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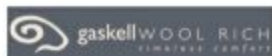


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— CHURCH SERVICES —

We warmly invite you to join us - See details on Page 3

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Thought for the Month

Following on from last month, we continue to reflect on the theme of Harvest Festival. The deeply rooted traditions of Harvest Festivals in this country extend beyond a simple celebration of a successful crop yield. It is a time for each community to reflect with gratitude, on community life, and the interconnectedness between people and the land.

The essence of Harvest Festival is thanksgiving for the abundance of the harvest and the food provided by land and sea. Historically, a good harvest was crucial for survival through the winter, so the celebration was a sincere expression of appreciation. Even today, though many are less reliant on homegrown produce, the festival prompts us to reflect on the effort required to produce the foods we need and enjoy and the importance of not taking it for granted.

Harvest Festivals provide a wonderful opportunity for celebrating community life. Up and down the country, celebrations in churches, schools, and village halls, foster a spirit of togetherness and generosity.

A key tradition involves bringing gifts of food – often fresh produce, tinned goods, and even handmade crafts – to churches or schools. These donations are then shared with those in need in the local community through food banks.

Traditionally, Harvest Suppers and Barn Dances were hosted by farmers to thank their workers, to bring people together in a shared celebration of the season's bounty. Although less widespread the ancient traditions of making corn dollies and the ceremonial cutting of the last sheaf of grain, still offer a glimpse into the festival's deep historical roots and connection to the land.

For many, Harvest Festival offers an opportunity to reconnect with the rhythms of nature and the agricultural cycle. It is a time to acknowledge and appreciate the hard work of farmers and agricultural workers who cultivate the crops that sustain us.

Maintaining the traditions of Harvest Festival allows us to appreciate the gifts of the harvest, celebrate the life of our community, and foster a sense of gratitude for the natural world and the efforts of those who work on the land and sea. Very importantly, today, it helps us to remember the importance of sharing and generosity in a world where so many people are deprived many of the things that we take for granted, through war and the effects of climate change.

***Look out for details of the St Blasius Harvest Festival Celebrations
in the October issue of Shanklin Chimes.***

HARVEST TIME

Harvest time is here again,
The time of year for singing
All the lovely harvest hymns
About what the season's bringing:
Fruits and veg in gardens grown
Crops which in the fields were sown;
Corn is safely gathered in
Bare fields where barley and oats have been.
The wild harvest of berries and nuts
Fruit of all kinds for us to cut.
Fruits of the sea – lovely fresh fish
Foods of all kinds to adorn our dish.
Up above the golden harvest moon
Seems to fade all too soon.
Golden sunshine ripened fields of golden wheat
So many good things for us to eat.
Thankful people now gladly come
To the joyful harvest home.
Those gathered here so truly know
That what the hymn writer said was so:
"All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above"
Year by year we see and know
Our Heavenly Father's love.

Jackie Ridley



OUR CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER



Details of any changes
will be published on the St. Blasius website
and Facebook page



You are warmly invited to join us for
Our Sunday Worship at
10.15am Every Sunday (unless otherwise stated)

Sunday 7th September - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

HOLY COMMUNION

Reverend Karen Crowhurst

Monday 8th September

10.30am DEMENTIA FRIENDLY SERVICE

Followed by Refreshments

Sunday 14th September - Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

MATINS

Reverend Karen Crowhurst

Sunday 21st September - Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

HOLY COMMUNION

Reverend Barry Downer

Sunday 28th September - Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

HOLY COMMUNION

Reverend Karen Crowhurst

***Shared
Worship***
at 6.30pm



Christians Working Together in the Bay

Warmly invite you to join them on Sunday
evenings in a different Church each week.

Details will be published in the
weekly newsletter.

FESTIVALS IN SEPTEMBER

From the Church of England Calendar

1 *Giles of Provence, Hermit, c.710*

2 *The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942*

3 *Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604*

4 *Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle of Wessex, 650*

6 *Allen Gardiner, Missionary, Founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851*

8 *The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

9 *Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880*

13 *John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407*

14 *Holy Cross Day*

15 *Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258*

16 *Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432*

16 *Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian, 1882*

17 *Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179*

19 *Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690*

20 *John Coleridge Patteson, First Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871*

21 *Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

25 *Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626*

25 *Sergei of Radonezh, Russian Monastic Reformer, Teacher of the Faith, 1392*

26 *Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army, 1942*

27 *Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660*

29 *Michael and All Angels*

30 *Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher of the Faith, 420*

Saint Gregory the Great

*"Holy Scripture presents a kind of mirror to the eyes of the mind,
so that our inner face may be seen in it.*

There we learn our own ugliness, there our own beauty."

