

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

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Harvest Readings 2026

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26. 1-10.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 12. 22-30.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.