

HOLY TRINITY BRADPOLE

'Gathered for worship, called to service, challenged to grow'

Holy Trinity is part of the Bridport Team Ministry

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SUNDAY 10th October 2021

Communion service led by The Revd. Janis Moore at 9.30

GENEROSITY



PETER'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God's generosity in creation

Living in West Dorset we are surrounded by evidence of God's generosity in creation from the cliffs of the million-year span of the Jurassic Coast to the rolling hills and woodland inland. I am sure there are times when we respond in awe and wonder as well as those times we take all this for granted.

However, being thankful and expressing that thanks where it rightfully belongs to its Creator God, is only part of the story. We have a responsibility to care for creation too and not just in our favoured corner of West Dorset but in our awareness of the issues facing the wider world.

According to the World Bank, 811 million people were going to bed hungry in 2020 (118 million more than in 2019); 149 million under-fives were estimated to have stunted growth or considered too short for their age in 2020; 33% of food produced globally is either lost or wasted. Shocking statistics.

Sir Ghillian Prance, former director of Kew Gardens wrote this: "True Christianity is not only about personal salvation and a place in heaven, but is also a faith that renews sinful people and sets us on a pathway from sin to stewardship of creation and social justice. Our faith can lead us on from greedy exploitation to the nurture of the part of creation that is around us."

How can we help? One small step recommended by the Bridport Team is to use fair trade coffee and tea at our Sunday services ensuring that the producer receives a fair wage and has safe working conditions.

What small steps can we take both locally and globally in response to God's generosity in creation?

Peter Wright

TODAY'S READINGS.....

Hebrews 4:12 - end

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Mark 10:17 – 31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

PRAYER FOR TODAY

PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE



O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Please pray for

..... ***those who are ill or in need and those who care for them*** including Chloe, Tony and Amelia, Sylvia Harwood, Pam Scadding, David Coe, the children and staff of our local schools where coronavirus is a problem and those who have contracted coronavirus

..... ***those who mourn the loss of loved ones*** especially the family and friends
of Ruth Morse *whose funeral service will be held at 12 noon on Thursday 21st October*

..... ***our clergy and retired clergy*** Ann, Dan, Deb, Helen, Janis, Kay, Lorna, Philip, Pete, and Richard

..... ***our LLMs and LWL*** Coral, Graham, Martin, Peter, and Phil

..... ***our PCC and PCC sub-committee members*** Ginny, John, Mike, Peter, and Susan

..... ***our friends abroad*** including Kate and Mary Tolhurst in Uganda

HOLY TRINITY NEWS AND NOTICES

Church Meeting

A meeting will be held in the church at **5pm on Tuesday 12th** for everyone who has been involved, and those who would like to be involved, in the activities of the church both locally and across the Bridport Team. Whether it is 'front of house' or behind the scenes it would really help us to plan the way forward by knowing who is currently interested and available. There is no commitment from this meeting, and it will help in the planning of the Bridport Team Mission meeting on 16th October (see *Mission Morning in Team News below*). If you cannot attend on the 12th but are interested in doing something, please contact Martin Whiting. 01308 424086



The Friends Autumn Coffee Morning



Do come along and invite friends and neighbours on **Thursday 14th October** in the church from 10am – 12 noon. Items for the Bring-and-Buy table can be brought along on the day or to church on Sunday 10th October. Home produce, preserves, cakes and bakes will be welcome along with books, puzzles, unwanted gifts etc. Maureen Rosbrook and Chrissie Mansell would also be grateful for items for the raffle.



Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child



Leaflets are now available in the church which tell you how to make up a shoebox. Please leave any made-up boxes in the church or bring them to my house – The Patch, Lee Lane, by 5th November. Many Thanks. *Jill Kelley*

You can also fill a box on-line!

