

SUNDAY 11th October

19th Sunday after Trinity

TODAY

- 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*

NEXT SUNDAY

- 9am** Communion (trad. lang), Hinton
10.30am Morning Prayer, Merriott
10.30am Harvest Festival, Lopen—*Produce for Lord's Larder and Pilsdon. Cash collection for 'Blood Bikes'*
10.30am Family Service, Haselbury

THIS WEEK

Monday 12th October

- 9.15am to 12.30pm** Hinton church work party
3.45pm to 5pm Monday Home Group at 12 Higher Beadon, Merriott
November Church Link deadline. Please send your news and photos to: merriottbenefice@gmail.com

Tuesday 13th October

- 10am** Hinton Bellringing practice
10am to 11.30am Merriott Coffee Stop, Merriott church
7pm Finding the Way meeting, venue tbc
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Wednesday 14th October

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

Thursday 15th October

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

Saturday 17th October

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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)*

Sunday 1st November

- 4pm** All Souls Service for the Bereaved, Merriott church

Collect for 19th Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without you
we are not able to please you;
mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts;
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

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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.