

## SUNDAY 4th October

### Feast of St Francis

#### TODAY - 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

#### NEXT SUNDAY

**10.30am** BCP Communion, Haselbury  
**11.30am** Harvest Festival for Merriott, Hinton and  
Dinnington, ARK at Egwood - *cash and  
produce for Lord's Larder and Pilsdon.  
Dress up warmly! Followed by baked  
potato lunch*

#### THIS WEEK

##### Monday 5th October

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

##### Tuesday 6th October

**10am** Hinton Bellringing practice  
**10am to 11.30am** Merriott Coffee Stop, Merriott  
church  
**7.30pm** Merriott Bellringing practice  
**7pm** Hinton and Dinnington PCC meeting, venue  
tbc

##### Wednesday 7th October

**12noon** Lectio Divina in Haselbury, contact  
Fr Gerry Reilly for further details. 01460 76246  
**5pm** Community Prayer, Merriott  
**7pm** 16 Bells Choir practice, Merriott church

##### Thursday 8th October

**9am to 11am** Merriott Minnows in the Tithe Barn  
**7pm** Thursday Home Group at 1 Tail Mill, Merriott

#### LOOKING AHEAD

##### 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'*

##### Tuesday 20th October

**4pm** Safeguarding team meeting at The Rectory

##### Saturday 24th October

**9am to 1pm** Merriott church work party - *see October Link for  
details*

##### Sunday 25th October

**10.30am** Harvest Festival, North Perrott - *cash collection for  
Farming Community Network (FCN)*

#### Collect for St Francis

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord,  
grant your people grace  
to renounce gladly the vanities of this world;  
that, following the way of blessed Francis,  
we may for love of you  
delight in your whole creation  
with perfectness of joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and 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

### **Psalm 148. 7-14.**

*A reading from the book of Psalms.*

Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

*This is the Word of the Lord.*

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 11. 25-30.**

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

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'