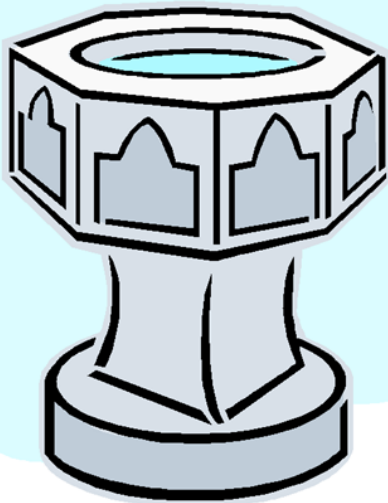


PARTNERS

weekly newsletter

22nd October 2023 - Trinity 20

As an LLM my role is restricted to doing those things I am licenced to do, which is plenty, but it does mean that I am seldom involved in baptisms and marriages. This week, however, I am taking part in the baptism of Wilfred and Ophelia who are being welcomed into Christ's family on Sunday. Oddly enough I had to find the date of my own baptism last week which we found in the "baby book" my mother completed. It turns out I was baptised in Lincolnshire at the church my parents were married at and not in Brighton as I had assumed!



Of course we never know what journeys children will take and whether they will grow up with or at some later stage in their life accept faith as one of their life choices, but what we do at baptism opens that door for them. They know they are welcomed as part of God's family whenever they reach out in future. We also see a commitment from those who support them, both Godparents and the whole Church.

So although the baptism isn't within a service can I ask you all to pray for these children, their parents and their Godparents and complete your prayers with "we welcome you".

Now, I also need to find the date of my confirmation – I remember being there, and I was I think 12, but when exactly...!

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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:

22nd October 2023

Trinity 20

COLLECT:

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

PSALM 99:1-9

- 1 The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble;
he is enthroned upon the cherubim: let the earth shake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion
and high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them praise your name, which is great and awesome;
the Lord our God is holy.
- 4 Mighty king, who loves justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.
- 5 Exalt the Lord our God;
bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests and Samuel among those who call
upon his name,
they called upon the Lord and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.
- 8 You answered them, O Lord our God;
you were a God who forgave them and pardoned them for their offences.
- 9 Exalt the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill,
for the Lord our God is holy.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

The Christians at Thessalonica are commended for the way they have witnessed to Christ in spite of persecution.

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

At the end, the Reader says:

This is 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 *Matthew*

Glory to you, O Lord.

(Glory be to thee, O Lord.)

Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees try to trap Jesus, but he is too clever for them.

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of

God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' ²¹They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

c) *New Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible*

At the end, the Reader says:
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

(At the end, the Reader says:
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POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God our Father,
your Son, the light unfailing,
has come from heaven to deliver the world
from the darkness of ignorance:
let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding
that we may know the way of life,
and walk in it without stumbling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

JV Concert 7th October - St Mary's, Fordingbridge - With grateful thanks for the efforts of the ticket sellers, furniture movers, cake providers and catering team, I am pleased to report that we almost filled the church, Jonathan definitely filled the rafters, and the thoroughly enjoyable evening raised £500 for church funds. Melvyn Benyon

St Mary's Jigsaw Fest: Thank you to everyone who supported the event on 14th and 15th October in so many ways. It was a great social occasion as well as raising over £1400 for church funds! Particular thanks to those who helped over the week-end and to the team who helped prepare, set up and cleared away. Thank you all again. Judith, Viv and Jean. PS. The remaining puzzles are being saved for St Matthew's Otterbourne, who plan to hold their first Jigsaw festival next spring, so they will have some puzzles and boards to get them going this winter. We wish them well!

Please note that the Church Office will be shut from **Monday 23rd October until Friday 27th October.**

Volunteers Needed! After the success of the Summer Picnics, Community Matters are running another "Picnic Together" in October half term. We will be providing free craft activities and a warm lunch on **Thursday 26th October from 11am - 1pm** at **St Mary's Church Hall**, Fordingbridge. If you can spare some time on the day we are looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen and with facilitating various craft activities (You don't need to be able to make the crafts yourself!). Please contact Claire Godson on familybefriender@yahoo.com for more information.

Get Involved - Community Matters are also working in partnership with Fordingbridge Events Group, Culture in Common and Fordingbridge Town Council to run a Lantern Parade at the Christmas Lights Switch on, on Friday 1st December. We are looking for groups & organisations to take part in the Parade, so please spread the word. There will be a Leaders Lantern making workshop as well as Family Workshops over the next couple of months for those interested. To register please contact Claire Godson at familybefriender@yahoo.com. If you would also like to volunteer at an upcoming Lantern making workshop or marshalling on the night please get in touch and let us know!

The **AVCM team** has been busy as ever in our lovely little jam-packed charity shop and with all the community outreach projects this helps to fund. Recently restocked for autumn, as well as selling preloved clothes and many other treasures, our primary role is to welcome and offer support to those in need in our community - several come to see us daily, in need of company, a friendly face, an ear or two to listen and a hug. Some come in weekly, and would otherwise not see or speak with another soul. This form of outreach is a daily pleasure for our staff and dedicated team of volunteers and we are all proud of the profit of warmth, love and kindness which bursts between the rails and shelves within our small walls. After the resounding success our summer Picnics Together programme, our **Families Together team** have been busy organising holiday activities for half-term, from **11am-1pm on Thursday 26th October at St Mary's Church Hall** - please email our familybefriender@yahoo.com for more details. Our monthly Miscarriage Support Group is growing and members of our bi-monthly Friendship Group recently enjoyed a trip to see the Mary Rose in Portsmouth. To find out more and to get involved with this wonderful work, please visit www.avcmatters.org. Laura Cowdery

Bible Reading Notes for 2024: there will be an opportunity after the morning service at **Breamore on Sunday 29th October** to have a look at Bible reading notes produced by Scripture Union, Bible Reading Fellowship and others. Please do come and browse, or telephone us if you are interested but unable to be there. Sheilah Collis (01425 470343) and Gillian Benfield (01725 518429).

