



Please Pray for

...those who have died, including: **Brenda and Ian Glead**
...those who are unwell, including: **Debbie Arthur, Debbie Matthias,**
Jeanine Stewart, Margaret Harden, Margaret Hart, Mavis Eastwood, Nick Flood,
Nick Turner, Pam Farquharson, Rae Tugwell, Richard & Simon Bell

Prayer is not just a matter of asking God for the help we want. It is also about seeking, and praying for, what God wants – which might be quite different. Today's Collect reflects both these aspects: '... Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants, and ... make them to ask such things as shall please you.'

Daily Bible Readings:

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. Try to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passage.

Sunday	Matthew 14:22-33	<i>Jesus walks on water</i>
Monday	Genesis 7:11 – 8:5	<i>Noah saved from the flood</i>
Tuesday	2 Kings 6:1-6	<i>An axhead floats</i>
Wednesday	Matthew 8:23-27	<i>Jesus stills the storm</i>
Thursday	Deuteronomy 29:2a, 30:1-14	<i>The word is near you</i>
Friday	Isaiah 52:7-10	<i>Beautiful are the feet</i>
Saturday	Psalms 18:1-19	<i>God saves from the waters</i>
Sunday	Matthew 15:21-28	<i>A woman's faith</i>

Seeking Solitude Prayer: Heavenly Father, Just as Jesus withdrew to the mountain to pray, help me to prioritize quiet moments with You this week. Amidst the noise of life, give me a hunger for solitude and communion with Your Spirit. Guard my heart against distractions, and let my prayers be a place of true rest. Amen.

Finding Stillness and Peace: Prince of Peace, I invite You into the chaotic areas of my life, my family, and my workplace today. Step into my boat and bring Your perfect calm. Where there is division, bring unity; where there is anxiety, bring stillness. Let Your presence rule my environment today. Amen.

Readings for 16th August – 11th After Trinity

Isaiah 56:1,6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a,29-32; Matthew 15:[10-20]21-28

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**Thorngate &
Blackwater**
BENEFICE

News & Notices - 9th to 16th August



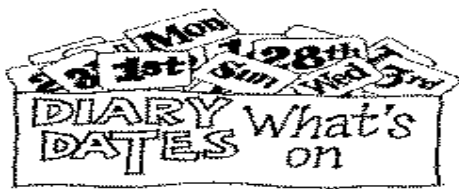
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Sunday 9th August – 10th After Trinity

8am	Communion (BCP) at West Tytherley
From 9am	Online Service www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches
9am	Communion (BCP) in East Dean
9.15am	Sung Eucharist at Wellow
1030am	Eucharist at Lockerley
11am	Morning Prayer at Sherfield English
9pm	Online Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

Readings for 9th August – 10th After Trinity

1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
A fearful and faithless Elijah is paralysed by the enormity of the task ahead of him. He remonstrates with God but is unmoved by God's demonstration of power and authority. God asks Elijah to find others to help him complete the tasks he has been called to do.	Paul makes it clear that fulfilment of the law is not blind obedience, but submission to Christ. This is a gift that is open to all: 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'	Jesus sends the disciples away to sail across the lake. He leaves them overnight to fend for themselves in the storm. Their faith is tested. Only when they see Jesus walk on water and rescue Peter from drowning do they recognise him as the Son of God.



Monday to Saturday

9am & 9pm Online Morning & Night Prayer

www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

Wednesday 12th August

9am Eucharist in Lockerley

Thursday 13th August

Noon Prayers at Florence Nightingale's Memorial, Wellow

Saturday 15th August

2pm-4pm Cream Teas at Canada Common Chapel SO51 6DH

Sunday 16th August – 11th After Trinity

8am Communion (BCP) at East Dean

From 9am Online Service www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

9am Eucharist in West Tytherley

9.15am Sung Eucharist at Wellow

1030am Celebration Service at Lockerley

11am Hymns and Pimms at Sherfield English

6pm Outdoor Service at East Tytherley

9pm Online Night Prayer www.facebook.com/groups/ThorngateandBlackwaterChurches

	23 rd August	30 th August	6 th September	13 th September	20 th September
East Dean	6pm (BCP) Evensong	1030am Benefice Eucharist at East Tytherley	11am (BCP) Matins	9am (BCP) Communion	8am (BCP) Communion
East Tytherley	-		6pm Outdoor Service	-	-
Lockerley	1030am Eucharist		8am (BCP) Communion 1030am Celebration Service	1030am Eucharist	1030am Celebration Service
Sherfield English	11am Morning Prayer		11am Communion	11am Morning Prayer	11am Family Service
West Tytherley	9am (BCP) Matins		9.45/10am Breakfast Church	8am (BCP) Communion	9am Eucharist
Wellow	8.15am (BCP) Communion 9.15am (BCP) Matins		9.15am Sung Eucharist 4pm Messy Church in Village Hall	9.15am Sung Eucharist	9.15am Sung Eucharist

Charity of the Month

Away From It All (AFIA) Holiday Scheme

For six decades, AFIA has responded to families facing financial hardship, trauma, illness, domestic abuse, and overwhelming stress.

Tens of thousands of families have been supported, with Mothers' Union groups involved in fundraising, planning and delivering the holidays. In today's world, the need for AFIA is still as urgent as ever, with families caught in the pressures of rising living costs, domestic instability, caring responsibilities and isolation and poverty. The scheme supports families through the provision of holidays and trips, offering much needed respite to people unable to afford or access a break due to difficult circumstances.

Whilst the costs have increased, it has become apparent that the expectations and needs of families have also changed and the type of family holiday that the Mothers' Union offered no longer meets the needs. Now there are other ways for supporting families who need a break. Together we can continue to take families Away From It All, supporting them to find rest, joy and the hope that they deserve.

More details from: www.mothersunion.org/programme/afia

(Collection Baskets in Churches or send donations to Crispins, Lockerley)

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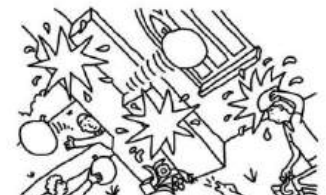
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FLOWER ARRANGERS MOISTEN THEIR DISPLAYS



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BUT NOT ENOUGH TO HIDE THE WATER FIGHT THAT ENSUES