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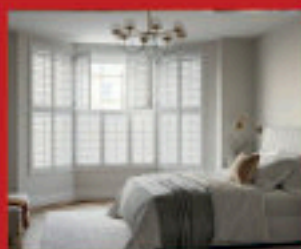
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# Thought for the Month

From the week after Trinity Sunday, which this year was 31<sup>st</sup> May, until the end of October, we return to 'Ordinary Time'. Instead of being purple or white or red, our church vestments and altar hangings literally go green and stay there. Lent, the preparation for Easter, is long behind us, as is Easter now, and our special Sundays to mark Pentecost and Trinity Sunday are also over.

When most people hear the phrase 'Ordinary Time'" they think nothing special is happening. And in one sense, they are right; there aren't nearly as many major feasts, and for those who love the feasts, this can seem like a long run of shapeless or even boring weeks.

However, there is another way to look at it. A season without many special occasions is also a season without many distractions. It is a season for developing good rhythms for spiritual life. Because there is less focus on what God has done in the past, there is time to focus on our relationship with God in the present.

As I wrote above, the liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green. The colour green represents growth, both numerically as the Church (hopefully) expands, and spiritually as each member of the Church becomes more like Christ.

During Ordinary Time, we can develop spiritual habits and disciplines that strengthen our normal relationship with God and our daily walk with him. A helpful approach is to find patterns that can be practised daily, weekly, or monthly. For example, consider beginning a prayer practice with the Church of England Daily Offices: one or more of morning or evening prayer, 'prayer during the day' or night prayer (compline). You can buy books to help you with this, and the Daily Offices are also available on the Church of England website or as a mobile phone app. If you don't fancy this, consider subscribing to a daily readings booklet or a mobile phone app such as 'Pray as You Go'. It really comes down to what suits you and helps you to maintain a daily pattern of prayer.

Ordinary Time might well refer to living out our 'ordinary' lives as Christians. But, since we follow the risen Lord of the Universe, there's nothing 'ordinary' about it!

***Reverend Karen Crowhurst***

Curate, St Blasius Church, Shanklin and St John's Church, Sandown

# Choral Evensong

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
5.00pm

at St Blasius Church, Shanklin

with the  
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All Welcome

*During the Summer months  
Evensong will also be held  
instead of the morning service  
on Sundays 12<sup>th</sup> July and 9<sup>th</sup> August*

# OUR CHURCH SERVICES IN JUNE



*You are warmly invited to join us for  
our Sunday Worship  
at 10.15am unless otherwise stated*



**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June - First after Trinity**

**Holy Communion**

Reverend Karen Crowhurst

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Second after Trinity**

*Please note - there will be no morning service*

**5.00pm Choral Evensong**

*With the St Blasius Church Choir*

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**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Fourth after Trinity**

**Holy Communion**

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**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Fifth after Trinity**

**Holy Communion**

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**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.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH**

*The Sunday and Special Collects for this month  
(with endings omitted)*

### **7<sup>th</sup> June– First Sunday after Trinity**

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers and,  
because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed...

### **14<sup>th</sup> June – Second Sunday after Trinity**

Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you...

### **21<sup>st</sup> June – Third Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father:  
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty  
of the children of God...

### **28<sup>th</sup> June – Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal...

## FESTIVALS IN JUNE

*From the Church of England Calendar*

**1 Justin, Martyr at Rome, c.165**

3 *The Martyrs of Uganda, 1885–7 and 1977*

4 *Petroc, Abbot of Padstow, 6th century*

**5 Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton, Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr, 754**

6 *Ini Kopuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945*

**8 Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, Nonjuror, Hymn Writer, 1711**

**9 Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597**

9 *Ephrem of Syria, Deacon, Hymn Writer; Teacher of the Faith, 373*

**11 Barnabas the Apostle**

14 *Richard Baxter, Puritan Divine, 1691*

15 *Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941*

**16 Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253**

16 *Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham, Philosopher, 1752*

17 *Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, Social Reformers, 1913 and 1936*

