

CHRIST THE KING & ST. COLMAN (Bitterne) OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION (Hedge End) ST. BRIGID (West End)

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th July 2024

Called and Sent on Mission

Two of today's readings focus on the ideas of vocation and mission. Amos is compelled to defend his calling as a prophet to Israel in the first reading. The summons and initial ministry of the twelve carefully selected disciples of Jesus are described in the Gospel of Mark. These readings serve as a reminder that those who are sent to share the Word of God with others must rely on the authority of the one sending them, not on their own resources.

The earliest of the major prophets, Amos, lived in the ninth century before the birth of Christ. The northern kingdom of Israel was experiencing wealth and peace at this period. It was also a period of widespread corruption and impoverished people's exploitation. Amos spoke out bravely against the injustices done to the underprivileged. Amaziah, a prominent member of the priestly order, became enraged with his sermons. Amaziah was a lackey of King Jeroboam II and resided in the affluent Royal Sanctuary of Bethel. It was not in his best advantage for Amos to raise concerns about the unfair actions of the political establishment. Thus, he gives Amos instructions to return to Judah, his birthplace, and prophesy there. In response Amos defends his prophetic vocation as a direct call from the Lord, not an inherited position with status, like that of Amaziah and the priestly caste to which he belonged.

The gospel reading from Mark for today picks up where the previous Sunday's left off. Jesus calls twelve of his followers and sends them on a journey across the cities and villages where he had already preached after being rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. He gives them the same mission and authority that he got from his

Father—the power to heal, call for repentance, and drive out bad spirits. Jesus gives them specific instructions on how they are to live, rather than what sermons they are to teach. They are to travel in pairs rather than individually. This is in contrast to the individualistic style of the maverick preachers, self-appointed prophets and bogus healers who were familiar figures in the first century AD. They are not to take anything for the journey except a staff: 'no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses'; not even 'a spare tunic' (Mk 6:9). In other words, their lifestyle is to be marked by a radical dependence on God and on the generosity of the people to whom they minister. Finally, the place of their ministry is to be people's homes rather than the synagogues.

At first glance, the first apostolic mission described in Mark may not seem to have much to do with the complicated issues the Church is currently confronting in the twenty-first century. However, it pinpoints the central mission of the Church. The Church is called to be a community of missionaries, carrying on Jesus Christ's mission in support of God's reign, just as the apostles who serve as its cornerstone. Its authority and power reside not in itself, but in the word of the one who calls and sends it. It is challenged to travel light, putting its trust in divine providence rather than in material resources, and being open to receive as well as to give. It is required to confront the forces of evil and serve as the agent of God's healing power in a sick and broken world. Above all, it is challenged to witness to God's power by a radical simplicity of lifestyle.

Fr. Elijah

15th Sunday of the Year – 14th July 2024

- 9.15am **Our Lady of the Assumption** (Hedge End)
*For the intentions of Chris & Pauline
Walford on their 55th Wedding Anniversary*
- 11.00am **Christ the King & St Colman** (Bitterne)
Angela Lacey RIP
- 5.30pm **St. Brigid** (West End) *For the people*
- 6.00pm **Christ the King & St Colman** (Bitterne)
Polish Mass

Weekday Mass Times (16th – 21st July)

OLA – Our Lady of the Assumption (Hedge End)

CKSC – Christ the King & St. Colman (Bitterne)

SB – St Brigid (West End)

- Tue 16th 10.00am **OLA** *In thanksgiving*
- Wed 17th 10.00am **SB**
- Thu 18th 10.00am **CKSC** *For the people*
- Fri 19th 10.00am **OLA** *Stephen Shaw RIP – 65th
Birthday*
- Sat 20th 10.00am **CKSC** *For the Pope and the hierarchy,
for the work of council 136 and province 42 of the
Knights of St Columba, for world peace, for the
protection of life*
- Sun 21st 9.15am **OLA** *In thanksgiving*
11.00am **CKSC**
5.30pm **SB** *For Archie Gibson on the
12th anniversary of his death and for the family*
6.00pm **CKSC** *Polish Mass*

Exposition & Rosary at 9.30am before Mass (Tues – Fri)

Sacrament of Confession is available on request

**Please consider offering Mass Intentions for families
and friends (contact Fr. Elijah or Parish Office)**

Second Collection - 13th/14th July

There will be a Second Collection on the weekend of 13th and 14th July to mark Sea Sunday. Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea) is the Catholic Church's maritime charity.

Seafarers and fishermen play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. This year Sea Sunday is Sunday 14 July, a day for people to come together to pray for seafarers and fishermen and thank them for the vital role they play in all of our lives.

Stella Maris chaplains and volunteers are working in ports up and down this country and across the world: but they cannot do it without your support.

