PEW NEWS

The Benefice of Merriott, Hinton St George with Dinnington and Lopen working with Haselbury Plucknett and North Perrott

SUNDAY 25th October

Last Sunday after Trinity

TODAY

9am Communion (trad. lang), Merriott
10.30am Communion, Hinton
10.30am CW Communion, Haselbury
10.30am Harvest Festival, North Perrott - *cash collection for Farming Community Network (FCN)*
6.30pm Praise Service, Tithe Barn, Merriott (supper at 5.30pm)

NEXT SUNDAY

9am Communion (trad. lang), Lopen
10.30am Morning Prayer, Hinton
10.30am Communion, Haselbury
4pm All Souls Service for the Bereaved, Merriott - *All welcome*

THIS WEEK

Monday 26th October
2pm to 3.15pm Monday Home Group at 12 Higher Beadon, Merriott

Tuesday 27th October
10am Hinton Bellringing practice
10am to 11.30am Merriott Coffee Stop, Merriott church
7.30pm Merriott Bellringing practice

Wednesday 28th October
12noon Lectio Divina in Haselbury, contact Fr Gerry Reilly for further details. 01460 76246

Saturday 31st October
1pm Wedding, Merriott church

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday 2nd November
10am Hinton and Dinnington Fabric committee meeting at Frog Farmhouse, Dinnington

Tuesday 3rd November
7.30pm Lopen PCC, Lopen Sunday School Room

Wednesday 4th November
5pm Benefice Community Prayer, Merriott church

Sunday 8th November - *Remembrance Sunday*
9am Communion with Act of Remembrance, Dinnington
9am Remembrance Service, Lopen
10am Remembrance Service, North Perrott
10.50am Remembrance Service, Merriott
10.50am Remembrance Service, Hinton
10.55am Remembrance Service, Haselbury
6pm Ad Hoc Remembrance Concert, Hinton

Thursday 12th November
December Church Link deadline. Please send your copy and photos to: merriottbenefice@gmail.com

Collect for The Last Sunday after Trinity

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please pray

For the Farming Community Network (FCN)

Get in touch
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FIRST READING

1 Thessalonians 2. 1-8.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22. 34-end.

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, '"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.