

# PARTNERS

## weekly newsletter



9<sup>th</sup> June 2024 - Trinity 2

### Standing with Giants

As part of the commemorations for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the D Day landings there is an art installation at the British Normandy Memorial in Ver-sur-Mer. Entitled '**For Your Tomorrow**' it consists of 1475 giant silhouettes standing in wild meadows and representing the number of British servicemen who died on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944. Dan Barton is the community artist who wanted to show the enormity of the sacrifice made by soldiers who were otherwise ordinary human beings

This week another human being has been described as a giant. He was Rob Burrows - a man just 5' 5" tall and one of the greatest Rugby League players ever to play for Leeds and Great Britain. He died of Motor Neuron Disease at the age of 41 having received a CBE for his efforts in raising funds for research into MND. His concern was for the 'tomorrow' of future sufferers.

Such examples demonstrate the capacity for courage and sacrifice that ordinary people are capable of when they are inspired by a common cause. We call them giants not because of their physical stature, education, or privileged family background but because we recognize character which rises above adversity and finds courage and purpose in serving others.

This Sunday's gospel is a challenging one. Jesus asks the crowd, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' He answers his own question with the words 'whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.' Giants are ordinary people who act in line with God's purposes for all humankind and find courage, common purpose and inspiration praying 'Thy Kingdom come' and living for the 'tomorrow' of others.

St Mary's  
Fordingbridge  
SP6 1BB

St Mary's  
Breamore  
SP6 2DF

Holy Ascension  
Hyde  
SP6 2QJ

St Giles  
Godshill  
SP6 2JJ

St Boniface  
Woodgreen  
SP6 2AJ

St Mary's  
Hale  
SP6 2RF

Sandleheath  
Uniting Church  
SP6 1PT

Canon Nigel Coates

*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: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024

## Trinity 2

### COLLECT:

Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**AMEN.**

### PSALM 138

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods will I sing praise to you.
- 2 I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.
- 3 In the day that I called to you, you answered me;  
you put new strength in my soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5 They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.
- 6 Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly;  
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you will preserve me;  
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand will save me.
- 8 The Lord shall make good his purpose for me;  
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;  
forsake not the work of your hands.

## A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

*II Corinthians 4:13-5:1*

*Paul writes confidently about the life which awaits those who suffer on earth.*

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture – ‘I believed, and so I spoke’ – we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

*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 *Mark*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**(Glory be to thee, O Lord.)**

*Mark 3:20-35*

*Jesus, confronted by people who say that he is working by the power of evil, says that is unforgivable blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>20</sup>The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his companions could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, ‘He has gone out of his mind.’ <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, ‘He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.’ <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, ‘How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. <sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever

blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin' – <sup>30</sup>for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' <sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' <sup>33</sup>And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

*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:**

Loving Father,  
we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son:  
sustain us with your Spirit,  
that we may serve you here on earth  
until our joy is complete in heaven,  
and we share in the eternal banquet  
with Jesus Christ our Lord  
**AMEN**

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**LUKE out and about: Monday**, tour of Hale School in the morning, meeting Hazel Ricketts at lunchtime and Fordingbridge LCC in the evening, **Tuesday** Church office lunchtime and Breamore/Hyde LCC in the evening, **Wednesday**, Burial of Ashes in the morning and Hyde School tour early afternoon, **Thursday**, Briefing for training incumbents - Winchester in the morning, **Friday** Lunch at the Rectory to meet the new curates, and dinner in the evening with Bishop Philip and Ruth

**Ordination of Ruth Crosland as a Deacon-Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at Winchester Cathedral at 10am** - Ruth has booked a coach which will leave from the main Fordingbridge carpark by the garages at approx. 8am to arrive at Winchester just after 9am. Worshippers need to be seated before 9.30. It will return from Winchester at 4pm. The cost will be £20, to confirm your booking please give your £20 in cash to your Churchwarden on Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> or give to Ruth on June 9<sup>th</sup> who will be at St Boniface Church, Woodgreen until 1pm. It would be helpful to bring the money in an envelope marked with your name and telephone number please. After the Ordination Service Ruth has arranged refreshments at the Mercure Wessex Hotel, close to the Cathedral. (There may also be spaces on the coach, if anyone would like a trip to Winchester, please let Zoe in the Parish Office know if you are interested—this will also be £20 to cover the coach charge). Please pray for Ruth and all those being ordained as they start this very special part of their ministry.

