

WELCOME

TO THE SPIRE HILL BENEFICE

'Where there is no vision, the people perish.' Proverbs 29:18

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Services this Sunday 26th July

Trinity 7

9.30am	Holy Communion with prayer and anointing Stalbridge
11am	Holy Communion Stock Gaylard
11am	Morning Worship Stourton Caundle

Services on Sunday 2nd August

Trinity 8

9.30am	Holy Communion Stalbridge
11am	Holy Communion Purse Caundle
11am	Morning Worship King's Stag

What's Happening This Week

Monday Brooke Foss Westcott, bishop, 1901
Canon Richard's Day Off

Tuesday

7.30pm Bell Ringing, Stalbridge

Wednesday Mary, Martha & Lazarus

9.30am Midweek Communion

2.30pm Stalbridge PCC

Thursday William Wilberforce, 1833

9.30-12.30 Beehive Café Stourton Caundle

7pm Purse Caundle PCC

Friday Ignatius of Loyola, 1556

Saturday

Ignatius of Loyola

The youngest son of a Basque nobleman, Ignatius was born at his family's ancestral castle at Loyola in north-east Spain. He served as a page at the court of King Ferdinand V of Castile, and later entered military service, being seriously wounded at the French siege of Pamplona in 1521. During his lengthy convalescence he read the life of Christ and biographies of various saints. The result was that he resolved to devote himself to the spiritual life. He went on pilgrimage to Montserrat (near Barcelona), where he hung up his sword over the altar and exchanged clothes with a beggar. He then spent about a year at nearby Manresa, first working in a hospital there, then living as a hermit in a cave.

He studied Thomas à Kempis' The Imitation of Christ and it was probably during this year that he wrote the Spiritual Exercises, a manual of Christian prayer and meditation which has subsequently been used and valued by Christians of many denominations and traditions.

After a pilgrimage to Rome and Jerusalem, and studying at universities in Spain, he went on to Paris to continue his studies and it was there in 1534 that Ignatius and a group of six students vowed to go as missionaries to Islamic Palestine. In 1537 the group, finding that war prevented them travelling beyond Venice, offered their services to the Pope. By 1540 they had been ordained and with papal approval formed the Society of Jesus, with a vow of personal obedience to the Pope in addition to the traditional three monastic vows. Ignatius was elected the first general of the order and in the remaining 15 years of his life saw the order grow a hundred-fold and to be in the vanguard of both the Counter Reformation and the missionary work of the Roman Catholic Church.

He died on 31 July 1556. His prayer has become treasured by Christians of all traditions:
Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to toil and not to seek for rest;
to labour and not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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