

Sunday 23rd August 2026 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

First Reading 2 Corinthians 3:4-9

And we have such trust through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory.

Second Reading Mark 7:31-37

Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee. Then they brought to Him one who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, and they begged Him to put His hand on him. And He took him aside from the multitude, and put His fingers in his ears, and He spat and touched his tongue. Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed, and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened”. Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

St Michael & All Angels, Stokenham

8 am Holy Communion (BCP)

Worship Leader and Preacher Rev Mark Neave

If you are joining us for the first time, please introduce yourself. You are very welcome!

THIS WEEK WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

....The departed and those who mourn that they may be comforted and consoled and for those whose anniversaries we keep at this time, Rev. Howard Gray....

Notices:

‘Teas by the Seas’ Every Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm and every Bank Holiday Monday from 11 am to 4 pm into September. Enjoy tea/coffee and cake at St Andrew's Church Beesands, helping to support many charities. If you can assist by baking cakes or serving, please contact Ann Foss 07970 702537.

Bible Study meets on the 2nd Monday of the month. The next Bible Study will be on 14th of September 2026 2.30 pm in the Old Exchange. All are welcome.

Dates for your diary

Saturday, 29th August, Neil Martin will be presenting a history talk **‘Pirates – from the Hams’** at St Michael and All Angels. 10 am for tea, coffee and cake. The talk will commence at 10.30am. All proceeds to the Church restoration.

Monday 31st August, A History Stroll and Cream Tea event will be held at St Martins to raise money for the St Martins Improvement Fund. The Stroll will be from 12pm – 4pm with parking at the Village Hall. The cream tea without the walk is allowed!

Saturday 29th to Monday 31st August, 10am – 5pm Arts & Crafts Exhibition & Sale at St James the Great, Slapton. Free entry, refreshments 2 – 5pm and Demonstrations.

Forthcoming Services:

Wednesday 26 th August	Holy Communion	St Michael's	10 am
Sunday 30th August	Benefice Holy Communion	St Mary's	10:30 am