

2nd October 2022 - Trinity 16

We can see the signs in nature that we are definitely moving into the season of autumn, although September was the most glorious month with sunny blue skies and warmth. However, we see that the crops have now been gathered in from the fields, and change is all around as a new season is definitely beginning.

In our churches within the AVC, we are remembering Harvest, which is a celebration of the food grown on the land and fished from the sea. We celebrate Harvest by singing, praying and decorating our churches with baskets of fruit and food, to remind us of all the good things God gives.

For whatever reason, we are certainly blessed with more than our share of the world's wealth, and we do not always seem grateful for what God has provided, and import food from all over the world so that we can have variety in our lives. We seem to have a long list of things that we need, but a short list of things for which we are grateful, and we still find it very difficult to thank God for all the great gifts of creation

In the world there are many who are hungry, and many who are in exile. There are many who are so caught up in despair that they can think of no justifiable reason to give thanks. As Christians, we also need to be aware of them, and to address their physical needs as generously and bountifully as Jesus did when he fed the five thousand. We also need to celebrate the God who gives us much to be thankful for, even in the midst of a broken world.

*'All good gifts around us, are sent from heaven above
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all His love'*

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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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Trinity 16

COLLECT:

Lord of creation,
your glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

PSALM 137:1-6

1. By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept,
when we remembered Zion.
2. As for our lyres, we hung them up
on the willows that grow in that land.
3. For there our captors asked for a song, our tormentors called for mirth:
'Sing us one of the songs of Zion.'
4. How shall we sing the Lord's song
in a strange land?
5. If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand forget its skill.
6. Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you,
if I set not Jerusalem above my highest joy.

A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to Timothy

II Timothy 1:1-14

Timothy is encouraged by Paul to stir up the gift of the Spirit he has been given.

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I am grateful to God - whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did - when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

c) New Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible

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 *Luke*.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(Glory be to thee, O Lord.)

Luke 17:5-10

Christians are encouraged to be faithful in serving God.

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' ⁶ The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you. ⁷ Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

At the end, the Reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(At the end, the Reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

AVON VALLEY CHURCHES INVITES YOU TO...



THE SIX O'CLOCK

A FRIENDLY WAY TO MEET PEOPLE AND LEARN ABOUT FAITH.
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!



Join our **6pm service** on **Sunday 2 October 2022**
followed by an optional, free, informal meal
at the **Church of the Holy Ascension in Hyde.**

This month's theme is **Faith**:
Is faith the same as belief? How do we live a life of faith?
Come and find out!



Email office@avonvalleychurches.org.uk if you would like to know more.

With sadness, we announce that from Monday 3 October **Jo Criscenti's** training for ordination will be based in Highcliffe Parish rather than in the Avon Valley Parish. This decision has been made between Jo and those responsible for her training, with the main reason being the lack of a Training Incumbent here. Jo has contributed a vast amount during her time with us, and we are deeply grateful for her enthusiastic ministry, particularly in the area of children and families. There will be an opportunity to speak with Jo and hear her preach at the Six O'Clock service on Sunday 2 October at Hyde.

St. Mary's Church Breamore – On **Sunday 2nd October**, we will be celebrating our Harvest Festival at our Morning Service at 10am. You are very welcome to join us in our celebrations and then for a Harvest lunch at the Hulse Hall at 12noon. To assist with catering, names for lunch please to: mary.awdford@btopenworld.com or 01425 655235

All are welcome to our Pet Service at St Mary's Church, Hale on **Sunday 2nd October** at 10am, we would love to welcome you and your pets, whether they require feeding & watering or whether they are of the 'fluffy' kind, teddy bears, Paddington bears, etc.

Donations of pet food welcomed for our Foodbank collection please!

