PEW NEWS

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

SUNDAY 15th November

Safeguarding Sunday

TODAY *Safeguarding Sunday*

9am	Communion (trad. lang), Hinton
9am	BCP Communion, N Perrott
10.30am	Morning Prayer, Merriott
10.30am	Communion, Lopen
10.30am	Family Service, Haselbury
2.30pm	Organ Concert by Jonathan Delbridge, North Perrott church - *see poster for details*

NEXT SUNDAY *Christ the King*

9am	Communion (trad. lang), Merriott
10.30am	Communion, Hinton
10.30am	CW Communion, Haselbury

THIS WEEK

Monday 16th November
10.30am Coffee and Cake, Hoskyns Hall, North Perrott
2pm Thanksgiving Service for Mike Hodgson, Haselbury church
2pm to 3.15pm Monday Home Group at 12 Higher Beadon, Merriott

Tuesday 17th November
10am Hinton Bellringing practice
10am to 11.30am Merriott Coffee Stop, Merriott church
2pm Funeral for Stella O'Mahoney, Merriott church
7pm Hinton and Dinnington PCC meeting, 6 Brettingham Court, Hinton St George
7.30pm Merriott Bellringing practice

Wednesday 18th November
10.30am to 12pm Lopen Coffee Stop in the Sunday School Room
12noon Lectio Divina in Haselbury, contact Fr Gerry Reilly for further details. 01460 76246

Thursday 19th November
9am to 11am Merriott Minnows, Tithe Barn
7.30pm Thursday Home Group at Gappers Pool, 9-11 Church Street, Merriott

Saturday 21st November
7.30pm Pauline Rook talk in the Lopen Sunday School Room

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 28th November
7.30pm 'Maggot's Diversions' Folk concert, Merriott church - *see poster for details*

Sunday 29th November - *Advent Sunday*
10.30am Benefice Communion for Advent with 16 Bells Choir, Merriott
6pm Advent Evening Service with Ad Hoc Choir, Dinnington *(please share lifts if possible)*

Wednesday 2nd December
5pm Benefice Community Prayer, Merriott church

Monday 7th December
6pm Benefice Christingle Service, Merriott church (arrive at **5.45pm** to make your Christingles)

Prayer for Safeguarding Sunday

Dear God,
Help us to be a church that:
Loves, welcomes, protects.
Listens, learns, serves.
Repents, restores, transforms.
Values, cares, believes.
God of Justice and compassion, hear our prayer.
Help us, heal us, guide us, we pray.
In Jesus name.
Amen.

Please pray

For our Safeguarding Officers and our Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

Get in touch
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FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 13. 1-10, 13.

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

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

This is the Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 10. 25-37.

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

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'