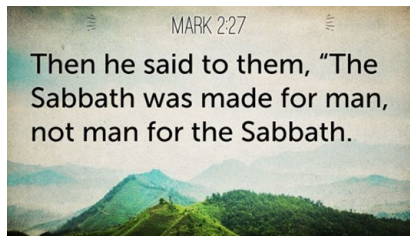


THOUGHT FOR AUGUST 2020

From our Rector, Rev'd Claire Claxton



Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."

Have you ever said, "I'm going to Rumania" when someone asked you where you were going on holiday? Unless you **were** actually going to Rumania, you most likely meant you were going to 'remain yer'!

These days 'staycation' is the new Rumania! Lots of people have already had or are planning a staycation. Whether we visit one of the other islands of the Bailiwick, stay in a local hotel or campsite or stay at home but become a tourist for a few days, it is important to take time off from our normal routine.

Becoming a tourist can give us a completely different point of view of our island. Even taking a bus ride instead of driving somewhere allows us a better view over walls into peoples gardens! It is good to spend time enjoying beauty spots, museums and other attractions.

I was born in Guernsey and have lived here most of my life, and yet I know that there are certain places I have only visited when I have had family or friends to stay. I remember putting a stitch into the St. Andrew's panel of the Guernsey Tapestry in 1998 and I haven't been back to see it since the early 2000s! (Admission is free to Bailiwick residents during August!)

God thinks that rest is so important that He made it one of the Ten Commandments: '...remember the Sabbath Day; set it apart, and keep it holy. You have six days to do all your work, but the seventh day is to be different....'

Our Sabbath does not necessarily have to be a Sunday, but whether we are employed, unemployed or retired, it is vital for our physical, emotional and spiritual health that we take time to delight in those things which nourish our soul.

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Newsletter

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Autumn Flower and Harvest Festival

Our Summer Flower Festival had to be postponed and so we plan to hold an Autumn Flower Festival instead, from Thursday 1st to Sunday 4th October. This will be combined with our harvest celebration and will include a concert on Friday 2nd October! Do put these dates in your diary and we will be very grateful for any offers of assistance.



PRAYERS

Please pray for anyone known to you who needs God's helping hand, but especially those who need God's healing hand: Brenda/Susie, Wyn, Viv, Jane, Gretl, Richard and Liz, Peter, Mike, Jenny, Joan and Lucy. Please also pray for all those who grieve, especially Debbie Dorey and family as our dear friend, Margaret White, died very recently; Anne Finch, wife of Judge Russell Finch; and Joan Bichard, wife of Jurat Keith Bichard — all Forest parishioners. Also all those who have lost loved ones during the pandemic.



Fund-raising events

Attic Art and Craft Sale This will take place from 6pm on Friday 28th August, with drinks and nibbles, to Sunday 30th August. Any donations of unwanted art-works will be gratefully received.

Wine tasting: Date and time to be confirmed but we hope this will take place towards the end of October.

WELCOME - Whether you are visiting or regularly worship with us, we welcome you to our beautiful church. We are back!

Services August 2020

Sunday, 2 August, Trinity 8

11 a.m. Parish Communion led by the Very Revd. John Guille, Reader: Linda Archard Prayers: Peter Gallienne

6.30 pm Evensong with Margaret Boden-Heaume
Reader: Keith Bienvenu

Sunday, 9 August, Trinity 9

11 a.m. Parish Communion

Reader: Steve Le Poidevin Prayers: Katie Blampied

Sunday, 16 August, Trinity 10

9 a.m. Puppets & Praise Breakfast service

11 a.m. Parish Communion

Reader: Richard Heaume Prayers: Nancy Smith

6.30 pm Evensong with Margaret Boden-Heaume
Reader: Vivienne Rees

Sunday, 23 August, Trinity 11

9a.m. Traditional Eucharist

11 a.m. Family Communion and Baptism

Reader: Nancy Smith Prayers: Vivienne Rees

Sunday, 30 August, Trinity 12

11 am Parish Communion

Reader: Vivienne Rees Prayers: Margaret Boden-Heaume

For those who are still shielding and need to stay at home, the following Christian services are being broadcast on TV and radio:

Television programmes:

- ◆ Songs of Praise Sundays at 1.15pm on BBC 1
- ◆ The BBC is also broadcasting a weekly Sunday morning church service on BBC One, at 10.45 a.m. or 11 a.m.

Radio programmes:

- ◆ Sunday Worship at 8.00 a.m. on Radio Guernsey (also 8.10 on Radio 4)
- ◆ Prayer for the Day daily at 5.43 am on Radio 4
- ◆ Daily Service Monday to Friday at 9.45am on Radio 4 Longwave and DAB
- ◆ Choral evensong- Wednesdays at 3.30pm and the same service is repeated Sundays at 3pm on Radio 3

Online services:

- ◆ A recorded service is available to watch from 9 a.m. each Sunday on the Church of England website.

Flower rota

2 and 9 August — Jean Thoumine

16 August — Anne Shakerley

23 and 30 August — Brenda Tostevin



Diary Dates

Knit and Natter - from 2 – 4 pm. The next meeting is on Wednesday 5 August (and every first Wednesday of each month) in the church vestry.

Spinning Group (wool variety) there will be no spinning at douzaine on Thursday 6 August. Instead the spinning group will be meeting at the Sausmarez Park Museum , in courtyard if fine, inside if wet! Tel. Pandy 263068

Solace Group, bereavement support group meets fortnightly, usually on a Thursday morning from 10.30 am to 12 noon in St Martin's Community Centre. The meetings for August are 13th and 27th. 27th August will be a picnic lunch at Blanchelande Park. Contact Revd. Claire for more details.

