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East Hendred Catholic Parish

5th – 12th September 2021



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

WEEK 23 YEAR 1

5th – 12th September 2021

All masses live-streamed www.churchservices.tv/easthendred
book for Sunday morning Mass: hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
St Mary's is usually open each day from 9am until late afternoon.

SUNDAY 23B [Green]
5th September **9.30am** **Parish Mass**
 6pm **Holy Mass**

WEEK 23 (Year 1)
Monday 6th September [Green]
No Mass

Tuesday 7th September [Green]
No Mass

Weds. 8th September **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** [White]
No Mass

Thursday 9th September [Green]
No Mass

Friday 10th September [Green]
No Mass

Sat. 11th September *Our Lady St Mary on Saturday* [White]
No Mass

SUNDAY 24B [Green]
12th September **9.30am** **Parish Mass**
 Roy & Brenda Kemp (60th Wedding Anniversary)
6pm **Holy Mass** *Pro populo*

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Re-Opening of St Patrick's

WE HAVE not worshipped at St Patrick's now since March 2020. The sole reason for this has been the precautions as regards to using small spaces in a time of plague.

As we know, infection levels remain stubbornly high and, though vaccination rates are also high, there are still many who are not vaccinated and there are also instances of the vaccinations becoming infected.

Nevertheless, we think we need to ask members of the St Patrick's congregation two questions.

- (1) If St Patrick's opened now, would you come there to Mass?
- (2) Would you prefer us to wait a while longer and then ask again?

It would help if you could e-mail me with an answer to these two questions. We are gathering information for a meeting of the Standing Committee on Wednesday 22nd September (8pm on Zoom).

You can assume that, when we do re-open, appropriate measures will be in place with regard to social distancing, masks, hand gel &c. You may wonder why we are not discussing this until 22nd September. That date has been chosen because, by then, we shall know the impact of the return to school at the beginning of September.

My prayers

Fr Andrew

FOR YOUR PRAYERS



HOLY FATHER'S SEPTEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

THE SICK AND THOSE IN NEED

Joyce MacKenzie, Baby Martha, Sid Wallace, Dame Catherine, Diana France, John Castle, Petal Connell, Daniel Cuevas, John Stringer, Louise Woodhouse, Mary Wallace, Brenda Paddon, Karen Greig, Kitty Teasdale, Mary McNichol, Andrew Gunn, Elizabeth Gunn, Des McNichol, Christine Robinson, Rose

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Week 5th-11th September: Eddie Reedy, Sidney Harris, Maureen Eyston, Thomas Smyth, Catherine Kent, Frederic Anns, Peter & Gill Acton, Madeleine Mary Ega, Joseph Champ, Irene Jane Gilbert, Nenita Young, Normand Mulford, Georgina Atkinson, Agnes Froud.

East Hendred Catholic Parish

NOTICEBOARD

IN ANTICIPATION OF RUMOURS...

I wanted to let you know that Cathy and I are in the midst of buying a house in the village. Out of respect for the current owners we wanted to keep this low key.

Please be assured that this is not connected to any imminent retirement plan, indeed I hope to continue serving the parish for years to come, but a married priest also has an obligation to care for the future needs of his family. Fortunately, the legacy of half a small house from both our mothers, together with savings and a mortgage makes it possible for us to stay in the village we love. We are very happy living where we are and are no hurry to move out.

Inevitably there are rumours so we thought it best just to say what was happening.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Roy and Brenda Kemp who celebrate this week their 60th Wedding Anniversary. We shall offer the 9.30am Mass on Sunday 12th September for their Intention.

GATHERING TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Our small group of parishioners from St Mary's and St Augustine's who meet monthly to read a chapter of the scriptures to help us learn, discuss and pray, have continued to do this during the pandemic with the help of Zoom. Our next meeting, Tuesday, September 7th, will be in St Mary's rooms with the current advised safety measures: mask wearing, spaced seating and plenty of room ventilation. Anyone wishing to join us will be very welcome. Information from Denis Smith: djbm.smith@ntlworld.com.

ST MARY'S CLOSED (6th – 10th September)

There are no masses, Monday to Friday, 6th – 10th September. Masses on Sunday 5th September are celebrated by Canon Peter Turbitt (9.30am) and Fr David O'Sullivan (6pm). We warmly thank them for their help.

BOOKING FOR MASS

Please book for 9.30am Sunday Mass before 12 noon on Fridays hendred@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk On Saturday contact Fr Andrew on aburnham@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

There is no need usually to book for the 6pm Mass. Nonetheless we are required to carefully note who comes, in case of infection alerts, and so we ask you to sign in on Sunday night and sit as allocated by the steward.

