

## Please remember in your prayers...

Those with health concerns at this time: Beryl Shaw, Doreen Herridge, Margaret Stephens, Jiemei Clarke, Lucy Mills, Bernice Carters, Colin Mawdsley, Elizabeth Harris, Karen Stefan, Elaine Brennan, Jim Tomlinson, Christine and Michelle Frost, Ian Massey and Lowen Castaignos.

Those with anniversaries this week: Ada Reynolds, George Leonard Jacklin, Margaret Thomason, Iris Mee, Geoff Matthews and Patricia Shaw.  
Also for all who live in Sycamore Crescent.



## Dates for your diary...

Our monthly coffee morning will be held in Church House on Saturday at 10am.

Our next shared service with All Saints will be at Glazebury next Sunday at 10.30am.



## Weekly News Sheet July 20 2025

5th after Trinity  
Sea Sunday

We express a warm welcome today to an old friend, Rev Alan Litton

Our hymns are...

### 337 Morning has broken

Back in 1931 Eleanor Farjeon wrote the words for this beautiful hymn which uses a Gaelic melody which we also employ for our Christingle carol. Rick Wakeman of the rock band Yes produced a superb recording of this hymn for Cat Stevens back in 1972

### 427 Praise to the Lord the almighty

This is the most famous of many hymns written by Joachim Neander (1650-80), who became unpopular at the school where he taught in Dusseldorf, organising prayer meetings and altering the timetable. He was briefly suspended but then began to commune with nature and would compose his hymns living in a cave.

### 553 When we walk with the Lord

This hymn is often referred to by its refrain "Trust and Obey" and was written by John Sammis in 1887. It was inspired by a testimony he heard during a revival meeting.

### 522 To God be the glory!

Fanny Crosby, a relative of Bing, wrote this hymn and 8,000 others despite being blind from childhood. She has been an inspiration to human rights activists.

## Colossians 1 15-28

Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

For by him were all things created, that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions or principalities or powers: all things were created by him and for him:

And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell.

And having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth or things in heaven.

And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works yet now has he reconciled.

In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouable in his sight.

If you continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you have heard and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister.

Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church.

Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you to fulfil the word of God.

Even the mystery which has been hid from ages and from generations

but now is made manifest to his saints.

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

## Luke 10 38-end

Now as they went on their way He entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

She had a sister named Mary who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

But Martha was distracted by her many tasks so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself?

Tell her then to help me.'

But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing.

Mary has chosen the better part which will not be taken away from her.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