This Sea Sunday your gifts and prayers will help seafarers and fishermen get the support they need. The link to the online donation page is

[Apostleship of the Sea \(Sea Sunday\) Second Collection 2024 | Give as you Live Donate](#)

Our Lady of the Assumption

BACK BY POPULAR REQUEST!

QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 26th July 2024

Please do come along and join in with our **Summer Fun Quiz Night** at Our Lady of the Assumption Church Hall on **Friday 26th July** from **7.00pm** (to form teams) ready for a 7.30pm start.

Once again, there is no increase in the price of tickets. **£5.00 per adult - children free.**

Ticket price includes tea/coffee/squash and a **Ham/Cheese Ploughman's Supper**

Please bring your own alcoholic drinks and also bring some cash for a fun raffle!

Tickets will be on sale in our three churches from **SUNDAY 7th July**. Please put your name and ticket number on the sign-up sheet so we know numbers attending. **Why not put the date in your diary then come along and start the Summer Holidays off with this fun evening.**

We look forward to welcoming you.

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Preparation for 2024/25

If you have a child who will be in **YEAR 4 OR ABOVE IN SEPTEMBER 2024**, who would like to attend preparation sessions to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the First Time in 2025, registration is taking place over the summer.

Please complete a registration form (available at the back of our three churches) and send it in to the Parish Office.

The Closing Date for acceptance of Registration Forms is **SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2024**. There will be a Parents Introductory Meeting during the early part of October (exact date to be confirmed later)

Sessions will begin in October 2024, leading to 1st Holy Communion being celebrated on the Sunday of the Feast of Corpus Christi which will be Sunday 22nd June 2025.

We look forward to welcoming you. In the meantime, we wish all our children and families a safe and happy summer break. God Bless you all.

OPEN CHURCH: Our Lady of the Assumption

Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Hedge End is open for private prayer every Thursday from 10am until midday. To join the rota, please contact Pauline or Jane.

CKSCOLASB Calendar of Events

OLA – Our Lady of the Assumption (Hedge End)

CKSC – Christ the King & St. Colman (Bitterne)

SB – St Brigid (West End)

Tue 2 nd	9.30am-12pm Table Tennis (OLA Hall) 7.30-9pm Growing in Faith (OLA)
Thu 4 th	10.30am-12pm Prayer Group (CKSC) 10am-12 noon Open Church (OLA)
Sun 7 th	Tea, Coffee, Biscuits after Holy Mass (CKSC)
Tue 9 th	9.30am-12pm Table Tennis (OLA Hall) 7.30-9pm Growing in Faith (OLA)
Thu 11 th	10.30am-12pm Prayer Group (CKSC) 10am-12 noon Open Church (OLA)
Fri 13 th	7.30pm Choir Practise in church hall (CKSC)
Sun 14 th	12.30-2pm Youth Meeting (CKSC) Tea, Coffee, Cake after Holy Mass (SB Hall)
Tue 16 th	9.30am-12pm Table Tennis (OLA Hall) 7.30-9pm Growing in Faith (OLA)
Wed 17 th	7.00-8.30pm Carer's Group (OLA Hall)
Thu 18 th	10.30am-12pm Prayer Group (CKSC) 10am-12 noon Open Church (OLA)
Sun 21 st	Children's Liturgy during Mass (OLA)

Recurring Events

Our Lady of The Assumption (Hedge End)

- **Tea Coffee, Biscuits, Friendly Chat** (and often cake) in the hall every Sunday after Holy Mass
- **Children's Liturgy** during Mass every 3rd Sunday of the Month (except in July/August)
- **Carers Group** on third Wednesday of every Month from 7.00pm to 8.30pm
- **Growing in Faith** every Tuesday evening 7:30-9pm
- **Table Tennis** every Tuesday from 9.30am to 12pm
- **Open Church** every Thursday from 10am-12pm

Christ the King & St. Colman (Bitterne)

- **Prayer Group** every Thursday 10.30am-12 noon
- **Children's Liturgy** for 4 to 7-year-olds every Sunday
- **Faith on Fire** 8-9pm last Wednesday of every month except **March, April, May, June, December**
- **Youth Meetings** 12:30 -14:00 on 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month
- **Tea, Coffee, Biscuits & friendly chat** in the hall every 1st Sunday of the month
- **Choir practice in hall** - 7:30pm on 2nd & 4th Friday each month. All welcome.

St Brigids (West End)

- **Tea, coffee & cake** every 2nd Sunday of the month after Mass

If you would like a future event to be included in the Calendar of Events, kindly advise the Parish office.

Praise and Worship Evening

Theme - "The greatness of God"

Come and join us for an evening of scripture, a reflection, adoration, silence, prayer and worship. Sit, stand, kneel, sing or don't sing ... just come and be.

