

10th July 2022 - Trinity 4 (Sea Sunday)

Sometimes it can be difficult to receive well known passages from the Bible in a fresh way because we have heard them before, or the words become so familiar that they wash over us. Not once but hundred's of times. The start of this passage is one such. We say the summary of Law, Sunday by Sunday. Yet do we know where it comes from in the New Testament. Could name the gospel, chapter and verses. Then Jesus tells us the Story of the good Samaritan to emphasise who is our neighbour. Many times have we heard it, but does its meaning still stun us, move us to compassion and action.

The story has become a hallmark for the response to suffering, and in a truly Christian way. The Samaritan acts in without guile; he has no need to justify himself, as the lawyer does. The Samaritan is moved by pure compassion and love, He does not weigh up the disadvantage to himself in acting compassionately, as do the priest and the Levite. His response is direct and human. It cannot be faked. There is much more in the story than a paradigm of Christian love. The mercy shown by the Samaritan reflects the boundless love of God. The fact that he is not an orthodox Jew drives this point home. God's love and compassion is not limited to the "right" creed or colour or practise. NO, God's love is manifest whenever compassion for suffering needs relief and love. We can hear the story, feel sorry, but do we answer the challenge and do something about it. Who is my neighbour how can I help?

When I needed a neighbour were you there?

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We welcome all, especially visitors and those attending for the first time. If you need gluten free wafers at Communion, please speak to someone at the door before the service.

Please take this newsletter home with you for the week ahead. God Bless

Readings for this Week:

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COLLECT:

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

AMEN.

PSALM 82

1. God has taken his stand in the council of heaven;
in the midst of the gods he gives judgement:
2. 'How long will you judge unjustly
and show such favour to the wicked?
3. 'You were to judge the weak and the orphan;
defend the right of the humble and needy;
4. 'Rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.
5. 'They have no knowledge or wisdom; they walk on still in darkness:
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
6. 'Therefore I say that though you are gods
and all of you children of the Most High,
7. 'Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals
and fall like one of their princes.'
8. Arise, O God and judge the earth,
for it is you that shall take all nations for your possession.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

Colossians 1:1-14

Paul commends the Christians of Colossae for their faith, and prays that it will be deepened.

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

At the end, the Reader says:

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel Reader

When the Gospel is announced, the Reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John*.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(Glory be to thee, O Lord.)

Jesus tells the parable which demonstrates that being a neighbour means meeting needs.

²⁵ A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ ²⁶ He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ ²⁷ 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.’ ²⁸ And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’ ²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ ³⁰ 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. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ 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. ³⁵ 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.” ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ ³⁷ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

At the end, the Reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.)

(c) New Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

Lifts to Church and Church Event - Some people have arrangements in place that work well, but not everyone knows whom to ring if they need a lift to church or a church event. If you might be able to help with a lift now and then, please inform the person in your church (see below), who will collect names and phone numbers. They will send the Lift List for their church to the Rev Kate Wilson (kate.wilson501@gmail.com), who has kindly offered to be the “Lift Hub” for the Parish. A poster will soon be put in each church with Kate’s number to ring if a lift is needed. **Breamore:** Mary Melbourne; **Hyde:** Julie Francis; **Sandleheath:** Sue Ledger; **Hale & Woodgreen:** Lynda Warne; **Fordingbridge:** Nigel Spratt

Avon Valley Community Matters has been part of The Co-operative Society Local Good Cause since October 2021. Many of you signed up to become members and chose us as your preferred local cause. We are really pleased to say that we have just received the first of two donations from this, for £538. We expect another in October this year, thanks to those who have supported us. It’s not too late to become a member and name us as your chosen local good cause. If you shop at the co-op you and your family or friends can automatically donate 1p for each £ you spend on Co-op own goods. Our donation will be used to buy special needs and disability equipment for playgroup, Superstars. We are about to put in a bid for next year to fund activities for our Friendship Group that supports those who are newly bereaved or living alone. To nominate us you would need to sign on to your membership link and select Avon Valley Youth & Community Trust as your local charity. Your friends and family can also select us as their local cause no matter where they live or shop, so do please see if they are interested. If, like for me, the website proves tricky, you can also ring 0800 068 6727. Please do support us if you are able to, it makes a huge difference to what we are able to offer. Thanks Kate

Foodbank volunteers needed : The Fordingbridge Distribution Centre of the Ringwood Foodbank is looking to recruit new volunteers. The Foodbank operates from the United Reformed Church in Fordingbridge on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Typically, volunteers work two or three sessions per month from 12.00 noon to 2.30pm. For further information email fordingbridgedc@ringwood.foodbank.org.uk or telephone the Ringwood Foodbank office on 01425 600134

Clarinet and Piano Recital at St Mary’s, Fordingbridge. Tuesday 12th July at 7pm. Emily Wilson and Adam Taylor, The Orion Duo, are holding a recital prior to their performance at festivals in the west country. Emily, whose parents live locally, played at Gary’s licensing service! A super evening of Brahms, Clara and Robert Schumann, Poulenc and Debussy awaits. Tickets in advance available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/emilywilsonclarinet or Cash on the door (£15 (full), £10 (over 60s/concession) and £5 (student/under 18). All profits from the sales of

refreshments will go to St Mary's. Please support St Mary's, thank you.

Music & Arts Festival: the weekend was a brilliant success bringing a wealth of talent into St Mary's Fordingbridge for everyone to enjoy. We are so grateful to everyone who performed or provided displays and for our wonderful, supportive sponsors. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event happen, both behind the scenes and over the days. Thank you to those we were able to welcome, who supported the various super performances and for your generous donations. We have been blessed with a profit of £2400+ once all expenses and donations have been taken into account. Thank you.

