

**PRAYERS:** For your prayers this week.

**Vocations and ministry:**

In this season of APCMs we pray for all PCC members, we give thanks for their service over the last year and pray for those who have agreed to continue in this role for the next year. We pray for anyone who may be considering joining their PCC.

**The sick:**

Kylie, Merry, Alex, David, Jackie, Nic, Babs, Russell and Lee, Dennis, Malcolm and Alan. All those in hospital, having treatment and waiting for test results and operations.

Those needing long term care and support: Pauline, Richard, those being cared for at home, the residents of Goatacre Manor Care Centre and other local care homes.

**Those who have died:**

We pray for all those who grieve.

**Weddings:**

We pray for Annabelle Mastin-Lee and Ellis Archer whose banns are being read this month.

**Special intentions** *(This is for people who may have plans or hopes for which they would like our prayer support)*

We pray for the King and all the Royal family.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for churches in the Purbeck Deanery. Heavenly Father, we thank you for all who worship and serve in the benefice of Wareham. We pray for your blessing over all those who lead, lay and ordained, that you would equip them for the work you have called them to do.

In our Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of North India (United).

We pray for our Benefice congregations, parishioners and our churches in this time of vacancy. We pray for the person(s) who may feel called to this post.

We give thanks for those helping at this time.



The Benefice of  
Lyneham and Woodhill

3<sup>rd</sup> May  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

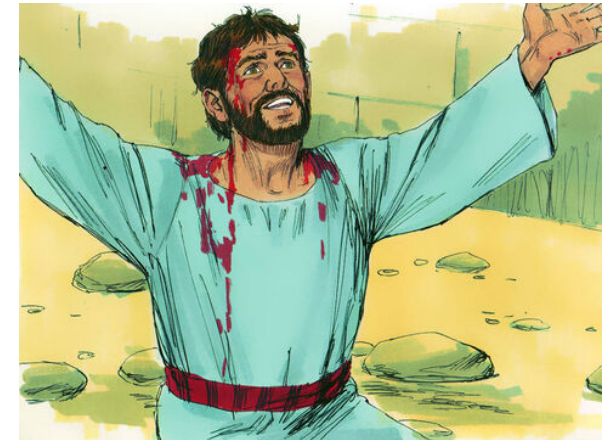


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<b>Clyffe Pypard</b>	Communion - 9am
<b>Tockenham</b>	Communion - 10.30am
<b>Lyneham</b>	All-Age Service - 10.30am

*Future services:*

Weds 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Hilmarton</b>	Communion - 2pm (in church)
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Bradenstoke</b>	Communion - 9am
	<b>Hilmarton</b>	Communion - 10.30am
	<b>Broad Town</b>	Morning Service - 10.30am
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Hilmarton</b>	Communion - 7.30am <i>(Followed by breakfast)</i>
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Clyffe Pypard</b>	Communion - 9am
	<b>Lyneham</b>	Communion - 10.30am
	<b>Tockenham</b>	Morning Service - 10.30am

Keep in touch by going to: [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) and searching for your parish church.

Using the Benefice of Lyneham and Woodhill Facebook page.  
Getting your name added to the Benefice email list if it isn't already there – just email Elaine on [beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk) and ask to be added.

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
    you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

## **FIRST READING:** *Acts 7.55-60*

Standing before the high priest and the council, <sup>55</sup>Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

## **GOSPEL:** *John 14.1-14*

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>1</sup>‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.’

## **POST COMMUNION**

Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.