

# PARTNERS

## weekly newsletter



### 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024 - Trinity 21

#### “You in your small corner, and I in mine”

It is Sunday morning and a mother shakes her son awake, “It is time for church.” “But I don’t want to go -why should I bother?” came the muffled reply from somewhere under pillows. “Two reasons,” said the mother: “Firstly, it is Sunday and you always go to Church, and secondly, you are the bishop of the diocese.”

It is not only bishops who sometimes feel no desire to go to church. Surveys in the western world still show a high number of people who believe in God but a steep decline in church attendance. How often do we hear, “I lead a good life, I say my prayers, I don’t need to go.” I do not want, for a moment, to undervalue the goodness of such estimable people but such thinking reminds us of the self-sufficient individualism of the modern western culture we share in.

By contrast, the gospel calls us into a relational life with others and with God. At the eucharist we are clothed and in our right mind like the demon-freed man. We are made whole not as atomized individuals but in relation to Christ and to one another. “Liturgy should take us by the hair and hurl us into the mystery of God,” writes one commentator. In worship we join with angels and archangels, with the saints, and with all the company of heaven. It cannot be otherwise if they too exist in Christ. We join in the giving and receiving, the dance, the mutual indwelling of the Holy Trinity. In the words of the mock turtle in Alice and Wonderland, “Will you, won’t you, will you won’t you will you join the dance” or will you stay in your small corner?

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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: 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## Trinity 21

### COLLECT:

Almighty God,  
in your service lies perfect freedom:  
teach us to obey you  
with loving hearts and steadfast wills;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**AMEN.**

### PSALM 104:1-24

1. Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
2. You are clothed with majesty and honour,  
wrapped in light as in a garment.
3. You spread out the heavens like a curtain  
and lay the beams of your dwelling place in the waters above.
4. You make the clouds your chariot  
and ride on the wings of the wind.
5. You make the winds your messengers  
and flames of fire your servants.
6. You laid the foundations of the earth,  
that it never should move at any time.
7. You covered it with the deep like a garment;  
the waters stood high above the hills.
8. At your rebuke they fled;  
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
9. They rose up to the hills and flowed down to the valleys beneath,  
to the place which you had appointed for them.
10. You have set them their bounds that they should not pass,  
nor turn again to cover the earth.
11. You send the springs into the brooks,  
which run among the hills.

- 12 They give drink to every beast of the field,  
and the wild asses quench their thirst.
- 13 Beside them the birds of the air make their nests  
and sing among the branches.
- 14 You water the hills from your dwelling on high;  
the earth is filled with the fruit of your works.
- 15 You make grass to grow for the cattle  
and plants to meet our needs,
- 16 Bringing forth food from the earth  
and wine to gladden our hearts,
- 17 Oil to give us a cheerful countenance  
and bread to strengthen our hearts.
- 18 The trees of the Lord are full of sap,  
the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,
- 19 In which the birds build their nests,  
while the fir trees are a dwelling for the stork.
- 20 The mountains are a refuge for the wild goats  
and the stony cliffs for the conies.
- 21 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons,  
and the sun knows the time for its setting.
- 22 You make darkness that it may be night,  
in which all the beasts of the forest creep forth.
- 23 The lions roar for their prey  
and seek their food from God.
- 24 The sun rises and they are gone  
to lay themselves down in their dens.

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

*Hebrews 5:1-10*

*Jesus is the ultimate High Priest, who has brought salvation in the tradition of Melchizedek*

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just

as Aaron was. <sup>5</sup> So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; <sup>6</sup> as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' <sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup> and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup> having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*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 10:35-45*

*James and John ask for a reward. Jesus responds by talking about  
the nature of true greatness.*

<sup>35</sup> James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' <sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' <sup>39</sup> They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' <sup>41</sup> When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup> So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup> But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

*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:

Father of light,  
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,  
you give us every good and perfect gift  
and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:  
may we be a living sign of that kingdom  
where your whole creation will be made perfect  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**AMEN.**