<https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/>



WHIST DRIVES



If you like playing whist, you might like to come to Salwayash village hall where we play every Tuesday afternoon at 3pm. If you would like more details, please talk to me after a church service or give me a ring on 01308 424088

Pam King

Prayer Requests

If there is something you would like prayed about, please email: bradpoleprayers@gmail.com



This photo was taken by Janet Robinson and shows the late afternoon sun shining through the stained-glass window. Janet called it 'a beautifully lit pathway to God'.

TEAM NEWS AND NOTICES

<https://www.bridport-team-ministry.org/>

Watch our Sunday Service LIVE-streamed online from 10am (or on-demand)

Access Online services: www.bridport-team-ministry.org or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/bridportchurches>



A month of living generously

Generosity is our focus over the next month as we gather to worship and as we are sent out. You could say it should always be at the heart of who we are and what we do. But I hope we can learn something together over these weeks about the power of generosity, as people who receive so much, as people who give much too, and as people of faith who are also part of this community of Bridport. What can we learn from people outside of our church family about living generously? What can we share which speaks of the outrageous abundance of our generous God?

There are little cards for everyone, setting out a way of meditating on the nature of generosity together. God's generosity in my life...in creation...in the church and in our community. Generosity is about our *financial giving*, how we reflect our response to God's generosity to us in this very real and obvious way. A time to consider if we can give more.

Generosity is also about *how we get involved* in our shared life – how we express our faith through our involvement in the church, in our community, in our care of the earth, in our attitudes and generosity to others day by day.

It is about a deep thankfulness for all we have received and a heartfelt response to show generosity in all of our lives. In church on Sunday you will be offered a stone as a sign of all we receive through God's generosity in so many ways and in so many people. In the weeks of October, you might want to decorate it as a way of expressing thanks.



When we meet together for our team service at **10am at St John's, West Bay on 31 October** I'd like you to bring that stone back to church, and also a stone which you might have picked up in the month of reflecting on living generously. This second stone is a sign of our response to generosity - a sign of what you give, and perhaps what you'd like to give too.

These will be used in our service – living stones – a sign of our lives lived in response to the generosity we have all encountered by the grace of God.

The Revd Deb Smith

MISSION MORNING

Saturday 16th October – St. Mary's, Bridport

Here in Bridport we have six incredible churches full of passionate people wanting to care for the needs of those in the community. One of the most difficult questions to answer is how. We are holding an open morning on Saturday 16th where we will be exploring this question. We will explore the needs and successes of our community by looking at the demographic and statistics, we will also have input from community leaders and testimonies from people working on the frontline in our community.

The goal of our church is to attract, serve, invite, include, help, grow, and share Christ with people who are not yet in the church! This morning will help us to look at where we are doing this well and areas we can improve.

Some of the questions we will be looking at are;

- Why should someone who hasn't discovered their own faith come to church? Is it a safe place?
- What are some ways to get your community talking about your church?
- How can you help your own church folks get excited about "making a splash" in the community?

There will also be an opportunity during this session to look at four key areas members of the mission committee have identified and prioritised for outreach. We will share what these areas are, what we are going to do to meet the need and most importantly how you can get involved! We really urge people to come along. No one is too young or old, too skilled or unskilled.

The whole body of the church is needed to serve in God's mission. There will be tea, coffee and cake available throughout the morning. We hope to see you there!

Agenda for the morning:

- 10.00 Welcome and opening prayers
- 10.15 Introduction to our community. (looking at the demographic, statistics and community information)
- 10.30 What is available already?
- 10.45 Schools talk from (Kate and Adam)
- 11.00 Will Austin – from Bridport Town Council
- 11.15 Coffee break
- 11.30 How can we help? (group work answer important questions for our churches)
- 12.00 Moving forward
- 12.30 Close

Bring your own lunch, stay and chat.

