

PARTNERS

weekly newsletter



28th July 2024 - Trinity 9

There are many who try their best to be the Christian that God wishes them to be and there are a few who succeed in incredible ways. Gary was one of the latter. He came to us as Rector when we needed a pastor - someone to love us. He had a ready smile almost always for those he knew and those he didn't. He humbly gave himself to God and in doing so into the service of all he met. His life touched hundreds, probably thousands of lives because of his generous spirit and his love of music and performing it. His final post at Winchester Cathedral enabled him to love people, participate in amazing music and worship his God, what a blessing that was. But for me, most of all, he was my friend and there are so many who can say that too.



Rev Canon Gary Philbrick,
Good and faithful servant.
May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

Mark Ward

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: 28th July 2024

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COLLECT:

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

PSALM 14

- 1 The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'
Corrupt are they, and abominable in their wickedness;
there is no one that does good.
- 2 The Lord has looked down from heaven upon the children of earth,
to see if there is anyone who is wise and seeks after God.
- 3 But every one has turned back; all alike have become corrupt:
there is none that does good; no, not one.
- 4 Have they no knowledge, those evildoers,
who eat up my people as if they ate bread
and do not call upon the Lord?
- 5 There shall they be in great fear;
for God is in the company of the righteous.
- 6 Though they would confound the counsel of the poor,
yet the Lord shall be their refuge.
- 7 O that Israel's salvation would come out of Zion!
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
then will Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

A Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians

Ephesians 3:14-21

Paul prays that the Christians of Ephesus will know the full extent of Christ's love.

¹⁴ I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 *John*

Glory to you, O Lord.

(Glory be to thee, O Lord.)

John 6:1-21

The feeding of the 5,000, and Jesus' power over nature.

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Jesus, ⁹ 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so

many people?' ¹⁰ Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' ¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

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.)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Holy Father,
you gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world
where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN.

LUKE out and about: Monday - Church Office at lunch time and Parish Mission Matters in the evening. **Tuesday** 10.30am-12noon Archdeacon's visit and in the evening Breamore LCC. **Wednesday** - Morning meeting with Vicky followed by the AVCM picnic. **Thursday** Day off, **Friday** - staff meeting in the morning at St Boniface followed by lunch. **Saturday** - afternoon cream tea fundraising for Breast Cancer. **Sunday** 8.15 at Fordingbridge followed by 10.00 at St Mary's Hale

Dear brothers and sisters, as we each come to terms with the sad news of Gary's untimely passing, we hold on to the confident hope that we have, that he is with the Lord. We will, as a parish, commemorate Gary and all that he meant to us in due course, but that is for the future. For now, we pray for his family and friends, and await to hear from the Diocese regarding plans for his funeral. We will, of course, keep you all informed of any developments. With our prayers for all at this time. Luke, and the AVC leadership team.

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 28th 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 31st July**, our special activity will be clay, **14th August** will see us at **Woodgreen Common**, our special activity will be printing using different techniques, and the **28th 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

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. Please come along, it will be a very pleasant afternoon. If possible please can you let me know if you would like to

attend so I have rough numbers but also please feel free to come even if you haven't told me- there will be plenty. Sarah (email on megamumwonderwife@hotmail.com or 01425 839937)

AVON VALLEY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP - The next meeting of our friendly men's group will be on Wednesday **7th August**, at the **Old Beams pub, Ibsley**. We gather from 6:30pm for a 7pm start. After a one course supper our speaker this time will be from the Mission Aviation Fellowship. The Fellowship delivers aid to the world's most remote and inaccessible communities. If you would like to come and join us please contact Stephen Darke via e-mail: darkefamily@btinternet.com or call 07557 531712.

An evening of **60s music** with Michael Ireland (Guitarist) and Legacy Sound (60s band) on **Saturday 31st 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 sides person 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.

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”! There is also a box in St. Mary's, Fordingbridge to collect cartridges if you prefer to use that. If our other churches would like to organise a box as well, this could be very useful. We are arranging to put the link on the AVC website.

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

St Mary's Fordingbridge - could anyone could spare an hour or so to join the church cleaning rota. The cleaning is done fortnightly by two people working together,

the more volunteers we have the less frequently each couple will have to clean.
Please to contact Judith Hewitt on 01425 657850.

RINGWOOD FOODBANK St.Mary's, Fordingbridge, had very little to donate in July, but have been asked to focus on the following items in the months to come:

Long Life Fruit Juice

Tinned: Carrots, Sweetcorn, Tomatoes, Meat Stews, Cold Meat

Sponge Puddings

Ketchup, Chutney, Spices

General cooking ingredients i.e. cooking oil, salt, pepper

We check our trolley every week and take donations down to Ringwood whenever there is enough to make it worthwhile. Understandably the need is as great as it has ever been. Thank you. *Melvyn Beynon*

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

As we begin the extended holidays for our children, Grandchildren, Teachers and Lecturers I wanted to acknowledge them all. We take for granted the fact that we have an educational system which caters for a wide range of needs. We know that our young people will be served well by the layers of care set up at each level of their education. Let us pause to thank all staff involved in nurturing our young people, offering kindness and words of wisdom, comfort and reassurance to them, and their parents/carers when things go wrong.

We look forward to the summer holidays as a break from the heavy or ordinary work of every day. We must not be too busy to rest and recuperate. We must not fill every day with activity for our young people. We must allow them time to rest and relax from the pressures of school/college. With overfilled diaries, we sometimes forget to stop, be still and allow our minds to be calm.

During the extended Holidays that start next week, I trust you have real periods of rest and recuperation, acknowledging the energy and commitment you've given in plenty to the children and communities where you have served this year.

Lynda Warne

CHURCH OFFICE IS OPEN TO VISITORS between 10.00 am and 12.00

Contact via Email : Office@AvonValleyChurches.org.uk or call 01425 653163 between 10.00 am and 12.00 or leave a message Website : www.AvonValleyChurches.org.uk

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

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

Sunday	8.15am	Fordingbridge	Holy Communion (BCP)
28th July	10.00 am	Breamore	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Fordingbridge	Sung Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Hyde	Holy communion followed by lunch
	10.00 am	Woodgreen	Morning Prayer
	10.45 am	Sandleheath	Methodist Service
	2.00 pm	Woodgreen Hall Garden	Pimm's, Hymns, Proms and Cream Teas
	6.00 pm	Fordingbridge	Sung Evensong
Sunday	8.15am	Fordingbridge	Holy Communion (BCP)
4th August	10.00 am	Breamore	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Fordingbridge	Morning Prayer
	10.00 am	Hale	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Hyde	Holy Communion
	10.45 am	Sandleheath	Methodist Service

Readings for Sunday 4th August : Ps. 51:1-13 , Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35