

# PARTNERS

## weekly newsletter



### 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024 - Trinity 8

Many years ago, in my former parish, I served as an LLM, alongside an older and wiser priest (a bit like now in that respect!) He used to suggest when preaching it might be helpful to look at the 'theme' for the weekly Lectionary readings and try to include aspects of them in a sermon. Some of you may remember the Alternative Services Book brought in in 1980 which used a very thematic approach for each Sunday...

This suggestion has stayed with me and I often look at our weekly readings to try to find a common thread. In the current days of our Common Worship Lectionary this is sometimes not so obvious.

But this week we can see the readings including the psalm have the 'theme' of shepherding, of God looking after to us...

But this week I also looked at what was missing, In Mark's Gospel the 'gap' is the feeding of the 5,000-more of that next week...

This led to me to wonder, why those that compose our Lectionary, left us with the verses from Mark about the healing offered by Jesus offered to people on both sides of the lake of Galilee, both Jews and Gentiles.

Nowadays we often speak in and outside the church for the need for people to be healed and to be made whole, it's often very obvious what that might mean, but perhaps more complex when we look at ourselves and our past and our baggage, our unhelpful behaviours, which need to be left at the foot of the Cross, so we might be more able to share God's love which all whom we encounter.

Here's hoping we have a time of healing and blessing!

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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: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024

## Trinity 8

### COLLECT:

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**AMEN.**

### PSALM 89:20-37

20. 'I have found David my servant;  
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
21. 'My hand shall hold him fast  
and my arm shall strengthen him.
22. 'No enemy shall deceive him,  
nor any wicked person afflict him.
23. 'I will strike down his foes before his face  
and beat down those that hate him.
24. 'My truth also and my steadfast love shall be with him  
and in my name shall his head be exalted.
25. 'I will set his dominion upon the sea  
and his right hand upon the rivers.
26. 'He shall call to me, "You are my Father,  
my God, and the rock of my salvation;"
27. 'And I will make him my firstborn:  
the most high above the kings of the earth.
28. 'The love I have pledged to him will I keep for ever,  
and my covenant will stand fast with him.
29. 'His seed also will I make to endure for ever  
and his throne as the days of heaven.

30. 'But if his children forsake my law  
and cease to walk in my judgements,
31. 'If they break my statutes  
and do not keep my commandments,
32. 'I will punish their offences with a rod  
and their sin with scourges.
33. 'But I will not take from him my steadfast love  
nor suffer my truth to fail.
34. 'My covenant will I not break  
nor alter what has gone out of my lips.
35. 'Once for all have I sworn by my holiness  
that I will not prove false to David.
36. 'His seed shall endure for ever  
and his throne as the sun before me;
37. 'It shall stand fast for ever as the moon,  
the enduring witness in the heavens.'

## **A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians**

*Ephesians 2:11-22*

*The Gentile Christians at Ephesus are assured that they are equal in God's sight to the Jewish Christians, because of the redeeming work of Christ.*

<sup>11</sup> Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision' - a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands - <sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup> He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup> So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup> for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole structure is joined

together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

*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 6:30-34,53-56*

*Jesus invites the disciples to go away with him after the death of John the Baptist, for some quiet refreshment. People find out where Jesus is, and bring people in need to him.*

The apostles returned from their mission. <sup>30</sup> They gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. <sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup> When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup> and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

*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:**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,  
ever giving himself that the world may live:  
may we so receive within ourselves  
the power of his death and passion  
that, in his saving cup,  
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;  
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**AMEN**

**LUKE out and about: Monday** - The Funeral of the late Lilian Elderfield at 10.30am at St Mary's followed by burial at Stuckton Road, afternoon meeting with Vicky. **Tuesday** - Ministers breakfast 08.30-10am followed by meeting at church office at 12.30pm **Thursday**-9am staff zoom meeting **Friday** -Day Off **Sunday** 8.15am Holy Communion at Fordingbridge and then 10am Holy Communion at Fordingbridge

**Hale Local Food Market - 20 July 9.00 – 12.00 at Hale Village Hall.** Come and see the Fair Trade Stall at Hale Market this Saturday. We have lots of chocolate, the ever favourite ground coffee and salted cashew nuts.

