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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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.