

PARTNERS

5th October 2014 - Trinity 16

It is Harvest time. We reflect on what it means to us and to the world. Today's readings relate how God has revealed his world and his love for us. The psalmist cries

“The heaven declare the Glory of God,
The vault of heaven proclaims his handiwork:
Day discourses of it to day.
Night to night hands on the knowledge”.

“Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.”

Isaiah tells us the story of the well-tended vineyard that only produced sour grapes - The Israelites turn their back on God. This story is retold in the Parable Jesus told of the rich man letting his vineyard out to tenants who drifted into greed and possessiveness and finally to murder. Stories of the richness of God's Creation and his love for us and how we misuse it.



Our present harvest is a fast changing world with hatred and violence in many parts plus the deadly plague of Ebola in Africa. Exodus gives us laws to abide by but as Paul says to the Philippians “I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the law, but I want only the perfection that comes from Jesus Christ and is from God based on faith” In our helpless and hopelessness we too have to rely on our faith - in the silence and stillness in our hearts, we find the peace, love and compassion of God that passes all understanding.

Daphne Himmel



GARY OUT AND ABOUT: Gary will be back from holiday next week.

WE WILL BE REMEMBERING Members of the Armed Forces from Fordingbridge who died in World War I on the Centenary of their Deaths. At the Memorial Gates, Entrance to Riverside Park, Ringwood Road at 11.00a.m. A short Commemoration, with known details of their lives, silence and prayers - lasting about 15 minutes. Charles Francis Hall. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22nd William St John Coventry and on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31st. Arthur Beaven Budgell. All welcome to come to honour those who have died in war.



BREAMORE HARVEST SUPPER. An evening on a Scottish theme with an illustrated talk by Mike Read on Scottish Wildlife. Friday October 10th at 7.00 p.m. in the Hulse Hall, Breamore. £8.00 to include one drink (then bring your own). Book tickets through Edna Dymott (01725 512 343) or at The Bat and Ball. Proceeds in aid of the Bell Frame Restoration Fund.

BIBLE READING NOTES 2015: If you are considering ordering daily bible reading notes for next year, samples of what is produced by Scripture Union and Bible Reading Fellowship are now at the back of St. Mary's Church, Fordingbridge and will be there throughout October. There are also details of how to place an order. The final date for ordering will be 3rd November. Thank you. Gillian Benfield

PILGRIM COURSE - TURNING TO CHRIST: This is the second session, of a six part course, that will run fortnightly between now and the beginning of December. All are welcome to join us, even if you didn't come to the first session. Session Two - Do you believe and trust in God the Father? What do Christians believe about God? This session uses the Old Testament to look at how God is like a Father. The same session will run on Tuesday 7th October, 7:15pm for tea/coffee, to start at 7:30pm at St Boniface Church, Woodgreen, and also on Wednesday 8th October, 10:15am for tea/coffee, to start at 10:30am at the Rectory, Fordingbridge.

LIGHT PARTY: Friday 31st October, 4-6pm at Breamore School. All children welcome for an alternative to Halloween. Come and join us for an afternoon of fun and games and delicious party food. Children under 5 years will need to bring a parent with them. Phone church office on 01425 653163 to book your place.

READINGS

- for you to use today and during the week

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COLLECT:

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

PSALM 19:7-14 *(For Morning Prayer)*

7. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
8. The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.
9. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
10. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb.
11. By them also is your servant taught
and in keeping them there is great reward.
12. Who can tell how often they offend?
O cleanse me from my secret faults!

13. Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get dominion over me;
so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence.
14. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians

Philippians 3:4b-14

The only thing that matters for Christians is to know Christ as their Lord.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

At the end, the Reader says:

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel Reader

When the Gospel is announced, the Reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Matthew*.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(Glory be to thee, O Lord.)

Another story following on from the one we heard last week, for the Pharisees to think about.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realised that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

At the end, the Reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(At the end, the Reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.)

(c) New Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

MOTHERS' UNION is on Wednesday October 8th at 2.30 pm. There will be a Presentation of the Holy Land by the Rev'd Michael Anderson.

Corporate Communion is on Wednesday October 22nd at 9.30 am

WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO HELP? On Saturday 11th October there will be an HRGB handbell rally in the church hall for 70-80 ringers. I need 3 or 4 people who are happy to make tea/coffee for us at 9.30am, 12.30pm and 3pm. Would you be able to help at any of these times? If so, give me a ring on 01725 512267 to find out more. Many thanks - Viv Finch



SILENT AUCTION - start thinking about "items and promises" for this fun evening on Saturday 1st November at 7pm in the church hall. Tickets are only £5 and includes a free glass of wine, soup and ploughmans supper. Ring Viv for tickets and more info'

MESSY CHURCH: The next Messy Church is on Saturday 8th November, 4 - 6 pm, again at the Scout Hall (near the Salvation Army Hall), and everyone is welcome. Pass on the word, and invite friends! Contact: Karen Scrivens 01425 653134

HARVEST LUNCH: Thank you to everyone, including the Handbell Ringers, for supporting our lunch last Sunday. All the help with delicious puds, setting up the hall, cooking, serving, washing-up and an excellent raffle resulted in not just a satisfying profit of £590.13 for church funds but also good fellowship at this harvest time. Jane Calver.

