**

**"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."**

*Matthew 11:28 (New International Version)*

Sometimes we find it very hard to pray, due to the chaotic lifestyles many of us now lead. Distractions surround us at every turn and we very often forget to spend time in prayer with Our Lord. Once every 2 weeks on a Saturday afternoon, we take a very short time out of our busy lives to pray in silence, placing ourselves in Our Lord's presence. We reflect on scripture and then enter our own personal, silent prayer for 20 minutes. It is not a discussion forum, but we are free to discuss spiritual matters afterwards. It is a very special time, which can help prepare and train us to learn how to pray to God from our hearts, and this in turn lends itself to a deeper communion with Our Lord in our daily lives.

St. Teresa of Avila once said, "*Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God.*"

**Our next meeting will be on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 4.15 p.m. and we meet every two weeks thereafter.** For further details, please contact Connie Lane Tel: 01749 677328 or email [connielane@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:connielane@tiscali.co.uk)

## EXPLANATION OF SOME OF THE CEREMONIES AT SUNDAY MASS

**2** In the sanctuary there is a table. This is no ordinary table for an ordinary meal; it is an altar of sacrifice and the table of Passover. The Jewish ritual of the Passover meal and the sacrifices in the temple of Jerusalem find their fulfillment on the altar of the wood of the Cross on which was sacrificed the Lamb of God.

The altar of the Mystical Sacrifice of the Mass is of wood or of marble, but it represents Christ in His tomb.

The altar is covered with 3 fair linen cloths, which symbolize the winding sheets in which Christ was placed in the tomb. Christians from earliest times celebrated Mass in altars raised over the remains of those who gave their lives as witnesses to the faith, sacrificing their lives because of their belief in the sacrifice of Christ. Today the Church places relics, physical remains of or objects belonging to the saints, to remind us of the connection between the sacrifice of the Eucharist and the sacrifice of those who are nourished by the Eucharist.

Behind the altar is always to be found an image of the Crucified Christ. This image is a powerful reminder of the unity between the sacrifice of Calvary and the sacrifice of the Mass. When Christ died on the Cross, he faced outward to the West. Since the beginning of the Church, Christians have prayed facing east, facing Christ who died gazing at them and whom tradition holds will come again at the end of time, from the east. The universal custom of the Church has always been for priest and people to face, if not directional East, at least liturgical East, at Mass, indicated by the image of the Crucified. In the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, also referred to as the Old Latin Mass, the priest prayed as he approached the altar, *Take away from us our iniquities, we implore Thee, Lord, that with pure minds we may worthily enter into the holy of holies: through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Now as then, the priest kisses the Altar, the symbol of Christ. In The Mass is not just a celebration for the men and women physically present in the church; it is a celebration of the entire celestial court, and the priest calls on the saints to assist him in his ministry to the People of God. He kisses the altar to make reparation for the traitorous kiss of Christ. He kisses the altar to remind us all of the intimate relationship between God and the soul professed by the Beloved in the Song of Songs, *Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth.* The Mass is more than an act of worship; it is that intimate kiss of love between Christ and His Bride, the Church, a kiss by which new life is generated and death overcome by the Resurrection.