Please note the **office's new address** is 16 The Glasshouse Studios, Fryern Court Road, Fordingbridge. SP6 1QX. The phone number and e-mail address will remain the same. Please also note that there is normally at least one friendly dog here so if you are looking to visit but are not a dog lover please let me know in advance so that they can be put on a lead / crated. Many thanks Zoe

**Graham Fry** - After many years dedicated service Graham has decided to "retire" from serving in Fordingbridge. He has led the team for many years and oversees a lot of planning and setting up, far more than we see. Graham's final service will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> June and it would be lovely to see as many people to help us thank him. We would also like to show our appreciation by way of a gift so if you would like to join into that please can you place something in an envelope with "Graham" on the front of it and either place it in the collection plate in St Mary's or in the wall safe by the North Door.

**Calling All Knitters!** - I will be running a community craft project at the Wimborne Folk Festival again this year. This is a charitable endeavour supported by Wimborne Folk Festival and provides craft activities for families with children of all ages. The activities are provided free of charge and has proved to be very popular over the past two years since I started it. This year we will be making pom-pom people (amongst a host of other things) and so I would be grateful if you or your family members could donate any knitting yarn of any colour or thickness to help continue the success of this event. I am happy to collect from you, or you could leave it in your church and I will collect it from there - just let me know. Many thanks Michèle Gosling 07801 652451

**A message from Sarah** : "I would just like to say a big Thankyou to all the lovely people that came to my Wednesday coffee mornings. It has been a pleasure to meet you all and start to get to know you. For those who didn't manage to make it I will be holding some more soon. Watch this space!!" Sarah x

**Open Day on Home Farm, Hale, SP6 2RE on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June**, with Summer Flowers- all welcome! From **10.30-4.30pm** come along and see the wonderful display of locally grown flowers by "White Park Flowers", tea and cake, all proceeds to be split between Hale School and Hale Church Roof Fund.

**EVENSONG June 9<sup>th</sup>** - Parish evensong will be at **Breamore** not Fordingbridge at **6pm**. St Mary's Choir will be singing. Whether you are a regular "evensonger" or not please join us for this service in the beautiful ancient surroundings of St Mary's Breamore. If you are a Fordingbridge regular and need a lift please let Zoe know and we can arrange it for you.

Hyde's next **MU** meeting is on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 3.00pm** in the garden of **Heather Cottage, Rockford BH24 3NA**. It will be a delicious tea and an opportunity to wander round the garden. There will be a raffle. It is free but donations are welcome in aid of the Mothers' Union Away From It All Holidays. All are welcome. Put the date in your diary now! Sheilah Collis 01425 470343.

**CARE HOME VISITS.** On **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June** we will be visiting Fordingbridge Care Home at 11am and Allenbrook Care Home at 2.30pm to provide a short service for the residents and staff. The service lasts less than 30 minutes, and generally comprises three hymns, a reading, a short reflection and prayers. If you would like to join us, especially to help with the singing of the hymns, please meet in the reception at Fordingbridge Care Home at 10.50am and/or at Allenbrook at 2.20pm. It will be a wonderful opportunity to join in worship with the residents and staff at both homes. Thank you. Mary Melbourne (LLM & Anna Chaplain)

**SP6 Friendship Group** – Our friendship group will be held on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June** from 10.00am – 12.00pm 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.

**Deanery Ideas Fair (DiF):** The DiF is from **2.00-4.00p.m.** at **St Mary's Church Hall**, Fordingbridge, SP6 1BB, on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**. There will be tables for each of the Parishes. During the afternoon, Cream Teas will be served. There is parking at the Church and everyone is invited to come. This is for all congregation members as well as PCCs and all in leadership in any form.