CHURCH SERVICES LIVESTREAM

On Sunday 29th there were 237 hits from 82 unique viewers, with 124 remaining on-line long enough to take part in Mass. 55 machines were in the UK, 21 in the rest of the world.

RIDE AND STRIDE (Saturday 11th September)

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust organises 'Ride and Stride' each year. We hope some riders and walkers will visit St Mary's.

<https://ohct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/im-a-coordinator/sign-your-church-up/>

BISHOP'S VISITATION

The Bishop of Portsmouth, Bishop Philip, is visiting the parish on Sunday 3rd October. This is a formal Visitation, with checks made to parish records and procedures, as required periodically by Canon Law. The Bishop will celebrate and preach at the 9.30am and 6pm Masses and there will be some meetings. There will be booking for the 9.30am Mass as usual and the congregation at 6pm on this particular Sunday will be drawn from the candidates who were confirmed last All Saintstide and their parents. Further details to be announced.

WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK

Are you in the habit of looking up and using our website? This Bulletin appears each week on the website www.hundredcatholicparish.org.uk. Some look at our East Hendred Catholic Parish page on Facebook.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY DURING THE SUMMER

There are no special Children's Prayers at 9am at St Mary's on Sunday during the summer, but we offer access to a website of the SDC Children's Liturgy Resource. All you need to do is click on this link: <http://www.sdc.me.uk/sundayliturgy/>

Also we publish **at the end** of this bulletin (pages 18-20) the full CAFOD programme for children for the summer.

SUPPORTING THE PARISH

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Donations to the parish: www.hendredcatholicparish.org.uk

CHARITABLE GIVING

OXFORDSHIRE AFGHAN AID OAA

Hendred Village Shop is one of many collecting points for OAA. Daily on the Oxfordshire Afghan Aid OAA Facebook page there is an updated list of requirements for Afghan Refugees arriving in Oxfordshire. This is a very practical way to help.

CHARITY: CAFOD RESPONDING TO MULTIPLE EMERGENCIES

CAFOD is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organizations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together

and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

CHARITY: AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Aid to the Church in Need is appealing for funds to help the suffering Church in Syria. The situation is desperate, and they are asking for donations. Contact 0345 646 0110 or www.acnuk.org/sy21donate

CHARITY: DIDCOT

To help with supplying the Didcot Foodbank, contact Veronica Paget: veronicapaget@hotmail.com or leave suitable food outside her front door.

CHARITY: HAITI AND MARY'S MEALS

[Donate now](#)

CHARITY: AN UPDATE ON ST AMAND'S MARY'S MEALS PROJECT

With the generosity from St Mary's Parish, the family, and friends of St Amand's school, we raised more than enough money for the sponsorship of The Redeemed Elementary and High, Liberia, for one year.

With your help, we have provided every child, with a hot meal every day at their school; this is a great gift especially in such a challenging year.

We decided to forge ahead with sponsorship for a second year; we currently have raised £2,645.91 of £3,737. We are planning a second sponsored walk in September and hope to raise the remaining amount, therefore commencing the second year from September 2021. Should you feel you are able to help us reach our target by donating £15.90 to feed one child for a year, we would very much appreciate it. You can donate online: [Projects | Mary's Meals \(marysmeals.org\)](http://Projects | Mary's Meals (marysmeals.org))

With thanks

Helen Ellery

East Hendred Catholic Parish



**Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time (B)
5th September 2021
Antiphons,
Prayers and Readings**

*Detail from the Nativity
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

*Iustus es, Domine
Ps 119:137, 124*

Collect

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7 (RSV)

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, fear not!
Behold, your God
will come with vengeance,
with the recompense of God.
He will come and save you.'
⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a hart,
and the tongue of the dumb sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Psalm 146:6-10 R/2

R/ My soul, give praise to the Lord.

It is the Lord who preserves fidelity for ever,
who does justice to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. **R/**

It is the Lord who opens the eyes of the blind,
the Lord who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just
the Lord who protects the stranger **R/**

The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
the God of Zion from age to age. **R/**

Second Reading

James 2:1-5 (RSV)

² My brethren, show no partiality as you hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ² For if a man with gold rings and in fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while you say to the poor man, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brethren. Has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which he has promised to those who love him?

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Speak Lord your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mark 7:31-37 (RSV)

³¹ Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, through the region of the Decap'olis. ³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech; and they besought him to lay his hand upon him. ³³ And taking him aside from the multitude privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue; ³⁴ and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and said to him, 'Eph'phatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his

tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And he charged them to tell no one; but the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, 'He has done all things well; he even makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION *after St Alphonsus Liguori (18th cent.)*

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Even if I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus. There is room in my heart for you.