October Fellowship Walk : the next Fellowship Walk (our last this year) will be on **Sunday, 29 October, starting at 3.30pm**. Apologies for the late change of date. We will meet at **Breamore church**. Do join us if you can? Julian and Martin

Hyde Fair Trade - Please join us for our Autumn Event on **Saturday 4th November** at **Hyde Church Community Centre** from **11.00am to 2.00pm**. There will be Christmas Cards, Crafts and Groceries for sale. We will be serving soup for lunch and the usual teas and coffees. Please help us to support some of the poorest people in the world. All welcome.

ALL SOULS' DAY - SERVICES OF THANKSGIVING FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Each year the Church remembers those we love who have died. We hold four special services to remember and give thanks for those who have died, especially those who have died in the last few years. This year the services will be on **Sunday 5th November** at:

St Mary's Breamore at 10.00am

Holy Ascension Hyde at 3.00pm

St Boniface Woodgreen at 4.00pm

St Mary's Fordingbridge at 6.00pm

We would like to invite you to attend one of these services. Any members of your family, including children, are very welcome. Each service lasts about an hour. Forms are in the back of each church if you would like someone to be mentioned by name and there is a container at the door of each church for the slips to be returned alternatively you can e-mail or telephone the church office -please specify which service you would like the name of your loved one to be read out at, and whether you will be attending the service.

The **shoe box appeal** has begun. The family of Hale and Woodgreen churches are pleased to support St Paul's church, Salisbury again but under a different name of 'House of Opportunity.' Items can be left at the church office or dropped off at St Boniface church. The deadline is **Friday, 24th November** but we would like to receive items in plenty of time for delivery to them. Please see below for categories and gift ideas. Thank you for your support.

Items Soap / shampoo Toothpaste / toothbrush / Face cloth / sponge / Deodorant / Comb / brush / Razors / shaving gel

Pens / pencils Notepad / colouring book / Eraser / sharpener / ruler

Sweets / chocolate Make-up Sewing kit/ Candles Household tools Cleaning / baby wipes / Jewellery / hair accessories

Gloves / hat / scarf / Underwear / socks / Baby-grows

Cars / vehicles Dolls / teddies

Category Woman Girl 11 - 15 Girl 7 - 10 Girl 4 - 6 Girl 2 - 3 girl 0-3 Man Boy 11 - 15 Boy 7 - 10 Boy 4 - 6 Boy 2 - 3 boy 0 - 1

Fordingbridge Choral Society is performing a concert of magnificent music in **St Mary's Church, Fordingbridge** on **Saturday 25th November 2023 at 7.30pm**. This exciting programme includes Brahms' **Song of Destiny** (Schicksalslied) followed by Mendelssohn's **Hymn of Praise** (Lobgesang) accompanied by the Edwards Ensemble and talented soloists. Please come - we love a huge audience! Advance tickets include interval drink £15 from Fordingbridge Bookshop and online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/fordingbridgechoral

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

I have many varied roles as a Churchwarden. One of them is acting for the whole of the AVC as a Foundation Governor. We are still looking for another person to join me in this very rewarding role. A Foundation Governor reflects the values of our church and is at the heart of the curriculum at Breamore and Hyde schools.

A Foundation Governor role is very rewarding. You get to visit the schools as little, or as much as you wish. You can visit or join in assemblies. You can pop in and listen to children read. You can influence as well as support all the staff who work at these village schools. I have been in and supported class teachers making Cornish pasties with year 5 and 6 children.

There are 6 full Governor meetings a year, one every half term. There is plenty of on-line as well as face to face training to get you prepared for the role. You will need to be DBS checked, other than that, just a willingness to share your skills and become involved in school life.

I have been involved with the federated schools of Breamore, Hale and Hyde for almost two years now. It has been an interesting voluntary role which brings lots of rewards been great fun.

If you would like to know more about what the role involves then please send me a message. I can arrange a visit to any or all of the schools.

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Lynda Warne

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Trinity 20
22nd October

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

Sunday	8.15 am	Breamore	Holy Communion (BCP)
22nd Oct	10.00 am	Fordingbridge	Sung Eucharist
	10.00 am	Hyde	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Woodgreen	Holy Communion
	10.45 am	Sandleheath	Morning Service
	12.30 pm	Fordingbridge	Baptism
	6.00pm	Fordingbridge	Evensong
	Monday Wednesday Friday	10.00 am	Online
Wed 25 th	10.00 am	Frogham Chapel	Informal Communion
Fri 27 th	12.00noon	Breamore	The funeral of the late Robert Cobern
Sunday	8.15 am	Fordingbridge	Holy Communion (BCP)
29th Oct	10.00 am	Breamore	Sung Parish Matins
	10.45 am	Sandleheath	Morning Service
	12.00noon	Fordingbridge	Baptism
	2.30 pm	Hale	Baptism
	3.00 pm	Breamore	Baptism
	3.30 pm	Breamore	Fellowship Walk