The Revd Helen Croud

ALL SOULS SERVICES

At the end of the month we will be moving into a season of remembrance. **All Souls Day** which falls on 2nd November, the day after All Saints Day, is the commemoration of the faithful departed. So, at All Souls we remember those we know who have died. And, as a parish we offer, to those in our community who have been bereaved recently, a place to come together and remember, to pray, to light candles, to hear the names of their loved-ones spoken out loud. Some will be regular church-goers, many are not. All are welcome. **Three Services for All Souls will be held at 4pm** on the nearest Sunday to All Souls Day which is **31st October**.

Venues: **Holy Trinity Bradpole**, St Swithun's Allington and St Mary's Bridport.

Families across the town, who have been bereaved in the last two years have been invited, and they and others who come in gratitude for loved ones are invited to light a candle and remember those they have lost. Please pray for them and their loved ones as we come to that time of remembrance.

There will also be an **All Souls service at St Swithun's, Allington on Thursday 4th November at 10am** and sign-up sheets for names to be read at that service will be at the back of the church.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE PARISH

EVERY SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:

8am Book of Common Prayer Communion - St Mary's Bridport

9.30am Eucharist Service - St Swithun's

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:

9.30am **Informal Morning Praise - Holy Trinity Bradpole**

11am Holy Communion - St Mary's Bridport

11am Holy Communion - Holy Trinity Bothenhampton

11am Holy Communion - St John's West Bay

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:

9.30am **Communion - Holy Trinity Bradpole**

11am Holy Communion - St Mary's Bridport

11am Morning Praise - Holy Trinity Bothenhampton

11am Holy Communion - St Mary's Walditch

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:

9.30am **Informal Morning Praise - Holy Trinity Bradpole**

11am Morning Praise - St Mary's Bridport

11am Holy Communion - Holy Trinity Bothenhampton

11am Holy Communion - St John's West Bay

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:

9.30am **Communion - Holy Trinity Bradpole**

11am Holy Communion - St Mary's Bridport

11am Book of Common Prayer Matins - Holy Trinity Bothenhampton

11am Holy Communion - St Mary's Walditch

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - TEAM SERVICE

11am – Team Service (**October – St. Johns**)

You can always dial 01308 538187 to listen to one of our services

WEEKDAY SERVICES IN THE PARISH

MONDAYS: ▪ 10am - **Morning Praise** - *St John's*

TUESDAYS: ▪ 10-12noon - **Private Prayer** - *St Mary's, Bridport*

▪ 2.30pm first Tuesday of the month - **Holy Communion** - *Holy Trinity, Bradpole*

WEDNESDAYS: ▪ 2.30pm first Wednesday of the month - **Holy Communion** - *St Mary's Bridport*

▪ 2.30pm second Wednesday of the month - **Service of The Word** - *Holy Trinity, Bothenhampton*

THURSDAYS: ▪ 10am weekly - **Eucharist** - *St Swithun's*

▪ 10am alternating fortnightly - **Holy Communion** or **Morning Praise** - *St Mary's, Walditch*

SATURDAYS: ▪ 6pm first Saturday of the month - **Contemplative Church** - *St Swithun's*

▪ 6pm fourth Saturday of the month - **Wholeness and Healing** - *St John's*

NEED HELP? FOOD BANK

Cupboard Love is remaining open. Any issues contact 07443 596096 or cupboardlove.bridport@gmail.com
If you need help with shopping call this number 07552 312594.

Bridport Coronavirus Community Support Network

07401 243585 or 01308 808900
enquiries@bridport-tc.gov.uk
<https://sites.google.com/view/bridportcommunity/home>

Citizens Advice

The best way to contact is to ring the advice line 0800 144 8848 but you can also email using a contact form at www.bridportca.org.uk which includes necessary consents under the data protection rules. The website also includes links to the vast CA information system.

PATHWAYS TO CARE

If you need transport to and from hospital, dentist etc., please ring Pathways To Care via the Good Books shop on 01308 420483 (there is an answering machine when the shop is closed).

Daily **HOPE**

0800-804-8044

A free telephone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

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