**Pop-up Café:** The Church family of Hale and Woodgreen invite you to our **10am service to celebrate 'God's Acre on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> July** at St Mary's Church, Hale. **WHY?** We will be opening our popular **Pop-up café** again. The café will be open after the service from **11.30am to 4pm**. Everyone is invited to join us in the wonderful setting of St Mary's Church to enjoy bacon butties and home-made cakes, together with Fair Trade tea and coffee. All donations will go towards the roof appeal for the Church. Although we are well on way, with just over half the money for meeting our target of £50,000 we do still need to continue to fund raise, so we can get the repair work completed before the Winter .

**The Funeral of the late Lilian Elderfield** - all members of the church who remember Lilian are very welcome to attend the funeral on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** at **10.30am** at St Mary's Fordingbridge.

**TOFSS (Too Old For Sunday School)** will get together again on **Wednesday 24 July** at 10.30am at 15 Provost Street, to watch "The Chosen" together. This week we are continuing Series 3 Episode 8. Refreshments. All welcome. Further details from Pat Bloomfield (01425 837735)

Please note the **church office** will be **shut** on **Friday 26th July**

**Hyde Band Concert in Hyde Church** (in aid of church and band funds) **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July** at **7.30pm**. Easy listening and exciting new music. Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine or soft drink available from AVCM Shop, The Potting Shed or on the door.

**Pimm's, Hymns, Proms and Cream Teas** - All are welcome to spend a lovely Summer afternoon in the delightful village hall garden of Woodgreen, why not bring your picnic and a seat? **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm**-Meraki Brass Band will play some of our favourite hymns, then after Cream Teas, we will hear some 'proms' style music from them. Flags welcome!! Tickets are £10 and include a glass of Pimm's/soft drink and your Cream Tea. This will be part of our fund raising for St Boniface Church, Woodgreen. There is ample parking behind the Village Hall, if wet we will be inside. Tickets available from the Woodgreen Village shop, Chris Calder 07979695497 or Revd Ruth 07855210769.

**The PARISH MISSION MATTERS GROUP (PMMG) plan to meet on Monday 29 July at 7pm in Godshill.** This gathering is open to all with a passion for Mission of any kind. We are delighted that Rev Luke has kindly agreed to take the Chair. Further details from Pat Bloomfield (01425 837735)

**Avon Valley Community matters.** After our very successful day at Blashford Lake, we are already planning our next Families Together picnics for the school holidays. We will be in **The Glebe Field on the 31<sup>st</sup> July**, our special activity will be clay, **14<sup>th</sup> August** will see us at **Woodgreen Common**, our special activity will be printing using different techniques, and the **28<sup>th</sup> August** will find us at **Breamore** where we will try our hands at Willow work. We will try to ensure there is an age appropriate technique at each. There will be games and other games and sports activities at each. We will need help at each of the picnics. This could be anything from keeping an eye on the families, joining in if necessary so that all the children feel included, someone 'on the door' to take a register of who has come along, answer questions and generally helping to make and distribute all the picnic bags. Last year was a lot of fun and altogether we fed over 300 people at the picnics. Please do let me know if you want to help, the date(s) you can do and any particular way of helping that you would like. Please do contact me at [irenecanton@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:irenecanton@hotmail.co.uk)

**Brew Can do it!!** I am hosting an afternoon tea event to raise money for Breast Cancer. It will be on **Saturday August 3rd** at the rectory (71 Church Street) starting at 3pm and finishing around 5pm. There will be wonderful cakes and other goodies to eat. Competitions and a raffle. Also good company and the chance to support anyone you may know who has been touched by breast cancer. Those who come will be asked for a donation for breast cancer. Thankyou Please come along , it will be a very pleasant afternoon. Sarah

