

**2nd Sunday after Trinity
25 June 2017**

We have just been enjoying some genuine heat and sunshine; have we really experienced temperatures up to 31°C (87°F) in South Baddesley? I hardly need to warn of the dangers of such heat and sunshine – water, sun tan lotion etc. I will soon start sounding like the announcers on the train stations warning passengers to take bottled water with them and to take care!

Six months have passed since I first came to St Mary's. Six incredible months that have seen us move from the cold dark depths of winter through to opposite extremes of bright sunshine, long daylight hours and heat. A contrast that is wonderful to experience. It stands as an analogy of my own experience, coming at a low ebb into this church and becoming energised by the spirit of God's grace, expressed through the genuine friendship and love shown by all of you. I pray that you have also felt some of that grace.

Next week we will hold my licensing service presided over by Bishop Jonathan. It will soon be too late to change your minds and look for someone else!

Today will be the last chance to pick up tickets for the evening - there may be a few left – and I hope that every one of you who might want to come will be able to be a part of the service marking a new chapter in the life of St Mary's.

Last week Pat, and Andy went to Romsey Abbey for the annual Archdeacon's visitation, when they get a pep talk from the Archdeacon, receive a license for another year and are reminded of their responsibilities within the Parish. They are the only people within the Parish who can sack the Vicar or, come to that, the Assistant Priest. To me they are the pillars upon whom I lean in my ministry. Thank you Pat and Andy for all you have done to help me, and I extend a warm welcome to Derek as he steps into his role as assistant Churchwarden.

I look forward with genuine enthusiasm to staying with you in this parish and journeying together through our lives, seeking ever greater understanding of the love that God showers down upon us, giving us the confidence to celebrate and worship God, Father Son and Holy Spirit.

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THIS WEEK: TRINITY TWO 25 June 2017

St Nicholas' Chapel, Pilley: 8.00am Holy Communion

St Mary's South Baddesley: 9.30pm Matins (BCP)

St John's Boldre: 10.30am Holy Communion & Children's Club

St John's Boldre: 6.30pm PATRONAL FESTIVAL Evensong

For Prayer This Week

World peace and mutual toleration and respect between faiths. Sufferers from persecution. Victims of disaster or misfortune. All in government. Our congregations actual and potential.

Prayer requests:

Activities This Week

Tue 27 Jun - 10.30am Vintage Fitness. Seated exercise to music at St Nicholas' Pilley & refreshment

Tue 27 Jun - 7.30pm Licensing Richard Elliott - St Mary's

Wed 28 Jun - 10.30am St Nicholas' Pilley, Communion + Coffee

Thu 29 Jun - 10.30am Vintage Fitness. As on Tuesdays

NEXT WEEK: TRINITY THREE 2 July 2017

St Nicholas' Chapel, Pilley: 8.00am Holy Communion

St John's Boldre: 10.30am Matins & Children's Club

St Mary's South Baddesley: 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Dates for the Diary 2017

Sun 16 Jul - 3.00pm St Saviour's Brock - 'Songs of Praise'

Fri 25 July - 8.50am WG School end of term Service

Sat 9 Sep - Ride & Stride - St John's & St Mary's 10 - 6pm

Sat 23 Sep - 7.00pm Boldre Memorial Hall - Harvest Supper

Sat 11 Nov - 10.45am Memorial Hall - Act of Remembrance

Sat 11 Nov - 7.00pm Memorial Hall - Benefice Quiz St J v St M

Sat 18 Nov - 7.00pm St John's - Guitar Recital - Mark Jennings

Sun 3 Dec - 3.00pm St Mary's - Ecumenical Advent Service

25-27 JULY - NEW FOREST SHOW - CHURCH TENT

Any one who would like to offer 3 hours to the Church Tent at the New Forest Show please contact Gordon and Wendy Hutchison (02380 292608) for help in 'Face Painting and Children's work', or Barry Kent for 'Meet and Greet' work. (01425 611348 / 07999504388) Entry for helpers is free! See the Notice Board for more details.

Wed 27 June Licensing of Richard Elliott

Bishop Jonathan will be conducting the service and licensing Richard to serve in the parish of South Baddesley, putting on a formal footing the role Richard has been fulfilling since the beginning of the year. See Andy Ward, Pat Mennie or Pam Hughes for tickets.

2 JULY PEACE WALK 2017

The twentieth annual Peace Walk is on Sunday 2 July beginning at 12.15 at the Peace Fountain, East Park, Southampton. Several faith community centres are to be visited: a Synagogue, Sikh Temple, a Mosque and St Mary's Church. Bring along friends and family to join in. (Contact David Vane 07545982838)