Preface VII *(De salute per obœdientiam Christi)*

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you so loved the world that in your mercy you sent us the Redeemer, to live like us in all things but sin, so that you might love in us what you have loved in your Son, by whose obedience we have been restored to those gifts of yours that, by sinning, we had lost in disobedience. And so, with all the Angels and Saints, we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim: Holy, holy, holy &c.

Communion Antiphon *Quemadmodum desiderat cervus*

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God. *cf Ps 42:2, 3*

Prayer after Communion

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Salve Regina

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy! Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Scripture Reading (Week 23 Year 1)

Monday	Colossians 1:24 – 2:3	Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday	Colossians 2:6-15	Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 6:20-26
Thursday	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 6:27-38
Friday	1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14	Luke 6:39-42
Saturday	1 Timothy 1:15-17	Luke 6:43-49
Sunday 24B	Isaiah 50:5-9 James 2:14-18	Mark 8:27-35

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FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

6th – 10th September 2021

Monday in Week 23 *Per Annum [Year 1]*

6th September

Reading

Colossians 1:24 – 2:3 (RSV)

Paul's Interest in the Colossians

²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the divine office which was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now made manifest to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil, striving with all the energy which he mightily inspires within me.

2 For I want you to know how greatly I strive for you, and for those at Laodice'a, and for all who have not seen my face, ² that their hearts may be encouraged as they are knit together in love, to have all the riches of assured understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, of Christ, ³ in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Reflection

WHAT might be meant by the saying 'in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the Church'? Christ gave himself as the perfect Sacrifice and there is nothing lacking in that sacrifice. Nonetheless we have a duty to co-operate with whatever we face, and that includes being patient in our suffering and in our strivings. In that way we share in Christ's redemptive suffering and in his Cross, and win graces for our own conversion and the conversion of

others. The mystery of which St Paul speaks is God's plan of salvation and this message is to be spread throughout the world. The essence of the plan is that, through Baptism, individuals are assured of eternal glory and the resurrection of the body, provided that are steadfast. (CCC1, 568, 772, 2018). In Christ 'are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge' and we can find 'understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, of Christ' (CCC 2558).

Tuesday in Week 23 [Year 1]

7thSeptember

Reading

Colossians 2:6-15 (RSV)

Fullness of Life in Christ

⁶As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness of life in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²and you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴having cancelled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands; this he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in him.

Reflection

THE READING is dealing with the false teaching that threatens the Christians in Colossae. We gather that they were Gentile converts – those formerly estranged (1:21) among whom God has chosen to make

known his riches (1:27). We cannot be too sure what the false teaching was implied in the phrase 'elemental spirits of the universe' because the emphasis here is on imparting true teaching. In Christ the fullness of deity dwells and Christians have come to full life in him – 'come to' here implies 'grow into'. Baptism replaces circumcision and the bond of our sins is cancelled, nailed to the Cross. This is the Paschal victory in which Christ disarms and publicly humiliates 'principalities and powers' – those 'elemental spirits of the universe' if you will.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 8th September

Reading

Colossians 3:1-11 (RSV)

The New Life in Christ

3 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **2** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. **3** For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. **4** When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

5 Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. **6** On account of these the wrath of God is coming. **7** In these you once walked, when you lived in them. **8** But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. **9** Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices **10** and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. **11** Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scyth'ian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

Reflection

YESTERDAY'S reading set out the doctrine of the Risen Christ – in whom we 'were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead' (2:12). In today's beautiful passage, we encounter the attractive demands of life in the Risen Christ. If we are raised with him, we have already died and our life is hid with Christ in

God and we shall share in his glory. But there is a tough list of demands for those who seek to live the Risen life. A whole series of corrupt practices must be set aside – two sets of five vices are listed - and these, by pointing away from Christ, are in essence idolatry, that is false religion. Those who do manage, with divine grace, to live in Christ discover their fundamental unity in him. Differences between Jew and Gentile, diverse peoples (barbarians are those who do not speak Greek and Scythians were a nomadic race in central Europe and Asia), slaves and the free all disappear amongst those who live in Christ

Thursday in Week 23 [Year 1]

9th September

Reading

Colossians 3:12-17 (RSV)

Instructions for those embracing the New Life in Christ

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, ¹³ forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Reflection

