

Attendance and Collection

2nd Jul Attendance 60 Collection £186.70

9th Jul Attendance 52 Collection £217.00 including baptism

Special Collection today – Good Shepherd Fund

Hill Chapel Library

We have a box at the back of church with a variety of religious books belonging to parishioners which other people may like to read. If you would like to borrow any of the books or add some books of your own for other members of our parish to use - you are more than welcome. Please do fill in the form when taking and returning the books. Many thanks.

Parishioners Who are Unwell

If you would like the parish to pray for someone, please notify Father Sony on 01772 865229 for inclusion in the Bidding Prayers or newsletter. We also have an area in Church where you can write a prayer intention on a card and hang up if you prefer.

Cycle Of Prayer

Pray for St Bridget Patron of Europe – Feast day 23rd July

Feast Days

Tues – ST.JAMES

Wed – St.Joachim & St. Anne

Sat – Sts. Mary, Martha & Lazarus

Gardening News

As we approach Summer the gardens at Hill Chapel really do look beautiful. Grateful thanks to the gardening team for all their hard work and effort. Maintaining the church grounds is a big task and we are always on the look out for more volunteers. If you feel you would be able to help - do contact Frank or Margaret Ashton.

We do all work together, supporting, planting and planning. We are always open to new suggestions so if you have any thoughts or offers of help - please do share those with us - we would love to hear from you.

Many Thanks – The Gardening Team



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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd July - Readings - Year A

Parish Mission Statement

Our Parish, guided by the example of our patron St Francis of Assisi, seeks to be a welcoming Catholic Community by living, sharing and growing in faith. We strive to deepen our own relationship with Christ and meet the needs of others.

Today's Mass Intention is for Veronica Holden

We pray for all who are unwell in our parish especially
Lawrence Ibison, Bill Bamber, Monica Gornall, Shirley Walker,
Constance Mary Barber, Bridie Platt and Magi Clabrough.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially
Margaret Mary Middleton, Winifred Rose Swarbrick &
Catherine Nuala Gornall

On Tuesday 25th July 9.00 am Adoration and Mass @ 9.30am.

Tea and Coffee are served at the back of church after Sunday Mass.

School News – July As we reach the end of our school year we have so much to celebrate.

We say farewell to our Year Six pupils: Bonnie, Ivy, Jack, Jacob, Penelope and Tabitha. We held a special Leavers Mass for our leavers on Thursday. They took part in a Leavers Assembly on Friday and had a Leavers Day out too at Billy Bobs American Diner and Play Barn. We send them our prayers and very best wishes as they move to High School in September.

The End of Year play – ‘Pirates of the Curry Bean’ (Performed by Beacon Class) was very humorous and entertaining. Well Done to all who took part.

The Music Showcase was a great success.. The event was a celebration of band, choir and musical theatre performances featuring over eighty children from both schools. Schools performed separately and together.

Mr Warren has responsibility for music in school. Apart from teaching music, he also takes choir and band practice weekly, The standard of music in our school is extremely high and we wanted to showcase the skills of our pupils and the skills of pupils from Claughton too, Whilst the concert took a great amount of practice and preparation, it highlighted so many skills: collaboration, teamwork, dedication and most definitely enjoyment by all who participated.

The band opened the celebration. We have 30 children in our band. Pupils from St Mary’s band also joined us and the audience were entertained with a medley of tunes.

Mr and Mrs Davies lead the Glee Club as an after school activity. Around 30 children attend Glee Club with great enthusiasm. At the concert they demonstrated their singing and dance skills in performing One Short Day from Wicked and I just want to be king from Lion King.

The last part of the showcase was the choir singing and definitely worth waiting for. They sang a collection of songs from a variety of genres – Walk in the Water (Eva Cassidy), Swing Low Sweet Chariot and Going Up Yonder to name but a few. The quality of their singing was first class and it was so good to see how much the children were enjoying themselves. We

concluded the concert with a rendition of one of the choirs favourite songs – Hand me down my Silver Trumpet with audience participation too.

We have had an Art Exhibition In school celebrating the beauty in our world – based on ‘It’s Up to Us: A Children’s Terra Carta for Nature, People and Planet’. Work on display was from all age groups and the quality and variety of art work on display was a pleasure to look at.

In the classroom – it has continued to be busy – right up till the end of term. We managed to avoid the rain and held our Sports Day – which was very well attended by parents. We have also managed to hold visits out and celebrate all we have achieved in this school year.

We are so fortunate to have such a hardworking group of staff and I would like to say a big thank you for all their support this year in helping our children thrive, enjoy learning and grow in God’s love – their support and commitment is so gratefully appreciated.

Special thanks to our parents and our parishioners for their support too. We are so fortunate to be part of this caring community. Happy Holidays and Special Thank You Wishes from us all.

Parish Mass – Lee House Chaigley 31 August at 7 pm Followed by a Buffet at Ferraris Country Hotel, Please join us for this Special Parish Mass and Celebration.

Fr Sony will celebrate mass for all our parishioners at the historic and beautiful Lee House Chapel at 7pm on 31 August. The mass will be followed by a social gathering and buffet at Ferraris Restaurant.

The event is open to all parishioners, family and friends. The cost of the buffet is £16 p.p. and will include a choice of two desserts, - hot and cold drinks will be available to purchase at the licensed bar.

If you would like to attend, please fill your name in on the list at the back of church.

We do hope you will be able to join us for what should be a most enjoyable evening. The PPC