Festival Refreshments - Many thanks to all those people who stepped up to the mark, many at short notice, to provide delicious cakes and help in the Hall. It was very much appreciated by all. Thanks from Jean, Jane and Viv

Bishop's Commission for Mission: Taster Evening - 20th July 7pm – 8pm on Zoom. You are warmly invited to join us for a BCM Taster Evening. The session will be sharing information about the three programmes on offer this coming autumn term. These are BCM Creation Care, BCM Children & Youth Ministry and BCM Pastoral. If you feel the call of God to step out into a new ministry or would like to build confidence and skills in your existing ministry in any of the above areas, then a BCM programme might be for you. This meeting will take place on Zoom and last for one hour. There will be plenty of time to ask any questions you may have. To receive the Zoom link or for a flyer with the dates and more information, please contact our BCM Administrator wendy.atkinson@winchester.anglican.org

THE PARISH MISSION MATTERS GROUP will be meeting at 7pm on Monday 11 July at St Giles Hermitage, Godshill. If you are interested in 'Mission', please come along. There is no kitchen or toilet yet, so the meeting won't be a long one! Do phone me if you want to know more. Pat B 01425 837735

BREAMORE CHURCH – This Sunday, 10th July we will be holding our Annual Church Celebration Meeting in the Church following our 10am Service of Holy Communion, with 'drinks and nibbles' to sustain us! All are welcome to come along for this important occasion. *Andy and Mary - Churchwardens*

MICHAELMAS: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th July. We meet in Fordingbridge car park, behind The Crown, at 6.30pm and will share cars to the Alice Lisle. An easy walk around Blashford Lakes will be followed by drinks and/or a meal in the pub. If you did not sign up for this evening at our last Michaelmas meeting, please let me know if you would like to join us. I shall also need to know who would like a meal so that I can book a table. Thank you. Gillian Benfield 01725 518429.

Free to a good home - 83 **small jam jars** with lids. The type you get with a cream tea. Ideal for beads/sequins etc. Please contact Lynda Warne on 07799542707

OPEN DOORS Magazines and Prayer Diaries July/Aug are here! Please take one if you have not done so already!

T.O.F.S.S. (Too Old For Sunday School) next meeting: at 15 Provost Street, at 10.30am on Thursday 21 July. Tea/Coffee and biscuits. We plan to start Series 2 of "The Chosen". Interested in coming? Pat Bloomfield 837735.

The much anticipated "**ONE VOICE**" Summer Concert with Will Shering is on **Monday 18th July** at the URC in Salisbury St. It starts at 7.30pm, tickets £8 available before the night and on the door. All proceeds in aid of the DEC.

Ukrainian Appeal - we've even learnt a special Ukrainian Lullaby for you!

Give me a ring if you would like to buy tickets early. Viv 01725 512267

Avon Valley Wardens' News

Last week, the Churchwardens met with Canon Charles Stewart, the assistant Area Dean for Christchurch Deanery, to formally begin the process of finding a new Rector for the Avon Valley Churches. Usually, the Area Dean would undertake this task but as the current Area Dean is Gary, (who for obvious reasons can play no part in the selection of his successor), the assistant Area Dean has taken his place.

We had a delightful meeting with Canon Charles over tea, when he was so interested to learn all about our different Local Church areas. He particularly asked about the worshipping habits of each Church, and was amazed to hear about the difference in services we currently enjoy. He considered that being so diverse in our worshipping patterns was a great strength that would assist in capturing the interest of potential candidates for the post.

The next task for the Churchwardens is to compile the Parish Profile, which will contain information about each Church comprising the Avon Valley Parish, and will be sent to any prospective candidates. This will also specify the attributes that we are seeking in a new Incumbent, so if you have any ideas or suggestions, please pass these on to any Churchwarden for consideration as the Parish Profile is prepared.

Please continue to hold the process in your prayers as we search for our next Rector.

Mary Melbourne

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This Week - Trinity 4 - 10th July, 2022

Online/live streamed services available via Facebook or Website
at 'Avon Valley Churches'

Sunday July 10th	8.15 am	Hyde	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Breamore	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Fordingbridge	Sung Communion (service to be filmed and shared at 3pm)
	10.00 am	Woodgreen	Morning Service
	10.45 am	Sandleheath	Morning Service
	11.45 am	Fordingbridge	Baptism
	4.00 pm	Hyde	4.00 Service
	6.00 pm	Fordingbridge	Evensong
	9.00am	On-line (Zoom)	Morning prayer (<i>Meeting ID: 846 5168 7529, Password: 764200</i>)
	10.00am	On-line	Thought for the day
Monday-Friday Wednesday 13th	9.00am	On-line	Morning prayer (<i>details as Monday</i>)
	10.00am	Frogham Chapel	Prayer get-together
	9.00am	On-line (zoom)	Morning prayer (<i>details as Monday</i>)
Sat 16th	10.00am	On-line	Saturday Conversation
Sunday July 17th	8.15 am	Fordingbridge	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Breamore	Mattins (streamed)
	10.00 am	Fordingbridge	Morning Service
	10.00 am	Hale	Morning Service
	10.00am	Hyde	Morning Service and Baptism
	10.45 am	Sandleheath	Morning Service
	6.00 pm	Fordingbridge	The Six O'clock Service