

Church Prayer

Please use our own church prayer regularly



God of new life and renewal,
Enable us, your people,
Encourage our invitation and welcome,
Energise our growth and serving.
Enlarge your Kingdom,
To the glory of your name.
Amen.

Pray for.....

- ◇ Jill Le Maistre.
- ◇ Messy Church—with thanks for a great session and the 23 children who came.
- ◇ Sunday Afternoon Tea Service—that this will go well.
- ◇ For the Holy Spirit to guide us all in working out our Mission Action Plan. Pray for grace as we continue to put it into action.

This week

Mon 17 July 7.30pm Church Committee

Wed 19 July 10.00am Holy Communion

Services next Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion
12.15pm Baptism - Thomas Hughes

Jersey Link

Our local ecumenical magazine is here for your collection.

Our new Cause of the Quarter

Embrace the Middle East who partner with Middle East Christians to help bring healing and hope to all who face poverty and injustice. You can find out more about their work at www.embraceme.org

Envelopes for contributions are at the back of church, along with a few for our previous quarter's cause 'The Sue May Brain Tumour Charity'.

Grouville Church Country Fayre

Please consider your contribution to the **Country Fayre** which is on **9 September**. Contact stall holders to offer help or to donate goods.

Tea Tent	Carol-Ann Le Maistre
Jewellery—Antique	Heather Uwins
Books & DVDs	Chris or Caroline Osgood
Produce, cakes & Preserves	Myfanwy Halsey
Bottle Stall	Trevor Dearsley
Raffle	Yve Bullen

"Class Ware" Quality glassware—please leave at the back of church or contact Yve Bullen.

St Peter La Rocque Fun Day last month—many thanks to all who helped, provided and attended the day; it was the best ever and everyone had a great day!

Grouville Church

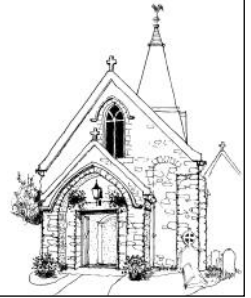
people of God who long to

Welcome everyone

Grow together and

Serve the community.

Join us on the journey!



16th July 2017 / 5th Sunday after Trinity

Services Today

8.30 Holy Communion (p207)

Leader/Celebrant	Mike Lange-Smith
Preacher/Server	Eira Wykes
Readers	Philip Bailhache, Lynne Troy, Mike Lange-Smith
Prayers	Nicky Renouf
Welcomers	Philip Bailhache, Ian Bravery

10.30 Morning Worship

Leader	Mike Lange-Smith
Preacher/Server	Eira Wykes
Readers	Val Wood, Caroline Osgood
Prayers	Myfanwy Halsey
Welcomers	Caroline Osgood, Dorothy Holden
Organist	Martina
Coffee	Richard & Val Wood

Hymns at 10.30

172 God is working his purpose out
167 God forgave my sin
Facing a task unfinished (on separate sheet)
16 All over the world the Spirit is moving
164 Go forth and tell



12.15 Baptism

Alana, Holly and Rosie Taylor

3.00 Sunday Afternoon Tea Service



The Collect

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for the fifth Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 55.10-13 (page 742)

As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
it will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

You will go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and hills
will burst into song before you,
and all the trees of the field
will clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn-bush will grow the juniper,
and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.
This will be for the Lord's renown,
for an everlasting sign, that will endure for ever.'

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Romans 8.1-11 (page 1134)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23 (page 978)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew **Glory to you, O Lord**



That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear.'

'Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: when anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ**