

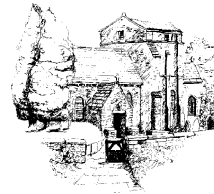
# Thought for the Week



## A silent conversation overheard

"You do not have to be clever to please me; all you have to do is want to love me. Just speak to me as you would to anyone of

whom you are fond. Are there any people you want to pray for? Say their names to me, and ask me as much as you like. I am generous, but trust me to do what I know is best ... Tell me about your pride, your touchiness, self-centredness, meanness, and laziness. I still love you in spite of these. Do not be ashamed; there will be many saints in heaven who had the same faults as you; they prayed to me and little by little, their faults were corrected. Do not hesitate to ask me for blessings for the body and mind, for health, memory, success; I can give anything ... Tell me about your failures, and I will show you the cause of them. What are your worries? Who has caused you pain? Tell me about it. Forgive them, and I will bless you. Are you afraid of anything? Have you any tormenting, unreasonable fears? Trust yourself to me. I am here. I will not leave you. Have you no joys to tell me about? Why do you not share your happiness with me? Tell me what has happened since yesterday to cheer and comfort you. Whatever it was, however big, however small, I prepared it. Show me your gratitude and thank me. Are temptations bearing heavily upon you? Yielding to temptations always disturbs the peace of your soul. Ask me, and I will help you overcome them. Well, go along now. Get on with your work or play. Try to be humbler, more submissive, kinder; and come back soon and bring me a more devoted heart. Tomorrow I shall have more blessings for you."



## St Nicholas' Church, Studland

Welcome to St Nicholas this morning!  
Thank you for joining us.

We hope you will enjoy our worship together,  
and join us for coffee  
in the Hall after the service.

Readings for this Sunday are:

10.00am Acts 3:12-19 and Luke 24:36b-48

SUNDAY  
15<sup>th</sup> April

10.00am

Holy Communion

**Collect:** Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples  
with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion:** Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.