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**Luke out and about: Monday:** meeting Vicky in the morning, lunch with Tim Ruffer at Sarum College, 7pm - PCC meeting by zoom. **Tuesday:** 12.30pm church office, 2.30-4pm Alpha at FB and 7pm AVC Trustee meeting. **Wednesday:** 2.30pm meeting Alex Sains, **Thursday:** 9.00am team meeting, 10.00am meeting with Julian Sims and 2.30-4.30pm Alpha at Hyde. **Friday:** day off. Sunday: 8.15am Fordingbridge, 10.00am Breamore, 6pm Fordingbridge

**Christian Aid** - Christian Aid is working in all the trouble spots of the world including Gaza and relies on gifts. There will be a Community Service at **Hyde Village Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> October** – this service is an informal “songs of praise” and we hope that many local residents will support it. All donations will be given to Christian Aid and we have a speaker coming from Christian Aid – she is Anitha Santharaj. Revd Luke will also be joining us and telling us something about his Christian journey. The service is at 10.00 and is preceded by breakfast at 9.00 – do join us if you can.

**CARE HOME VISITS.** On **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October** 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 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. Please come and join us if you can, it is a wonderful opportunity to join in worship with the residents and staff at both homes. Thank you. Mary Melbourne (LLM & Anna Chaplain)

**Real Advent Calendars** have now arrived at Hale & Woodgreen! Telling the real Christmas story with Fairtrade Chocolate, selling at £5 each. They will be available at our Community Coffee Mornings on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. If you would like to order one, please contact Rev'd Ruth Crosland or 07855210769 or come along to the Coffee Mornings.

**Wellness Advice and Information afternoon**, also on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October**, after our CAMEO group, we will be hosting an Advice & Information Fair in Woodgreen Village Hall from **2-4pm**. There will be a wide display of information for older people to live well, including advice about supporting people with dementia (a talk at 3.15pm), guidance about Lasting Powers of attorney from a local legal firm, advice on

exercise, home fire safety and home security and much more...Please come and join us for a cuppa and a chat! Everybody welcome!

**Sandleheath Uniting Church** are holding an Autumn Fair on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October from 10 am to 12 noon**. It will be held in our church on Aldershot Road, Sandleheath and there will be books, bric-a-brac, crafts and cakes. Come with your friends and stay for a cuppa and cake. See you there. Sue

**Hyde Fair Trade** - Please join us for our Fair Trade Event at **Hyde Church Community Centre** on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November from 11.00am to 2.00pm**. Coffee, tea, cake and biscuits will be served, along with Ploughman's lunches at lunchtime. There will be a good range of Christmas Cards for sale, together with craft, groceries, greetings cards, etc. Come and support us and enjoy meeting up with your friends. All profits and donations will be sent to support Fair Trade projects around the world.

**St Mary's Fordingbridge Christmas Fayre Wanted List!! Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 10:30am – 12:30pm (time confirmed)** Please start collecting things at home for the Fayre and we will have collecting boxes in church from 3<sup>rd</sup> November (except Remembrance Service on 10<sup>th</sup>). **We need:** toiletries, bottles and jars, raffle prizes, jewellery, unused 'gifts', books, boxed games and puzzles. We cannot take clothing or electrical items. We'll ask for homemade cakes/pastries nearer the time. **Fayre Helpers:** we will have a short meeting for stall holders and any helpers after the 10:00am service on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October to sort out queries. Thank you all for your help and support. Helen Tague (01425 655462, [thetagues@fordingbridge.com](mailto:thetagues@fordingbridge.com)) and Judith Dowsett (01425 650335, [j.dowsett7@btinternet.com](mailto:j.dowsett7@btinternet.com)).

Please save the date, and support us! Fordingbridge Choral Society presents Handel's **Messiah** on **Saturday 30th November 2024 at 7pm** in St Mary's, Fordingbridge. Tickets £15 in advance from Fordingbridge Bookshop and online at [ticketsource.co.uk/fordingbridgechoral](https://ticketsource.co.uk/fordingbridgechoral). Jane Calver (01425 656189).