CONTINUING with the theme of New Life in Christ, yesterday we had two lists of five vices which summed up the corrupt and depraved alternative to following the Christ. Today we have the five virtues which should replace them: compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, patience. We have five more virtues too: forbearance, forgiveness, love, peace, and thankfulness. These virtues are filled out: forbearing amidst complaint, forgiving because one is forgiven, loving because love binds things together in perfect harmony, peace ruling in the heart as a result of being called into the one body. Then there is thankfulness, a word we cannot hear or use as Catholic Christians without the hinterland of living

with the Eucharist. The chapter continues with practical advice on building up the Body of Christ. Living with the Word of Christ – ‘Word’ is the Verbum Dei, that is, it includes the Lord’s words and personal encounter through his sacramental presence. Then there are the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs – three types of musical expression. It has been suggested that these types of music correspond to distinct musical forms. ‘Psalms’ would be the chanting of the psalter, known in Jewish worship as well as Christian. ‘Hymns’ would be the kind of simple strophic songs we still call hymns in which everyone could join. ‘Spiritual songs’ would be the ecstatic, melismatic music still heard in the Middle East and in the more elaborate plainsongs of the monastery. To conclude this passage and our engagement for now with the Letter to the Colossians, there is the outworking of the Christian life, doing everything in the name of Jesus with, once more, an emphasis on thankfulness.

Friday in Week 23 [Year 1]

10th September

Reading

1 Timothy 1:1-2, [3-11], 12-14 (RSV)

Salutation

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Saviour and of Christ Jesus our hope,

2 To Timothy, my true child in the faith:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

[Warning against False Teachers

3 As I urged you when I was going to Macedo’nia, remain at Ephesus that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, **4** nor to occupy themselves with myths and endless genealogies which promote speculations rather than the divine training that is in faith; **5** whereas the aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and sincere faith. **6** Certain persons by swerving from these have wandered away into vain discussion, **7** desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make assertions.

⁸Now we know that the law is good, if any one uses it lawfully, ⁹understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, ¹⁰immoral persons, sodomites, kidnappers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.]

Gratitude for Mercy

¹²I thank him who has given me strength for this, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful by appointing me to his service, ¹³though I formerly blasphemed and persecuted and insulted him; but I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Reflection

IT IS not entirely certain that St Paul wrote the letters to Timothy, or the letters to Titus and Philemon. That he did write them was attested as early as AD95 by St Clement of Rome but these so-called 'Pastoral Epistles', addressed to individuals rather than churches, are different in style from the unquestionably authentic Pauline Epistles and they seem to reflect a later, more settled style of church hierarchy and governance. If St Paul wrote 1 Timothy it would have been towards the end of his life, sometime between AD60 and AD67. Those who suggest that it was a disciple of St Paul rather than the Apostle himself who wrote the letter would date it rather more vaguely to the period AD80 to 110. Assuming that Paul wrote it, we can say that Timothy, to whom it was addressed, was in Ephesus at the time. Influenced by false teachers, the Ephesians had been somewhat straying from the teachings of the Gospel and it was Timothy's task to put things right, not least by appointing properly trained persons as bishops (by which we should probably here mean priests) and deacons.



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Children's Liturgy resources: Summer 2021

The summer holidays have arrived, and after a challenging few months, I hope you're all getting the opportunity to have a break and enjoy some long sunny days.

Perhaps you're looking for things to do with your family or church? If so, we are excited to be offering some brand-new [prayer activities](#) for families to explore over the summer break.

Included below are the children's liturgy resources you need to take you into September. Obviously, many groups will be gathering in different ways over the summer so please do use them in the way that best suits your circumstances.

We'll also be continuing to stream our [virtual children's liturgy](#) live every Sunday morning over the holiday period.

[Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (5 September)

Jesus helps a man who is deaf to hear and to speak more clearly. We think about how we can listen and speak out.

[Download accompanying illustration](#)

[Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time](#) (12 September)

We hear that it is not always easy to follow Jesus. Sometimes it requires courage.

[Download accompanying illustration](#)

Wishing you all a fun and faith-filled Summer,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Catherine'.

God of love,
open our ears to hear your word

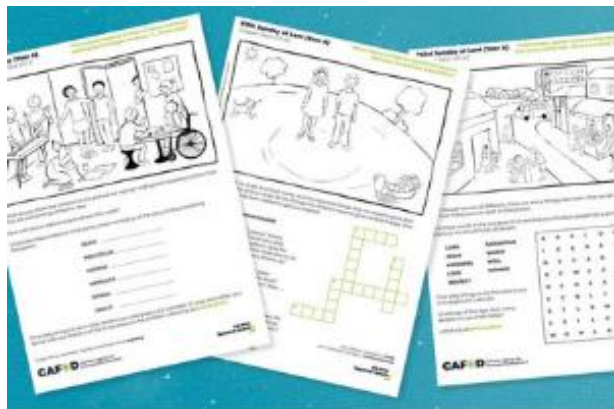
and open our hearts that we may always speak up for what is right.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Family prayer resources

Share these creative prayer ideas and fun activities with your children throughout the school holidays.

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