**Hyde Fair Trade** - Please join us between 2.00pm and 5.00pm on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** at Hyde Church Centre for our **Fair Trade Event**. Fair Trade cards, crafts and food will be available to purchase. Cream Teas and refreshments will be served. All money raised will be sent to support Fair Trade projects. Thank you for your support.

**Open Gardens** - Fordingbridge. We opened our gardens welcoming church and non-church visitors. Angela, Mike & Margaret, John & Judith, Heather, Margaret, Michele, Graham & Christine, Martin & Jane, Alex & Brian, Melvyn & Ann, a massive thank you. We raised at least £3,480 for St Mary's Fordingbridge funds. If you donated, thank you. Jean & Barry raised £1000 two weeks ago but even with 4 more fundraising events planned we need to ensure we break even this year. Small amounts are just as valuable so please do what you can to help. Mark Ward

**Foundation Governor vacancy:** We are seeking a second Foundation Governor for the Forest Edge Foundation. This incorporates the schools of Breamore, Hale and Hyde. The role is varied and rewarding and a privilege to be a part of these three schools who provide such amazing learning environments for our children. There are meetings to attend, some in person, some online. The best bit, for me, is being able to visit and work with the staff and pupils or be an observer within each school. If you would like to learn more, contact Zoe in the church office and she can put you in touch with Richard Farr and Lynda Warne who can give you further information to help you make an informed decision. You won't regret it!

**"EasyFundRaising"** We continue to benefit from cashback on High Street and Online purchases made by a few parishioners who have already signed up to

"EasyFundRaising". However we can now also claim Gift Aid on these donations, provided we have a simple declaration on file. As we are all aware - every little helps. If you want to know more about this scheme, or are already a donor using EasyFundRaising but are unsure about your Gift Aid status, please talk to Melvyn Beynon (07711 469412). To quote Carnegie "Take care of the pennies and the pounds will take care of themselves".

Please note the **church office** will be **closed** on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

## Reflection

Healing. Here's the thing - does God answer our prayers to heal? It is well known that a large percentage of the population be they Christian, agnostic or no faith at all send up the occasional prayer particularly in times of need, but I just wonder what we expect by way of return - instant healing? A lottery win?

I found this prayer, just when I needed it this week:

True healing is more  
than restoration  
of flesh and blood,  
or knitting of bone to bone.  
True healing is wholeness,  
where body, soul and spirit unite.  
True healing is peace,  
the knowledge of God's presence,  
a hope that knows no end.  
True healing cries 'Father,  
not my will but yours.'  
True healing knows love  
perfectly,  
a love that casts out fear.  
True healing overcomes,  
endures,  
for eternity. Amen.

" But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds,' declares the LORD"  
(Jeremiah 30:17)

Jan Butcher

**CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN TO VISITORS** between 10.00 am and 12.00

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leave a message Website : [www.AvonValleyChurches.org.uk](http://www.AvonValleyChurches.org.uk)

**Rector -Rev Luke Wickings.** Contact via Email [rector@avonvalleychurches.org.uk](mailto:rector@avonvalleychurches.org.uk) or call 01425 839937 /  
07983 398984. Please note Luke's day off is Friday

# Trinity 2

## 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.15 am</b>	<b>Hyde</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b>
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Hyde</b>	<b>Lay Led All Age Service</b>
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Woodgreen</b>	<b>Lay led Cafe Style Agape Service</b>
	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Sandleheath</b>	<b>Methodist Service</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Breamore</b>	<b>Evensong</b>
<b>Wed 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Frogham Chapel</b>	<b>Prayer Meeting</b>
<b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>Hale</b>	<b>Wedding</b>
	<b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>Hyde</b>	<b>Wedding</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.15 am</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Breamore</b>	<b>Matins</b>
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Hale</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Hyde</b>	<b>Informal Morning Service</b>
	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Sandleheath</b>	<b>C of E Service</b>

Readings for Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June: Ps. 92. 1-8, II Corinthians 5:6-10,14-21,Mark 4:1-20