**HOPE** (Helping Older People New Forest) are holding a **Christmas Wreath Workshop** on **5<sup>th</sup> December** at Greyfriars Community Centre Ringwood from 7.30-9.30pm The cost is £30 per person and includes mulled wine and a mince pie. Email [fundraising@hopenewforest.org](mailto:fundraising@hopenewforest.org) or call 07542 059967 to book your space.

**Christmas Lunch** on **Christmas Day** at Woodgreen Village Hall. I am proposing to organise a Christmas Lunch on **December 25<sup>th</sup>**. It will be for anyone who wants to join in! I expect there will be a small cost involved towards the food. You can come on your own, bring a friend/ partner/ family.....After lunch there will be home grown entertainment. If you may be interested please let me know, I think we need at least a dozen people to make it viable. Many thanks Rev'd Ruth 07855210769

**Fellowship Weekend** - Thank you to those who expressed an interest in coming to Hilfield Friary next February. Unfortunately we are unable to accept any further requests as all rooms have been taken. Alex & Sarah

**Recycling for Good Causes- “Raise money for your Charity”** As we have been doing so well with the ink cartridges, we would like to consider recycling other items:- used stamps, old coins and banknotes, jewellery, watches, mobile phones & cameras. We would invest in a 10kg bag to take everything. Let us know what you think. We don't want to be in competition with the Recycling Shed so we think these items will be additional. With thanks to Mark & Margaret Ward for bringing a leaflet from their recent travels. Helen & Melvyn

**Thank you** - Luke would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has responded to our Giving Sunday and pledge request. You have been very generous and Luke is truly grateful to God and to you.

**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

This week on Friday (18<sup>th</sup> October) we celebrate Saint Luke. He not only was the author of the third Gospel, but also The Acts of the Apostles, so his contribution to the New Testament is immense. His account in his Gospel takes us from John the Baptist to the Ascension, and Acts covers much of the life of Saint Paul.

I like the joyful beauty of the writing. The songs I particularly love: the *Magnificat* of Mary, the *Benedictus* of Zechariah, the *Gloria in Excelsis* of the angels and the *Nunc Dimittis* of Simeon.

### *Nunc Dimittis*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,  
according to thy word:  
for mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
a light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and the glory of thy people Israel.

### *Prayer*

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the life, work and witness of Saint Luke. We pray that, like him, we may be ready to give a clear account of our faith to all who seek an understanding of the Gospel of Christ. **Amen.**

Martin Ings

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

Contact via Email : [Office@AvonValleyChurches.org.uk](mailto:Office@AvonValleyChurches.org.uk) or call 01425 653163 between 10.00 am and 12.00 or leave a message Website : [www.AvonValleyChurches.org.uk](http://www.AvonValleyChurches.org.uk)

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# Trinity 21

## 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.15 am</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>Hyde Village Hall</b>	<b>Breakfast</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>Healing Service</b>
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Hyde</b>	<b>Community Service - at Hyde Village Hall</b>
	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Sandleheath</b>	<b>CofE Service</b>
	<b>11.45 am</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>	<b>Baptism</b>
	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Woodgreen</b>	<b>Fairtrade Coffee Morning</b>
<b>Fri 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>Woodgreen Village Hall</b>	<b>CAMEO</b>
	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Woodgreen Village Hall</b>	<b>Wellness Advice and Information afternoon</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.15 am</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Oct</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</b>
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Woodgreen</b>	<b>Morning Service - Café Church</b>
	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Sandleheath</b>	<b>Methodist Service</b>
	<b>11.30 am</b>	<b>Hyde</b>	<b>Learn and Lunch, Bring and Share - all welcome</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>	<b>Sung Evensong</b>

Readings for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October : Ps 19: 7-end, 2 Timothy 3: 14-4v5 John 5:36b-end