



# PARISH OF ST GEORGE

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## SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

**Gospel**: Mark 6:7-13

Today's Gospel passage presents the sympathetic and merciful heart of Jesus who lovingly invites his apostles to a desolate place for some rest. Jesus had sent his apostles on their first mission, which was one of healing, teaching, and preaching. When they returned, they were no doubt exhilarated by the experience. They had witnessed at first hand, the power of God's Word. Nonetheless, they were hungry, exhausted, and in need of rest, both physical and spiritual. In fact, Jesus was eager to hear about their missionary adventures as they proudly shared their experiences. But Jesus, too, was in need of a break from the crowds who were constantly pressing on him, demanding his attention and healing. Hence, he led the Apostles by boat to a "deserted place" on the other side of the Lake for a period of rest and sharing. Today's Gospel teaches that the mission of the Church should be based on the Gospel of compassion, and that leadership, inspired by the wisdom of God, means not dictating and ruling over others but inspiring, providing for and selflessly caring for those whom we are called to lead.

**Confessions** on request either in the Church or the presbytery at any time you prefer.

**Mass Intentions** If you would like to have a Mass said for any intention whatsoever then please do pass them into the sacristy through the collection plate or post them into the presbytery.

**Presbytery Announcement** last week's announcement may have lacked detail and a sense of scale. To clarify we have 2 priorities at the moment which need funding.

1. **Window frames** need to be repaired or replaced, and made weatherproof, in line with Council Planning Permission.
2. **Flooring** throughout the building needs to be reviewed and in places replaced or repaired.

So, if you can help in any way, I would be most grateful.

We are planning to Visit our former beloved Parish priest—Fr Greg. Could you please put down some messages on the big card at the back of the Church to remind him that he is in our thoughts and prayers.

**COVID Guidance** see web site for the latest guidance from the Bishops of England and Wales

**Foodbank** Currently, the Foodbank is short of some items of food which is part of a standard delivery to clients. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of next week Tesco's will be having an in-store collection for the Whitchurch foodbank. We still urgently need breakfast cereals, small jars of coffee, long-life semi-skimmed milk, sugar, and biscuits. The Foodbank continues to distribute and deliver two tonnes of food each month. Other items of food that are needed can be found on the Foodbank website [www.whitchurch.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.whitchurch.foodbank.org.uk). Any help you can give is always gratefully appreciated.

Sat 17 Jul	06:30 PM	16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Edward Johnson
Sun 18 Jul	09:30 AM		Edward Johnson
	11:00 AM		Thomas Erlam
Mon 19 Jul	10:00 AM	Monday in the 16 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Thomas Erlam
Tue 20 Jul	10:00 AM	Tuesday in the 16 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	George Ecclets
		<a href="#">Saint Apollinaris, bishop and martyr</a>	
Wed 21 Jul	Sacristy	Wednesday in the 16 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Christabel Elsley
		<a href="#">Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor of the Church</a>	
Thu 22 Jul	10:00 AM	<a href="#">Saint Mary Magdalene</a>	Christabel Elsley
Fri 23 Jul	10:00 AM	Friday in the 16 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Thanksgiving (Successful Outcome)
		<a href="#">Saint Bridget, religious</a>	
	06:00 PM	Holy Hour	
Sat 24 Jul	06:30 PM	17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Joseph Reynolds RIP
Sun 25 Jul	09:30 AM		Fr Hugh Curristan RIP
	11:00 AM		Dotty Jones--New Home

**Weekly Collection** We wish to thank you all for your ongoing generosity in the upkeep of the parish.

Sunday 11 July 2021 - £259.65

The weekly contribution from monthly direct debits was £78.

During the COVID-19 lockdown period some parishioners have found it more convenient to send in a cheque for their accumulated weekly collection/offerings. It would help greatly with paying in and processing at the bank if any cheques to the church are made payable to: "**St George Whitchurch**" which is the correct name for the parish account. While we are still in lockdown, any cheques in the weekly offering envelopes can be posted to the Presbytery, 17 Claypit Street, Whitchurch SY13 1LF.

Our parish safeguarding representative is Helen Clarke.