An evening of **60s music** with Michael Ireland (Guitarist) and Legacy Sound (60s band) on **Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's church hall tickets £12:50.** Bring your own beverage .Tea & Coffee on sale, packets of crisp and nuts. Tickets from Michael Ireland or the Fordingbridge Bookshop ,Grand Raffle. Raffle prizes very much appreciated .Thankyou very much Michael Ireland

**Giving notices at the end of a service in St Mary's Fordingbridge.** Our notice section can be quite long. If you wish to deliver a notice please speak to the sidesperson who is responsible for the notices at the service and agree whether they or you deliver it. Whatever the decision, the notice needs to be as short as possible and we suggest it is written down to guide the person delivering it.

A huge **thank you** to everyone who sponsored **Margaret and Annette's** 10k run at Exbury Gardens in aid of St Mary's Fordingbridge, we have raised £1012 so far, this figure is before the final online total and gift aid have been added. We are thrilled at how much money has been raised, with love MW&AY

**OPEN DOORS LEAFLETS & MAGAZINES for July and August are here!** Please pick up your copy from any of the churches in our Parish. The

persecuted church needs our prayers. Just as we pray for our families and friends, please pray too for these more distant members of the church family, and learn about the situations they face.

**Recycling Printer Ink Cartridges – raise money for the AVC.** We have now registered the (whole) Parish of Fordingbridge with **Recycle4Charity**. This is a website which allows you to send in your empty printer cartridges (free) to raise funds for the Avon Valley Churches. As much as £2 for every cartridge!

You can follow the link: <http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/Register/182763> to easily check which cartridges qualify (most typical domestic ink cartridges are welcomed, but not laser/toner cartridges), how much they will generate, and request a free postage label, or even register for an account to make it even easier next time.

**This scheme costs you nothing, is very simple to use, and “saves the planet”!** We are also hoping to put the link on the AVC website.

If you need any further information, please contact Melvyn Beynon (07711 469412).

**ITEMS FOR PARTNERS** need to be sent to the Church Office (e-mail address below) by 5.00p.m. on **Tuesdays**. Please put ‘Partners’ in the e-mail subject line.

Thank you, Zoe

## Reflection

A young boy was playing in a street in Glasgow ,when he was run down by a horse and cart in 1865. His lower leg was fractured .At the Glasgow Royal Infirmary he was treated by a surgeon named Joseph Lister. Lister performed the operation using a special cleaning agent otherwise none as antiseptic, The wound itself was treated with carbolic acid and his leg was bandaged and braced with a splint. The boy recovered well over the course of a few weeks and his wound healed and the boy was discharged. Joseph Lister was the house surgeon at the infirmary and was concerned about the mortality rate of post-operated patients. His opinions were heavily influenced by the French scientist Louis Pasteur who argued that the infection was often the cause of death after surgery . Lister made a detailed report of the boy’s treatment and successful outcome but this was greeted with derision and criticism at one medical conference. Undeterred his methods produced better results and it became impossible to doubt his opinions. The operated death rate dropped to fifteen percent. At the end of his life he became known as the father of modern surgery

Michael Ireland

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

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# Trinity 8

## 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.15am</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</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>Morning Service</b>
	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Sandleheath</b>	<b>C of E Service</b>
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>	<b>The Funeral of the late Lilian Elderfield</b>
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Woodgreen</b>	<b>Fairtrade Coffee morning</b>
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Hyde</b>	<b>Hyde Band Concert</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.15am</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Breamore</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>	<b>Sung Holy Communion</b>
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Hyde</b>	<b>Holy communion followed by lunch</b>
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Woodgreen</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Sandleheath</b>	<b>Methodist Service</b>
	<b>2.00 pm</b>	<b>Woodgreen Hall Garden</b>	<b>Pimm's, Hymns, Proms and Cream Teas</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>	<b>Sung Evensong</b>

Readings for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July : Ps. 14 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21