This metaphor illustrates the way in which the reading of scripture acts like a mirror, helping us to see both our spiritual faults and virtues, and discover the progress we are making and how far we are from perfection.

PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH

The Sunday/Festival Collects for this month

7th September - Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire *or* deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord...

14th September - Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you...

21st September – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth...

28th September – Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel
that, always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service...

The Bay Independent Women's Collective

The Bay Independent Women's Collective is a fun, friendly group of women based in The Bay. Our aim is to support each other, as well as local events, businesses and charities. We have grown considerably in recent months and hope to attract new members in the coming months. At our monthly meetings we usually have a speaker, refreshments and time to chat.

In July, we had a fascinating talk from Mick Forsyth-Cafrey about how mammals took over from dinosaurs. Over the summer we enjoyed a picnic on the beach (on one of the windiest and cooler days of the summer!), a round of pitch and putt at Browns Golf Course and a trip on the Island Coaster to the Needles.

In September, we are off to see 'Who does she think she is?' at Shanklin Theatre.

Ian Ward will be joining us at our meeting on 18th September Councillor to discuss the development of The Bay and the role the islands Council's (Town and Isle of Wight) play. It's an opportunity to share our thoughts and ask questions.

We also have a monthly lunch club, a Sunday lunch club and a book club. Members are encouraged to put forward any ideas for activities and outings that they would like us to do. Membership is free.

If you would like to be part of a fun, friendly group of supportive empowered women, then we would love to meet you. Please come along to one of our meetings where you will receive a very warm welcome.

You can contact us:

Email: iwc.thebay@gmail.com

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Monthly Meetings:

3rd Thursday of every month
2.45pm - 5pm.

At Sandown Library, High Street,
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**Next Branch Meeting
Monday 29th September
Quilting with Jane Wilshaw**

Articles for the Magazine are always welcome!

We are always pleased to include poems or articles written by readers of the magazine. Have you read a good book, or been to an interesting place or event and would like to share your experience with others? The editor would be very happy to receive written contributions by email: editor.shanklinchimes@gmail.com. Please ensure that any quotations and original sources are credited.

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on...**

1st September

Shanklin Hyde WI

Report by Maureen Meers

Summer Fundraising Events

Shanklin Hyde WI held two events in August, as part of their fund raising for this year's chosen charities. The first event was a garden party at the home of Josie. Fourteen ladies enjoyed sitting in the sunshine and enjoying afternoon tea in her beautiful garden, looking out over the sea. We all enjoyed playing a game of 'The Human Fruit Machine' followed by a fun game involving marsh mallows and drinking straws. The second event was a tombola stall at St Blasius Church Fete, in Shanklin Old Village. Lots of people tried their luck and many of them went home with a prize. Members took turns in managing the stall and despite the thunder and cloudy skies, everyone had a wonderful afternoon.



Deadline for the October issue is Wednesday 10th September

A large tree with dense autumn foliage in shades of orange and brown stands on a grassy bank. The tree is perfectly reflected in the calm water in the foreground. The background is a dark blue night sky filled with numerous small, bright stars.

Eco Tips

The True Value of Wood

Wood is an important resource but it comes at a huge cost to the environment. The UK is the second largest timber importer worldwide and the largest user of wood pellets, mainly for generating electricity. Furniture companies are the world's largest wood consumers.

The world's precious tropical forests are particularly threatened by illegal logging. This destroys habitats that are vital for biodiversity and carbon storage. Illegal logging ignores the rights of communities who own and depend on the forests and threatens the lives of people who live there.

To reduce this huge destruction of Forests and woodlands, we should repair damaged furniture, when possible, or buy second hand furniture. On the Isle of Wight, we are fortunate to have so many charity shops where we can buy excellent items to re-use, saving trees and helping a charity at the same time. When we do need to buy new wood take care to ensure it is only from reputable sources.

We need to know where the wood we use comes from. In the UK, certifications such as the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) are widely recognised. These certifications help to ensure that the timber has been harvested responsibly, with minimal environmental impact, and supports sustainable forest management.

