

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

A Service is available on Sundays on demand at 10.30am via our website and Facebook.

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

CUPBOARD LOVE FOOD BANK

Call 07443 596096 Email: cupboardlove.bridport@gmail.com

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.

COLLECT

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

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

Good News! Christian Aid Week is back from Monday 10th — Sunday 16th May. This year the focus is on the climate crisis, where our global neighbours in **Kenya** continue to battle the effects of extreme weather. Also the Coronavirus pandemic has made it critical for people to be able to access water and soap for vital hand washing.

With the help of our gifts, prayers and actions this Christian Aid Week, we can make a real difference. It is also Christian Aids 75th year and they are partnering with people in the affected area to build transformative better earth dams, drought-tolerant crops and a demand for climate justice at the highest level. They need a reliable source of water. We think it is a great opportunity to pray, offer people the chance to help through donations and have fun getting together to do quizzes and get fit with the step challenge!

Things to look out for this Christian Aid Week include:

A 'Daily Devotional' booklet for personal use during the week. We can make these available to each church for Sunday 9th May along with posters.

Resources if ministers want to include the Christian Aid theme in the 9th or 16th May service, including sermon suggestions, films and recorded songs and children talks. Pete has offered to make us a digital service to go out on line.

Christian Aid envelopes for the service, support to make your own animated **E—envelope** with a personalised message and photo (which are great) or to be delivered locally including delivery only envelopes with drop off points. We will be setting up a team go fund me page and have contactless devices available to donate without cash.

A Quizian Aid **Quiz** you can access online with famous Quiz masters Saturday 8th May at 7 p.m. Or Look out for local Quiz party zooms and events as they are announced, or hold your own (we can help you). A great success last year.

Look out for **The 300,000 steps Challenge** Why not challenge yourself to do this number of steps during May? Yes, that is just under 10,000 a day, but don't worry you can rope in your family, friends, bubble buddies to do it as a team and then it becomes super achievable. The youngest and oldest member of your family could contribute even 50 steps daily to your target.

Thank you so much in advance for your attention. We hope you will join us and have a lot of fun in the process. Contact us below if you want to know more.

All the very best
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