QUIZ NIGHT FANS - Laudamus, with quiz master Jeremy Stoker (as seen on Eggheads and 15 to 1) is holding a quiz night on Saturday 15th November in St Marys Hall at 7pm. Light supper and homemade cakes included in ticket price £10. Teams of 8 or individuals welcome. Phone: Jenny: 01425 652292 or Christine 653733

SMARTIE TUBES: I would like to finish the 'Smarties' collection for this year. If you still have a part-filled tube, please put it in next week's collection, or hand to me. Many thanks for everyone's support with this initiative. Jane Calver

CORRECTION MAGAZINE PARISH EVENTS: please note the Battle of Britain Service took place in September but was left in the AVP Benefice events in Parish News & Views in error. However there is Evensong on Sunday 19th October, 6.30pm at St Mary's Fordingbridge.





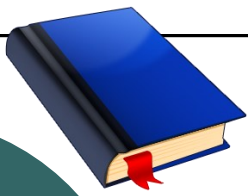
ALL SOULS: Each year the Church remembers those we love who have died. We hold two special services to remember those who have died: This year the services will be on Sunday 2nd November, 4.00 pm at St Boniface, Woodgreen and 6.00 pm at St Mary's, Fordingbridge We extend a warm invitation to you to attend one of these services. Any

members of your family who would like to come to the service, including children, will be very welcome. The service will last something under an hour, and will be followed by refreshments in Church. Forms are now in the back of each church if you would like someone to be mentioned by name, or simply e-mail or telephone the office, but please remember to specify which service you would like the name of your loved one to be read out at.

THE FUNERAL SERVICE for +Michael Scott-Joynt RIP will be held in Winchester Cathedral on Friday, 10th October at 11.30am followed by a burial. All other guests are very welcome, the Cathedral has made the decision to have the service broadcast outside so that if the Cathedral becomes full, those not able to be inside can still participate outside.

Emma Law (emma.law@winchester-cathedral.org.uk) with your e-mail address and postal address. Mrs. Lou Scott-Joynt and her family are grateful for support and prayers and have requested that letters and cards be sent 'Personal' to Mrs Lou Scott-Joynt, c/o Mr. Andrew Robinson, Chief Executive, Winchester Diocesan Office, Old Alresford Place, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 9DH.

REFLECTION :The crisis in the Middle East and our party conferences have overshadowed news of the Ebola crisis. This virus is thought to live in fruit bats and to spread to humans through contact with sick animals. It is highly infectious and there is no cure; it kills up to 90% of the people who catch it. The charity Medecins sans Frontieres has set up emergency treatment centres in West Africa for the hundreds of patients each month. They also travel the villages collecting those who are suffering and disinfecting the households. It must be particularly terrifying for the children who are not only isolated but being treated by people who, in their necessary protective clothing, look like aliens from another planet. Therese 35 and Rose 18, two survivors from the same family which had already seen 10 dead, were greeted back into their village with great joy. We thank God for the charities and people willing to risk their lives to treat this horrendous illness. May we be alongside the sufferers and take them into our hearts to a loving and compassionate God. Daphne Himmel



This Week's Diary

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Sunday 5th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	Fordingbridge
	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Breamore
	10.30 am	Pet Service	Hale Village Hall
	10.30 am	Allsorts - Harvest	Fordingbridge
	10.45 am	Methodist Service	Sandleheath
	12.00 pm	Baptism	Breamore
Monday 6th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Fordingbridge
Tues 7th	7.15 pm	Pilgrim Course	Woodgreen
Weds 8th	9.00 am	Morning Prayer	Fordingbridge
	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Fordingbridge
	10.15 am	Pilgrim Course	Rectory
	2.30 pm	Mothers Union	Church hall
	7.30 pm	Fordingbridge PCC	Church hall
	7.45 pm	Meditation drop-in	Fordingbridge
Thurs 9th	7.30 pm	Bell ringing	Fordingbridge
Fri 10th	11.30 am	<i>Funeral of the late Bishop Michael Scott-Joynt Winchester Cathedral</i>	
	6.00 pm	Choir Practice	Fordingbridge
Sat 11th	All day	Hand bell Ringers event	Church hall

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Sunday 12th	8.00 am	Holy Communion	Fordingbridge
	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist	Fordingbridge
	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Hale
	10.45 am	C of E Morning Service	Sandleheath
	11.00 am	Morning Service	Breamore
	11.00 am	Morning Service	Godshill

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