

SUNDAY 30th August

13th Sunday after Trinity

TODAY

- 10.30am** Benefice Communion to celebrate generosity, Haselbury - All welcome!
5pm Beer and Hymns, Dinnington Docks

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9am** Communion (trad. lang), Lopen
9am Communion, N Perrott
10.30am Morning Prayer, Hinton
10.30am Communion, Haselbury
6.30pm Praise Service, Tithe Barn, Merriott (supper at 5.30pm)

THIS WEEK

Monday 31st August

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 1st September

- 10am** Hinton Bellringing practice
10am to 11.30am Merriott Coffee Stop, Merriott church
12.30pm Funeral for Betty White (prev. of N. Perrott), Yeovil Crematorium
7.30pm Merriott Bellringing practice

Wednesday 2nd September

- 12noon** Lectio Divina in Haselbury, contact Fr Gerry Reilly for further details. 01460 76246
2pm Funeral for Catherine Luke, Hinton St George
5pm Community Prayer, Merriott

LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday 9th September

7pm 16 Bells Choir practice, Merriott church - *for details on joining the Choir see page 8 of the August Link and posters*

Saturday 12th September

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

Sunday 20th September

3pm Pet Service at North Perrott church

Tuesday 22nd September

7.30pm Lopen PCC meeting in the Sunday School Room

Wednesday 24th September

4pm N. Perrott PCC meeting at Kame House, Back Street, N. Perrott

Sunday 4th October

11.30am Harvest Thanksgiving with Communion, Haselbury Plucknett church

Collect for 13th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please pray

For the children and staff returning to school this week.

Get in touch

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FIRST READING

2 Corinthians 9. 6-15.

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 6. 2-4, 19-21, 24.

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

Jesus said, 'So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

'No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.