

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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FIRST READING

Philippians 4. 1-9.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22. 1-14.

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'