

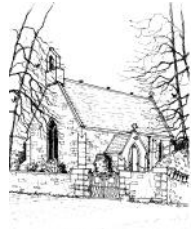
The Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Parish Church of
St Martin de Grouville
with the Chapel of
St Peter La Rocque



people of God who long to

Welcome everyone

Grow together and

Serve the community.

Join us on the journey!

24th September 2017 – 15th Sunday after Trinity

Services next Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion
10.30am Harvest Festival
with Grouville School Choir.

Other Events

Cause of the Quarter

We are now at the end of the quarter during which we have been supporting **Embrace the Middle East**. During the last three months of the year we will be supporting the **Jersey Alzheimer's Society**. Information about their work can be found at www.jerseyalzheimers.com

Run for a Reason

Chris Luce will be running in the Jersey marathon on 1st October in memory of his son James and to raise money for Philip's Footprints. This charity was formed 8 years ago, to support parents who have lost a baby and to fund initiatives to promote safer pregnancies. Since then, they have given over 120 memory boxes to families whose baby was too small or too poorly to survive, or who was sadly stillborn. If you would like to sponsor Chris, there is a form at the back of church.

Pray for.....

- ◇ Jill Le Maistre, for Helen Oppenheimer, and for Philip Bailhache
- ◇ The plans for a Parents and Toddlers group, commencing in January
- ◇ Our new Church Administrator starting soon, and setting up a church office for her use

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.

Services Today

8.30 Holy Communion (p207)

Leader/Celebrant	Mike Lange-Smith
Preacher/Server	Linda Bois
Readers	Nick Williams, Trevor Dearsley Linda Bois
Prayers	Mike Lange-Smith
Welcomers	Bernard Le Tourneur, Trevor Dearsley

9.30 St Peter La Rocque Holy Communion

Leader/Celebrant	Mike Lange-Smith
Preacher/Server	Linda Bois
Readers	Jan Romeril, Liz Viney John Wadman
Welcomer	Jan Romeril
Refreshments	Claude Bertram

10.30 Holy Communion

Leader	Eira Wykes
Celebrant	Mike Lange-Smith
Preacher/Server	Linda Bois
Readers	Cindy Ferrow, Myfanwy Halsey
Prayers	Jenny Gruchy
Welcomers	Simon & Cindy Ferrow
Organist	Daniel Speck

6.00pm St Peter La Rocque Harvest Evensong

Hymns at 10.30

363	O God beyond all praising
54	Be still, my soul
19	All that I am
121	Father, I place into your hands

During Communion (Please join in)

66	Bread is blessed and broken
152	Gather around for the table is spread

This week in Church

Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion
Thursday	12 noon	Funeral - Dennis Richardson

Readings for the fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Jonah 3.10 - 4.11 (page 928)

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry. He prayed to the LORD, "O LORD, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. Now, O LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live."

But the LORD replied, "Have you any right to be angry?"

Jonah went out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. Then the LORD God provided a vine and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the vine. But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the vine so that it withered. When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?"

"I do," he said. "I am angry enough to die."

But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



Philippians 1.21-30 (page 1178)

For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labour for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of me.

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved – and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Matthew 20.1-16 (page 987)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

"About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing. He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

"He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

"'Because no-one has hired us,' they answered.

"He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

"When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'

"The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

"But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

"So the last will be first, and the first will be last."



This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