18 *Bernard Mizeki, Apostle of the Ma Shona, Martyr, 1896*

19 *Sundar Singh of India, Sadhu (holy man), Evangelist, Teacher of the Faith, 1929*

**22 Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c.250**

23 *Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, c.678*

**24 The Birth of John the Baptist**

27 *Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 444*

**28 Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, c.200**

**29 Peter and Paul, Apostles**

## **A Summer's Day**

Michael Drayton (1563–1631)

**Clear had the day been from the dawn,  
All chequered was the sky,  
Thin clouds like scarfs of cobweb lawn  
Veiled heaven's most glorious eye.**

**The wind had no more strength than this,  
That leisurely it blew,  
To make one leaf the next to kiss  
That closely by it grew.**

**The rills, that on the pebbles played,  
Might now be heard at will;  
This world the only music made,  
Else everything was still.**

**The flowers, like brave embroidered girls,  
Looked as they most desired  
To see whose head with orient pearls  
Most curiously was tyred.**

**And to itself the subtle air  
Such sovereignty assumes,  
That it received too large a share  
From Nature's rich perfumes.**



## *Thank you*

Anne Burnett wishes to thank all the friends of St. Blasius for the signed card, and beautiful flowers sent for her birthday. It was such a lovely thought and much appreciated.

### **Articles for the Magazine are always welcome!**

We are always pleased to include poems or articles written by a 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](mailto:editor.shanklinchimes@gmail.com)

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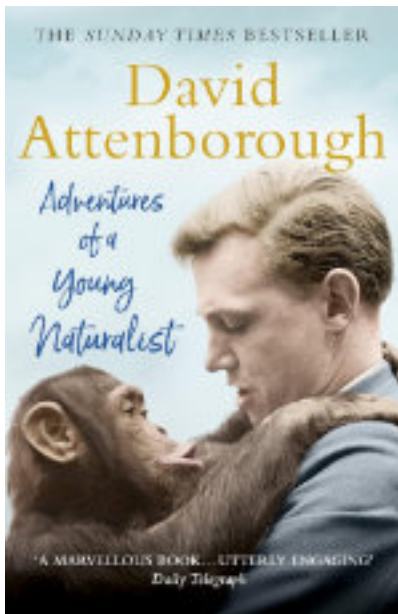
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**1<sup>st</sup> June  
6<sup>th</sup> July**

**3<sup>rd</sup> August  
7<sup>th</sup> September**



## Book Review

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Adventures of a Young Naturalist: The Zoo Quest Expeditions</b>
<b>Author:</b>	David Attenborough
<b>Publisher:</b>	John Murray Press
<b>ISBN:</b>	9781473664968

A few weeks ago, it was Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday. So, it seemed like a good opportunity to suggest one of his books for some interesting and enjoyable summer reading. This book is a fascinating memoir of David Attenborough's early adventures. In 1954, a young David Attenborough was offered an incredible job opportunity. He was invited to travel widely, to find rare and elusive animals for the collection at London Zoo. Whilst searching for the animals, he would be filmed and these expeditions would become a new BBC programme called *Zoo Quest*. The book is his personal account of those journeys.

"The truth is: the natural world is changing. And we are totally dependent on that world. It provides our food, water and air. It is the most precious thing we have and we need to defend it."

"The future of life on earth depends on our ability to take action. Many individuals are doing what they can, but real success can only come if there's a change in our societies and our economics and in our politics. I've been lucky in my lifetime to see some of the greatest spectacles that the natural world has to offer. Surely, we have a responsibility to leave for future generations a planet that is healthy, inhabitable by all species." *David Attenborough.*

## Eco Tips for June

With many people anxious about the cost of so many everyday items rising, perhaps there are some ways that we can save money, enjoy ourselves, share resources and 'Save the Planet'.

Are you making the best use of your local library? By borrowing books, toys, equipment etc you can reduce your own costs and help the environment by sharing resources. Do take a fresh look at everything your local library has to offer. . . it isn't just books!

Enjoy watching a film at the fraction of a cinema price at Sandown Library! A film is shown on the second Friday of every month at 7pm (doors open at 6.40pm). Tickets are £3 each, available in advance. A matinee screening is held on the second Saturday of every month at 1.45pm (doors open 1.30pm).

Would you like to borrow a free smart watch? You can borrow an AmazFit smart watch for **free** from selected Isle of Wight libraries. The pilot scheme runs until March 2027. To borrow a smart watch, you must be 16 or over and you must be a library member. You can borrow a watch for up to six weeks, free of charge. Your data is deleted when you return the watch.

Isle of Wight residents can borrow **free** blood pressure monitors from their local library. The library blood pressure monitor home loan scheme makes it easy and convenient for you to 'know your numbers'.

Have fun for **free** with the LEGO Clubs. Held on the first and third Saturdays of every month from 11am to 12.00pm in Sandown Library. The LEGO Club is free of charge, and there is no need to book. Come along and create models from our huge collection of LEGO. Adults are welcome to join in with the fun.



Most library branches host regular events including reading groups, children's story times and author visits. There are crochet groups and 'Knit and Natter' groups – all with **free** tea and coffee!

Explore your family history! Shanklin and Sandown Libraries have **free** access to ancestry website 'Find My Past'. Search for your ancestors in census records and use parish records to find births, marriages, and deaths dating back to 1538.

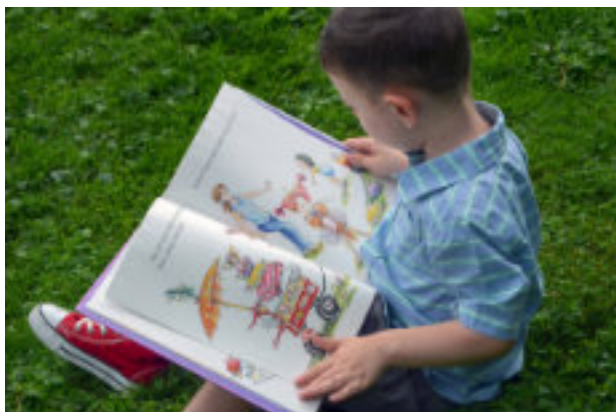
As well as these activities, there is free internet access and Wi-Fi, photocopying, A3/A4 laminating, plus **free** online language courses.

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The main Isle of Wight Council Libraries are: Shanklin, Sandown, Newport, Ryde, Ventnor, Freshwater and Cowes. Newport library has the most comprehensive reference collection. All branches are part of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight library network, allowing inter-library loans, so books and other items may be requested. The mobile library service visits rural areas, allowing an important service for elderly residents, housebound residents and those without transport.

There are also several community libraries: East Cowes Community Library is staffed by the Town Council Library Co-ordinator and a host of dedicated volunteers. The community libraries at Bembridge and Brighstone are provided in partnership with volunteers from the local villages the Isle of Wight Council and Community Action IW.

The Edward Edwards Community Library in Niton has a fascinating history, which will be the subject of an article in the July edition of *The Shanklin Chimes*.



To find out more about your local library:  
<https://www.iow.gov.uk/article/1946/Find-a-Library>



## Extracts from Recent Newsletters

By Jemma Powell, Assistant Principal

What a *busy, exciting and joy-filled week* it has been here at school! There has been so much learning, enrichment and opportunity for our children to shine, both in and out of the classroom. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, teamwork and curiosity on full display — we are incredibly proud of them all.

This week in worship, we explored the story of the Wise and Foolish Builders. The children reflected on the *choices they make each day*, thinking about how:

- **Wisdom** helps us make good decisions
- **Endurance** helps us keep going when things feel tricky
- **Friendship** helps us support one another

Just like the wise builder, we are learning to build strong foundations for our lives.

