

SUNDAY 9th August

10th Sunday after Trinity

TODAY

9am Communion (trad. lang), Dinnington
10.30am Communion, Merriott
10.30am BCP Communion, Haselbury

NEXT SUNDAY

9am Communion (trad. lang), Hinton
9am BCP Communion, N Perrott
10.30am Morning Prayer, Merriott
10.30am Communion, Lopen
10.30am Family Service, Haselbury
12.30pm Baptism, Merriott

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 11th August

10am Hinton Bellringing practice
10am to 11.30am Merriott Coffee Stop, Merriott church
7.30pm Merriott Bellringing practice

Wednesday 12th August

12noon Lectio Divina in Haselbury, contact Fr Gerry Reilly for further details. 01460 76246
5pm Safeguarding Officers meeting at The Rectory
September Church Link deadline. Please send your news, stories and photos to: merriottbenefice@gmail.com

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We do the works, but God works in us the doing of the works.
St Augustine of Hippo

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 17th August

5pm Wardens and Treasurers meeting

Tuesday 18th August

11am 'The Summer Garden' floral demo at North Perrott - see poster for details

Friday 21st August

7.30pm 'The Cooltones' concert in St George's Hall, Hinton - see August Link for ticket details

Saturday 22nd August

10am to 1pm Lopen Church work party - see August Link for details

Sunday 30th August

10.30am Benefice Communion to celebrate generosity, Haselbury Plucknett
5pm Beer & Hymns at Dinnington Docks - see August Link for details

Saturday 5th September

7pm 'The Importance of Being Earnest' play at Hinton church - see August Link for details

Collect for 10th Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
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.
Amen.

Please pray

For real progress towards peace in...well, a long list of places...

Get in touch

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FIRST READING

Psalm 85.

A reading from the book of Psalms.

Lord, you were favourable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation towards us. Will you be angry with us for ever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations? Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14. 22-33.

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

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'