

SUNDAY 27th September

17th Sunday after Trinity

TODAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY - St Francis

9am Communion (trad. lang), Lopen
9am Communion, N Perrott
10.30am Morning Prayer, Hinton
10.30am Harvest Festival with Communion,
Haselbury - *followed by lunch*

NB Praise Service moved to 25th October

THIS WEEK

Monday 28th September

3.45pm to 5pm Monday Home Group at 12 Higher
Beadon, Merriott
7pm Merriott PCC meeting, church

Tuesday 29th September

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

Wednesday 30th September

12noon Lectio Divina in Haselbury, contact
Fr Gerry Reilly for further details. 01460 76246

Thursday 1st October

9am to 11am Merriott Minnows in the Tithe Barn
5pm Haselbury Plucknett PCC meeting, Beaumont
Room, church
7pm Thursday Home Group at 1 Tail Mill, Merriott

LOOKING AHEAD

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 - *cash and produce for Lord's Larder and
Pilsdon. Dress up warmly! Followed by baked potato lunch*

Monday 12th October

November Church Link deadline. Please send your news
and photos to: merriottbenefice@gmail.com

Saturday 17th October

10am to 12pm Lopen Harvest Coffee Morning in the
Sunday School Room - *see poster and October Link for
details*

Sunday 18th October

10.30am Harvest Festival, Lopen church - *Produce for
Lord's Larder and Pilsdon. Cash collection for 'Blood Bikes'*

Collect for 17th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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 our local farmers and producers.

Get in touch

Revs Julia and Bob Hicks, The Rectory, Church Street,
Merriott TA16 5PS. 01460 76406

FIRST READING

Philippians 2. 1-13.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21. 23-32.

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'