- **Date:** Friday 12th July - 7.30pm.
- **Location:** St Philip Howard Church, Bishopsfield Road, Fareham, PO14 1ND

Followed by fellowship and seasonal light refreshments in the Hall. Bring your friends!

For more details, please call 01329 318 869 or email:

farehamportchester@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

Hedge End & West End Fundraising Parish Donation Day 7th July 2024

Thank you to everyone who handed in their envelope and donated money to our much-needed funds on Parish Donation Day. If you have not returned your envelope could you please do so as soon as possible. There are spare envelopes to be given out if needed. Just ask one of the Ministers of Welcome to hand you one. The figures for the intake of donation day are published in the newsletter on a weekly basis. Thank you very much for your help.

The Fund-Raising Committee

Continuing Support of the Church

Please consider setting up a **standing order**.

For Christ the King & St Colman:

Account Name: CDP Christ the King & St Colman

Sort code: 30-93-04

Account Number: 00887553

For Our Lady of the Assumption and St Brigid:

Account Name: CDP Hedge End Our Lady

Sort code: 30-93-04

Account Number: 00879747

Please use your surname as a reference.

Make out cheques for Fr Elijah to Rev Fru N Elijah

Thank you for your support.

Sunday's Readings:

Daily Readings

<https://universalis.com/europe.England/20240630/mass.htm>

Reflections

<http://www.mycatholic.com/>

Diocesan eNews

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/communications/news/enews/>

UK Catholic Newspapers

<https://www.churchpaper.co.uk>

Public Speaking in Church. Join our online training, learn tips and build your confidence

CAFOD are offering 1-hour training sessions on Zoom for anyone interested in building their confidence for public speaking. Designed for beginners and anyone who needs to make announcements, ask for volunteers or speak on behalf of a charity or a parish appeal at Mass.

Come along to learn new skills, practise, and discover how you can inspire our congregation.

[Register here](#) to receive the link or use the QR code to the right with your mobile phone camera.



Date and time:

Saturday 13 July, 11am-12pm
& Tuesday 16 July, 7pm-8pm.

Note: Faith on Fire group will resume after Confirmation on 30th June.

Life in the Spirit Course (Invitation)

Judith Aylmer (supported by Russ Fairman) invites you to sign up for the **Life in the Spirit** course. The course is run using Zoom and continues on Thursday evenings as follows:

- Thursday 4th June to Thursday 18th July
- 7.30pm until 9pm

It is not too late to join the course. Please use this link to register –

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZiIf-trDwjGNAuzzyTiLVcwy7lzHwq87dG>

Hedge End West End Botley Churches Together Big Top Heroes Holiday BIBLE CLUB 5th-9th August.

Discover the heroes of the bible. Children aged 5-11 years from all three of our churches are welcome. Following on from the Advent Activity Morning held at OLA hall in November, the venue for this summer's Holiday Bible Club is the Methodist church hall in Hedge End. OLA & St. Brigid's are both active members of HEWEB (Churches Together in Hedge End, West End & Botley).

Contact Veronica Hoskins on 07847 475806 with any queries.

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Safeguarding E-Learning

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) has developed the Learning Management System (LMS) as an online learning platform specifically for the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Training is now aligned with the nature of the role the volunteer is undertaking and 3 modules are available:

Level 1 – Casual volunteers (roles with no DBS eligibility).

Level 2 – Volunteers who hold a role with DBS eligibility but do not require a check of the barred list.

Level 3 – Volunteers who hold a role with DBS eligibility, including a check of the barred list.

Level 3 is mandatory for anyone who holds a role within the parish working with either

- children
- adults at risk or those who might otherwise be vulnerable.

Training must be refreshed every 2 years.

If your training is not up to date, please register for either face-to-face or on-line training at:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/about-us/other/safeguarding/training/>

Our Lady of the Assumption 2025 - Our Big Year!

On Ascension Day, Pope Francis 'launched' the Jubilee Year 2025 with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope".

Also, in April 2025, Our Lady of the Assumption will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our Church building (previously the church was in what is now our hall).

We need your ideas as to how, we can celebrate these 2 significant milestones. Please consider and pray on "What are our aspirations and hopes for the future of our church?"

If you are interested and/or have ideas but couldn't make the meeting, please speak with Marion or Helen.

Figures for CKSC for May 2024

Loose Offertory - £447.19

Contactless Giving - Parish - £230.14

Standing Orders & Direct Debits - £1892.50

Donation from Polish Community - £400

Hall Rent - £1375

CAFOD (cash & contactless giving) - £254.87

World Communications (cash & contactless giving) - £51.50