

TEAM NEWS

Upcoming APCM Meeting

DATE: 23rd May 2021 VENUE: St Mary's Bridport

Exciting times ahead for **Bridport Team Ministry** and our governing body, the **Parochial Church Council (PCC)** as our Annual Parochial Church Meeting approaches. **Several new PCC members and Churchwardens are needed to serve the parish**, so, now is the time to think about whether you want to get involved (or nominate someone else who has the skills). There's a summary sheet which tells you what being a member of the PCC involves, so speak to a member of the Clergy, a Churchwarden or the Parish Office to get a copy and find out more. Nominations must be submitted before the APCM. Come along to the Team Service immediately before the meeting and be a part of it! Meetings times yet to be announced.

SUNDAY SERVICES NEXT WEEK

9.30am Eucharist at St. Swithun's, Allington,
11am Eucharist/Service of the Word: St Mary's, Bridport
11am Eucharist/Service of the Word: Holy Trinity, Bradpole

[Access Online services: www.bridport-team-ministry.org or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/bridportchurches> or Dial 01308 538 187 - latest service will be available]

Monday 10am Morning Prayer in St John's West Bay

Tuesday Private Prayer 10-12noon in St Mary's, South St Bridport with 2.30pm **Service of the Word** in St Mary's Bridport, **Eucharist** on second Tuesday of month.

Wed 10am Morning Prayer Holy Trinity Bradpole then 2.30pm Eucharist only on the first Wednesday of the month

Thursday 10am Eucharist in St Swithun's Allington followed by private prayer till midday.

Thursday 10am Eucharist St Mary's Walditch on first, third & fifth Thursday, with Morning Prayer on 2nd and 4th Thurs

Friday 10am Eucharist Holy Trinity Bothenhampton on 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays of the month, 2nd & 4th Fri Morning Prayer

Saturday 6pm Evening Prayer St John's West Bay on the fourth Saturday of the month only.

9pm LIVE ZOOM Compline (night prayer) on Tuesdays & Thursdays - request link: maggiecrosbie@hotmail.com

One Sunday service is live-streamed/on demand at 11am via FB & our website.

Please go to: www.bridport-team-ministry.org

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who are sick. Those who have died and the families and friends who mourn them.



Greetings from Bridport's worshipping community!

Sunday 25th April 2021

4th Sunday of Easter

Re-emerging from successive lockdowns and living with the uncertainty of Covid takes its toll. And if our lives are centred in our belonging in the Body of Christ, then it's not surprising that the reverberations of this are felt so deeply in our sense of who we are as church, who we are as people. We often joke that we in the church don't cope well with change. I don't think we're the only ones! And yet we have experienced such radical and wholesale alterations in our lives in the last year and many of us are still reeling. How we worship, how we meet, even how we walk down the street – it has all been shaken up. Some of us are still accessing church online only, others have ventured back. In church there is much that is familiar, but there is also much that has had to change: how we celebrate the Eucharist, how we gather yet maintain social distance, how we manage to smile at each other while wearing masks!

When and where we gather for worship in the Bridport Team has also had to change. For periods all our churches were closed, then just one church opened, then three. The times of services have changed for some, for others the church they attended every Sunday now has mid-week worship only. There has been so much loss. But there has also been all kinds of growth seen in how churches across the team have worked together, how so many have taken on new responsibilities, in how you have cared for each other.

Now as we dare to dream of the end of restrictions with the government 'road-map' and the possibility of having more freedom from 21 June, we too need to look at what this might mean for us. It's not just a case of 'going back to normal' – we have the chance now think about the church we can be in this community, to look at who we are and how we serve.

So I want to hear what you think.

I will be sending out a Bridport Team Questionnaire – asking your views on
our team pattern of worship from June
how our worship can serve this community?
how can we use this experience of change to grow?
Look out for the questionnaire next week (online and hard copy)

Revd Deb Smith

BRIDPORT-WALDITCH-BOTHENHAMPTON-BRADPOLE-ALLINGTON-WEST BAY
ST MARY'S
HOLY TRINITY
ST SWITHUN'S
ST JOHN'S

Watch our ONLINE Sunday Service at 10.30 am (or on-demand)

Bridport Coronavirus Community Support 07401 243585 or 01308 808900

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 4 : 5 – 12 The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

John 10 : 11 - 18 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

Psalm 23 A Psalm of David.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

PROJECT BTM 2020

Send short video recordings, images, words, memories, even music of *moments of light* in 2020, things that kept you going, which we'll piece together as a video tapestry, put on the website & show at our APCM. Get creative! Please contact Revd Pete Stone if you need any help – email address: pete@bridport-team-ministry.org

CHURCH NEWS

News relating specifically to St. Swithun's

THIS WEEK

PLEASE NOTE – ALL SERVICES NOW IN CHURCH!

Sunday Celebrant: Rev. Lorna Johnson
Preacher: Rev. Deb Smith

Wednesday
2 – 3pm Centering Prayer

Thursday
10am Low Mass; Rev Dan Shackell
Dedication: St. Catherine of Sienna

Next Sunday: Celebrant: Rev. Deb Smith

NOTICES

THE BRIDGE MAGAZINE!

It's week 3 back in church and we're doing well with finding people to take on new roles. Now we are looking for a few people to take on some of the delivery of magazines in Allington. It only happens once a month, and may only take you between half an hour and one hour so, if you were looking for a task which you could do to help, and which required minimal commitment, this is the one for you! Many of your fellow worshippers are already delivering so please ask, Kevin, Yvonne, Caroline, Mandi, Philip, Jo and others if you would like to know more about it. If you feel that you cannot take this on but have a neighbour who might be prepared to do it, please ask them. Almost half of our deliverers are not members of St. Swithun's congregation and it is a nice way of getting people involved.

WE PRAY FOR

All those who are suffering or have died.

We also give thanks for all those who have helped us and our community in so many ways.

If you would like someone to be mentioned in the pewsheet, please send the name to Mandi (below)

NOTICES FOR NEXT WEEK

Please send to Mandi Sturrock by 5pm on the preceding **Wednesday**. Please email: msturrock@pancathay.com.
Alternatively, ring Jo (churchwarden) on 01308 426457