- Trees provide important habitats for many form of wildlife from our red squirrels to hundreds of species of insects.
- Doubling the amount of UK tree cover could remove 10% of our greenhouse gas emissions from the atmosphere every year, because trees store carbon. Trees release the oxygen we need to breathe.
- Trees in towns and cities help to cool temperatures overnight, where these temperatures are higher than in rural areas.
- Trees absorb dangerous pollutants from the air. Ancient woodlands and other long-established woods store more carbon per hectare than more recently planted woodlands. They make up 25% of UK woodlands - but hold 36% of all woodland carbon. Protecting old, established trees is essential.
- Trees reduce flooding by slowing down the flow of rainwater, reducing the damage of erosion. Trees protect the climate.
- Trees help to provide a range of jobs including fruit harvesting, landscaping, green waste management and tree surgery. In Scotland, forestry is more economically important than the fisheries because it is a £1 billion sector, which employs 25,000 people.

<https://friendsoftheearth.uk/nature/whats-so-good-about-trees>

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/how-trees-fight-climate-change/>

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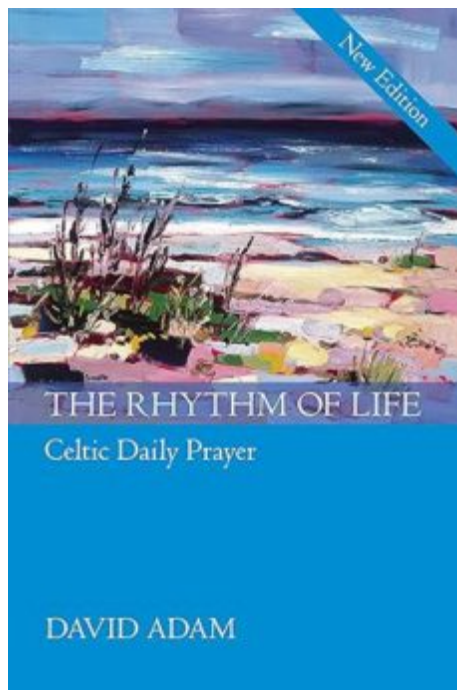
Title: The Rhythm of Life
Celtic Daily Prayer

Author: David Adam

ISBN: 978-0-281-05977-5

This is a book full of little acts of worship that are complete in themselves and simple to use each day. David Adam writes, “When people pray at home, their prayer often has no link with the Church or liturgy. Each ‘little office’ should have some link with Sunday worship, so that the one enriches the other.”

*For the beauty of the earth,
Father of all, we praise you.
For the mystery of creation
Father of all, we praise you.
For the wonders of the universe,
Father of all, we praise you.
For the power within all things
Father of all, we praise you.*



“I am a great believer in ‘recital theology’ - that is to get the word off the page and into the mind and the heart. By reading aloud, we use our eyes, mouth and ears as well as our minds. Reading aloud produces a physical vibration that affects not only our ears but our heart and mind. The whole liturgical year is a mystery, joyful, sorrowful and glorious, that is at work in us and through us. We need to become more aware of these rhythms in our life.”

When we pray, we are not praying alone. As David Adam explains, “We are not just reading or acting out the great events of God, we are partaking in them. Our celebrations tune us in to the eternal events, allow us to respond to them and to carry that response into our daily living. Thus, the rhythm of prayer resonates throughout the day.”

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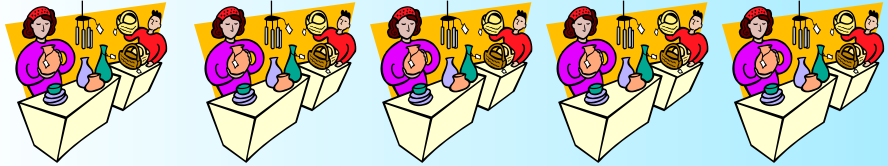
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EAST COWES

1st Tuesday of the month

2PM - 4PM

Town Hall, York Avenue

East Cowes

PO32 6RU

COWES

2nd Weds of the month

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Football Club

Reynolds Close

(off Park Road)

PO31 7NT

TOTLAND

3rd Weds of the month

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St Saviour's

Holy Family Centre

Weston Lane

Totland

PO39 0HE

SANDOWN

4th Weds of the month

2PM - 4PM

The Broadway Centre

1 Broadway, Sandown

PO36 9GG

NEWPORT

Last Thurs of the month

6PM - 8PM

Newclose County Cricket

Ground

Blackwater Road, Newport

PO30 3BE

RYDE

1st Weds of the month

11.30PM - 1.30PM

All Saints Church Hall

Queens Road

Ryde

PO33 3BG

ACE7, an Alzheimer Café for people with young-onset dementia (age 65 and younger) runs on 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10AM - 12PM
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