

SUNDAY 20th September

16th Sunday after Trinity

TODAY

9am	Communion (trad. lang), Hinton
10.30am	Morning Prayer, Merriott
10.30am	Communion, Lopen
10.30am	Family Service, Haselbury
12.30pm	Baptism, Hinton
3pm	Pet Service, North Perrott - <i>please car share</i>

NEXT SUNDAY

9am	Communion (trad. lang), Merriott
10.30am	Communion, Hinton
10.30am	CW Communion, Haselbury
12.30pm	Baptism, Merriott

THIS WEEK

Monday 21st September

3.45pm to 5pm Monday Home Group at 12 Higher Beadon, Merriott

Tuesday 22nd September

10am Hinton Bellringing practice
10am to 11.30am Merriott Coffee Stop, Merriott church
7.30pm Merriott Bellringing practice
7.30pm Lopen PCC meeting, Sunday School Room

Wednesday 23rd September

12noon Lectio Divina in Haselbury, contact Fr Gerry Reilly for further details. 01460 76246
4pm N. Perrott PCC meeting at Kame House, Back Street, N. Perrott
7pm 16 Bells Choir practice in Merriott church

Thursday 24th September

9am to 11am Merriott Minnows in the Tithe Barn

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 28th September

7pm Merriott PCC meeting, Tithe Barn

Thursday 1st October

5pm Haselbury Plucknett PCC meeting, Beaumont Room, church

Sunday 4th October

11.30am Harvest Thanksgiving with Communion, Haselbury Plucknett church

Tuesday 6th October

7pm Hinton and Dinnington PCC meeting, venue tbc

Wednesday 7th October

5pm Community Prayer, Merriott church

Sunday 11th October

11.30am Merriott, Hinton and Dinnington Harvest Festival, ARK at Egwood

Collect for 16th Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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 a good response to Fairtrade Fortnight (21st Sept-4th Oct)

Get in touch

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FIRST READING

Philippians 1. 21-end.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 20. 1-16.

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

Jesus said, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'