SP6 Friendship Group - Our monthly friendship group will be held on **Tuesday 4th October** from 10.00am – 12.00md at the Ship Inn, Fordingbridge High Street. This group is for anyone who is bereaved or lonely and would like a cuppa and a friendly chat. We also organize outings, theatre trips and garden visits. If anyone would like to join us do come. If you need transport, please call Kate Wilson on 01425 540669

The next Wednesday morning Communion, followed by coffee and a chat, will take place at St. Mary's, Fordingbridge on **Wednesday 5th October** at 10am. Gillian Benfield

Bring your little people to join us for our Messy Church Den Building Day from 2.30-5pm on **Tuesday 25 October** this Half Term at Avon Heath Country Park. Supported by Avon Valley Community Matters, activities are free (although parking fee is not included) and also includes a free BBQ! Please email irenecanton@hotmail.co.uk for transport (if without) and to secure your place/s. Ticket required for admittance.

Fordingbridge Foodbank

Fordingbridge Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust and operates from Fordingbridge United Reformed Church, 41 Salisbury Street, Fordingbridge, SP6

LAB. Please do not visit the Foodbank - please make referrals as described below. Hours of business are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 12.30pm to 2.30pm. Emergency Food is available via a voucher system. E-referral Vouchers can be issued locally from Fordingbridge Information Office (tel: 01425 654560), from The Branch (tel. 07909 711886), and from GP surgeries, local schools, churches, and the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

ITEMS FOR PARTNERS need to be sent to the Church Office (e-mail address below) by 5.00p.m. on **Wednesdays**. Please put 'Partners' in the e-mail subject line. Thank you, Zoe.

Churchwardens' News

Our Churchwarden's meetings have been a little disrupted recently, by holidays in the team and of course, the sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Within the parish, different Services, some attended by many and some by few, offered a time of prayer and reflection, commemoration and hope. We commemorated her amazing long life of service underpinned as she, so frequently, said by her Christian faith. As you will be aware each Church within the parish offered pages for messages of remembrance, thoughts and thanksgiving to be written, aside a portrait of Her Majesty.

It has been a strange time for us all.....

Our next meeting will be on Friday, the day of circulation of Partners. We will gather and move forward with the important business of recruiting a new incumbent for the parish. Our profile is making good progress and we now need to add in the distinctive and diverse elements for each local church area. As Churchwardens we are reminded and grateful for all your prayers at this time.

For us in Hale & Woodgreen, we now have three quotations for the repairs to Hale roof and are currently in conversation with the Diocesan Advisory Committee as to how we might achieve the appropriate repairs as soon as possible!

Ruth Crosland

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Contact via Email : Office@AvonValleyChurches.org.uk or call 01425 653163 between 10.30 am and 12.00 or leave a message Website : www.AvonValleyChurches.org.uk

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**Online services available via Facebook or Website
at 'Avon Valley Churches'**

Sunday	8.15am	Fordingbridge	Holy Communion (BCP)
2nd Oct	10.00am	Breamore	Harvest Service followed by lunch in Hulse Hall
	10.00am	Fordingbridge	Harvest Allsorts
	10.00am	Hale	Pet Service (no communion)(filmed)
	10.00am	Hyde	Holy Communion
	10.45am	Sandleheath	Morning Service
	6.00pm	Hyde	The Six O'Clock Service
Monday 3 rd , Wednesday, Friday	9.00am	On-line (zoom)	Morning prayer (<i>Meeting ID: 846 5168 7529, Password: 764200</i>)
Monday -Friday	10.00am	On-line	Thought for the day
Wednesday 5 th	10.00am	Fordingbridge	Holy Communion (BCP)
Sat 8 th	10.00am	On-line	Saturday Conversation
Sunday	8.15am	Hyde	Holy Communion (BCP)
9th Oct	10.00am	Breamore	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Fordingbridge	Sung Communion
	10.00am	Woodgreen	Morning Service
	10.45am	Sandleheath	Morning Service
	4.00pm	Hyde	Harvest at Hyde
	6.00pm	Fordingbridge	Evensong (BCP)