### Year 3 Trips

Year 3 have had an *unforgettable week* with two incredible trips! On Tuesday, they visited the County Showground to be part of their Educational Day. The staff team were so impressed with how the children behaved and conducted themselves especially with the weather! Friday they had a Mainland trip to Butser Farm to experience the past as part of their history learning. What a fabulous experience! The children brought their learning to life, showing curiosity, excitement and excellent behaviour throughout. We are so proud of them — what a busy week!

### Year 2 Trip

Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Bus Museum. They explored the history of transport and were fascinated by how travel has changed over time. They represented our school beautifully!

### Sporting Success

Special mention to our Year 5 & 6 team, who narrowly missed out on winning by just one point — an incredible achievement that they should be very proud of! We are so proud of all of our pupils for representing the school so positively. You were outstanding ambassadors — well done everyone!

## **Creative Writing Inspiration**

We were delighted to welcome storytellers into school this week, sparking imagination and a real love of writing across our classrooms. From the very beginning, the pupils were captivated, eager to listen, share ideas and bring their own stories to life. Throughout the day, the children:

- Gained exciting and practical tips to develop and improve their writing
- Showed fantastic engagement, enthusiasm and creativity
- Explored new ideas, vocabulary and storytelling techniques
- Enjoyed an inspiring experience filled with imagination and wonder

It was wonderful to see their confidence flourish as they experimented with their own creative voices. Opportunities like this not only enrich our curriculum but help children to see themselves as authors, full of ideas worth sharing. A truly inspiring day that we hope will leave a lasting impact on their love of writing!

## **Dance Project with Diocese of Chichester Academy Trust**

We were thrilled to welcome Billy and Jemma from DCAT into school this week, bringing energy, creativity and excitement to our classrooms. Some pupils from Years 3, 4 and 5 fully embraced the experience as they:

- Learned choreography and developed new dance skills
- Worked collaboratively, supporting and encouraging one another
- Showed fantastic energy, enthusiasm and confidence throughout

A club for these children will be set up after half term for rehearsals. We can't wait to share their performance — watch this space!

## **Early Years Foundation Stage - Super-hero Session**

Our EYFS classrooms were buzzing with excitement as we hosted our Superhero 'Pop in and Play' session — a truly special event for our youngest learners. Parents joined in the fun, embracing the superhero theme whilst children proudly shared their learning and achievements. A wonderful sense of community filled the classroom. It was heartwarming to see families learning and playing together, strengthening the links between home and school. Thank you to everyone who attended — it was so special to see such joy, pride and togetherness in our EYFS setting! We also welcomed our EYFS grown ups to share a special lunch with us!

***Copy Deadline for the June Magazine - Sunday 7th June***

## News from the Mothers' Union at St Blasius

Our next Mothers' Union Branch meeting is on Monday 22nd June, at 2pm, at St Blasius Church. The speaker will be Jo McGrath, from the Shanklin Mother and Baby Unit. All are very welcome to join us.

### **Celebrating 150 Years of the Mothers' Union around the world** **Mothers' Union 150th Celebratory Service at St Paul's Cathedral – Live Stream**

We are pleased to confirm that our 150th Anniversary Celebratory Service from St Paul's Cathedral in London on 10 June, 5pm (UK time) will be available to watch live from our Facebook page. The cathedral will be packed with Mothers' Union members from Britain & Ireland and around the globe. The Archbishop of Canterbury will be joined at this joyous celebration by Worldwide President, Kathleen Snow, CEO, Bev Jullien and distinguished guests. We want everyone who can't be at St Paul's to have the opportunity to celebrate too!

The following day, members in Mothers' Union in Britain & Ireland are coming together again at the Emmanuel Centre in Westminster at a gathering to share and celebrate our legacy, showcase our present and shine a light on our future work and impact.

It is an exciting time to be part of Mothers' Union across the globe, and the time to encourage more people to become part of our wonderful movement – the message to share is Join Us and Join In!



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