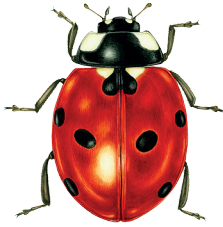


THOUGHT FOR MAY 2021

By Revd. Claire Claxton



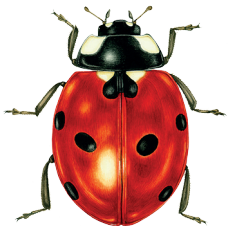
When I go for a walk through the lanes, I like to look at the wild flowers in the hedgerows and count how many different sorts I can see. My record is twenty different types of flower in bloom at the same time!

One of my favourite insects is the ladybird - just a tiny seemingly ordinary insect – and yet there are believed to be 47 different ladybird species in the UK and over 5,000 species globally. The most common ladybird in the UK is the 7 Spot Ladybird - which is red with, you guessed it, 7 black spots. Ladybirds can be yellow, orange, brown or red with black, white or red spots. Some even have stripes instead of spots! I am always astounded when I think about the amount of variety in the natural world. It seems that, as ecologists study our world, they discover more and more about it including new species of animals and plants. In 2020 scientists at the Natural History Museum documented 503 new species including scarab beetles from New Guinea, seaweed from the Falklands and a new species of monkey found on an extinct volcano in Myanmar.

How amazing our world is! Seeing the beauty and abundance around me is one of the things that convinces me of the power and love of God. The following words come from one of my favourite Psalms, written by King David to God, 'For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.'

Psalm 139: 13-14.

Life is difficult for many people in many different ways but I pray that the beauty and diversity of our world will be gifts that lift our spirits and nourish our souls.



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CHRISTIAN SERVICES BEING BROADCAST ON TV RADIO OR ONLINE

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES:

Sunday service at 11 am (or 11.15 am) on BBC 1

Songs of Praise Sundays at 1.15 pm on BBC 1

RADIO PROGRAMMES:

**Sunday Worship at 8.00 am. on Radio Guernsey
(8.10 on Radio 4)**

**Prayer for the Day daily at 5.43 am on Radio 4
(and then available online)**

**Choral evensong- Wednesdays at 3.30pm on Radio
3. The same service is repeated Sundays at 3pm on
Radio 3 and is also
available online.**

ONLINE SERVICES:

**Pre-recorded Sunday service on the Church of
England website: [https://www.churchofengland.org/
news-and-media/church-online](https://www.churchofengland.org/news-and-media/church-online)**

**[https://www.facebook.com/Forest-Parish-Church-
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LIBERATION DAY

As we return to our normal church routine with social gatherings, fund raisings for charities etc, it would be memorable to decorate the windows in church this year for Liberation. As it is a parish affair this time without the usual

crowds in town we can see the cavalcade coming past the church on the day and appreciate having a service on Liberation Day itself. On Sunday May 9th Revd. Claire will be preaching in the Town Church and the Forest Parish Church service will be taken by Revd. Gill Nobes who is well known to many of us.

Lockdown Update

Please feel free to use the sanitiser in church and some people might also want to wear a mask and sit socially distanced from others and that is perfectly acceptable. The aim is to allow people to feel comfortable with gathering again and to be able to enjoy worshipping God together in church. We will still be sharing the peace without physical contact and receiving Holy Communion in one kind, with no sharing of the common cup.

If you have any questions or concerns, please phone or email Revd. Claire or one of the other church contacts.



Dates for your diary:

Coffee Morning

Wednesday 12th May, our next coffee morning will take place from 10.30am to 12 noon in church.



Do come and join us for a cuppa, some cake and a chat. All are welcome!

Sunday 16th at May at 4 p.m. there will be a special service at Grow to bless and launch their renovation project.

Tuesday 18th May 7.30 p.m. at Town Church, a Service of Dean's visitation for Church Wardens at which Linda Archard will be licensed as the new Rector's Warden.

Thank you to all who attended the recent AGM in church and stayed for a lovely lunch together. We all appreciated being free now and able to enjoy the company. Many people have said how they found this second lockdown more difficult than the first, and more lonely.

Prayers

Please pray for anyone known to you who needs God's helping hand, especially for all on our prayer list in church. We pray for those who grieve, especially Danny, Liz & Mike, Dorothy & Mark, Syd & Jane, Brenda & Walter and their families. We pray for all who have lost loved ones during the pandemic.

A Prayer for all Seasons

As the days lengthen, and the earth spends longer in the light of day, grant that we may spend longer in the light of your presence, O Lord, and may those seeds of your word, which have been long buried within us, grow, like everything around us, into love for you, and love for people, to become a visible declaration of your presence in our lives. Grant Father that this may be springtime for our life in Christ.



Flowers in Church in May 2021

2nd May Margaret Boden Heaume

9th May Brenda Tostevin

please all decorate windows etc in church for Liberation

16th May Brenda Tostevin

23rd May Katie Blampied

30th May Katie Blampied



Welcome to Forest Parish Church Services in May

Sunday 2nd May 11am Family Service

Reader tba

Prayers Vivienne Rees

Evensong 6.30pm

Reader: Geoff Harrison Acts 8 v26-40 John 15 v1-8

Sunday 9th May 11am Parish Communion, Revd Gill Nobes

Reader: Julia Gallienne Acts 10 v44-end 1 John5 v1-6

Prayers Keith Bienvenu

Sunday 16th May 9am Puppets and Praise

11am Parish Communion

Reader: Nancy Smith Acts 1 v15-17, 21-26 1 John 5 v9-13

Prayers Peter Gallienne

Evensong 6.30pm with talk by Peter Gallienne

Reader: Vivienne Rees Acts 1 v15-17, 21-26 John 17 v6-19

Whit Sunday

Sunday 23rd May 9am Traditional Communion

11am Parish Communion

Reader: Linda Archard Acts 2 v1-21 Romans 8 v22-27

Prayers: Margaret Boden Heaume

Trinity Sunday

Sunday 30th May 11am Parish Communion

Reader: Katie Blampied Isaiah 6 v1-8 Romans 8 v12-17

Prayers: Katie Blampied

Morning Prayer

Every Monday and Thursday morning at 9am, a short service of Morning Prayer is said in church, a good way to start the day. On Thursday May 13th there will be a special Morning Prayer for Ascension Day.