

HOLY TRINITY BRADPOLE

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



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Sunday 12th November 2023 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



Morning praise today will be led by Martin Whiting at 9.30am
The Act of Remembrance, led by Coral Hatton, will follow at 10.50.

DEB'S THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

On Remembrance Sunday we are asked to stop, to fall silent. We are asked to remember and honour those who lost their lives in times of war, knowing that so many men, women and children are always living in time of war. We daily see images from the conflicts in Israel, Gaza and Ukraine beamed into our sitting rooms. We remember vividly those who have died in world wars and all the conflicts that have raged down the years. We remember all whose lives have been marred, those who still live with the marks of war today. The reality of war is so overwhelming, in all our remembering, can we imagine what peace might be?

Silence, remembering, and peace-making.

In all of this we seek the thread of God's love. When we look at the dreadful cost of war and the sacrifices made by so many, we wonder if we can truly believe that peace can come?

A few years ago, at the Imperial War Museum, as part of the Armistice Centenary events, an immersive exhibition included a sound recording of the actual moment of the ceasefire. A barrage of continuing heavy gunfire is heard at 10.58 and by one minute past the hour there is silence. The gunfire has stopped. And into that great silence you hear birdsong, the first remarkable sounds of peace. The war has ended. Peace has come. It is incredibly moving. From the sound archive are also the stories of individuals who were affected by the end of the war and that boundary between war and peace. One person recounted, "Well, do you know, strangely enough, we wept, because the silence was so awful. You see we'd been used to the noise of guns, all day long, all day long, all day long...it was so strange, to have silence."

When we gather this weekend, when we mark our remembering of those who lost their lives in times of war, when today we remember those across the world who suffer because of war still, we do it by entering into silence. As we hold silence and remember we are invited to be part of that peace-making community too. To attend to the call to be peace makers, centred on the love of Christ.

We hold silence and remember, not so that we can forget for the rest of the year, but so we can be reminded of a call to speak and recommit to live as peacemakers every day, and to live in hope of a world where war will be no more.

We will remember them.

The Revd Canon Deb Smith

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Thessalonians 4: 13 - 18

The Coming of the Lord

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25:1-13

Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

DEB'S SPECIAL READINGS FOR TODAY

Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

John 15: 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

PRAYER FOR TODAY



God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE

Please pray for

..... those who are ill or in need and those who care for them including Chloe, Richard Adams, Deb, and Wendy Andrews

..... those who mourn the loss of loved ones

..... our clergy and retired clergy Ann, Dan, Deb, Janis, John, Lorna, Philip, and Richard

..... our LLMs and LWL Coral, Graham, James, Martin, and Peter

..... our PCC and PCC sub-committee members Ginny, John, Julia, Paul, Peter, and Douglas

..... our friends abroad including Kate and Mary Tolhurst, and Noella in Uganda

..... the activities listed in 'What's on this week' below and those taking part in them

HOLY TRINITY NEWS AND NOTICES

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

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| TUESDAY | 12noon village lunch club in the King's Head 7.30pm Bell ringing practice |
| WEDNESDAY | Tots @ Ten |
| THURSDAY | 2-4pm Association of Ringing Teachers ringing practice |

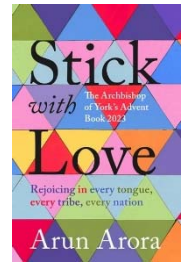
ADVENT STUDY GROUP

Hopefully you have read about the Advent course we are running across the parish this year, perhaps you have already bought the book and are raring to go! So here are the details of where + when you can join a group. Martin Whiting is planning to run a study group in church for four Tuesdays, starting on 28th November from 10.45am to 12.15pm using the book 'Stick with Love' - please add your name to the list at the back of the church to indicate your intention to participate. A leaflet can be picked up from the back of the church outlining all other parish venues/days running the same course, as listed here below:

Mondays 10.15am to 11.45am

WALK AMONG THE TREES, LISTEN AND REFLECT

We shall meet at a different church each week to focus our thoughts on the book then **walk for approx. 1 hour** from the church. We shall pause among the trees to listen in silence and return to the church for reflection and a drink. Monday 4 December @ St Swithun's; Monday 11 December @ Holy Trinity Bothenhampton; Monday 18 December @ Holy Trinity Bradpole. Please contact **Janet Webster 01308 538101** each week, but do come and join us... and you will need to wear boots or stout shoes and bring your own drink/snack.



Tuesdays 10.45am to 12.15pm

Come along to Holy Trinity, Bradpole at 10.45am on 28th November, then 5th, 12th and 19th December. Please contact **Martin Whiting on 01308 424086**

Wednesdays at 7pm

We will be diving into Advent discussion around the table at the Woodman in South Street, so be ready to enjoy the pub atmosphere, have a drink, welcome others who might wish to join the conversation and Stick with Love! Wednesday 29th November (preview); Wednesday 6th and 13th December; Wednesday 20th December - all welcome to our beer and carols night in the pub – not to be missed! Please contact **Deb Smith on 01308 301457**

Thursdays at 10.45am

Straight after the Thursday Mass at St Swithun's (open to all, not just those who come to the service) join in the discussion over coffee in St Swithun's Hall. Thursday 7th, 14th and 21st - please contact **Kathrine O'Brien on 07940384645**

Thursdays at 3.30pm

And they will be sticking with love through Advent in Holy Trinity, Bothenhampton on Thursdays too, later in the afternoon on 7th, 14th and 21st - please contact **Graham Purse: 01308 423220 / 07882158995**

And there is also a chance to talk some more about how we **Stick with Love** on **Saturdays** through December at St Mary's, Bridport from **10am-12noon**. Come in for a cuppa, drop-in to chat about the book, listen in, find out more about how we can journey through this season together and with the host of people the book introduces us to as we travel.

Saturday 2nd December, 9th and 16th – All welcome!

NB: We have made a bulk order for our Advent book from Good Books, as they are able to give us a 15% discount on the published price of £10.99. We would encourage you to order yours under the adage: "buy one and donate additional copies" so that everyone who wants to read it will be able have a copy. There will be a box with spare books in St Mary's, Bridport, for the conversations Deb is hosting on Wednesday evenings in The Woodman and on Saturday mornings in St Mary's, Bridport. Please give names to Bridget Trump as soon as possible, with payment when you next see her, or in a marked envelope to the office. Contact 01308 459875 pcc@bridport-team-ministry.org

PRAYER CALENDAR

The 2023/4 calendar has had a limited revision and a few hard copies are available on the table at the back of the church. If you take the last one, please ask Douglas to print some more!

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM

Daphne King has been organising the rota, the annual big clean and buying toilet rolls and paper towels for **21** years (she deserves a medal!) and would like to pass on the job to someone else. She hopes that someone with more energy and enthusiasm will volunteer to take her place. She has spoken to the other helpers and six people are still willing to help. Roy and she would like to come off the rota as would a few others, so to keep the present system going, at least two more people, but preferably more, are needed. At the moment, the church is cleaned weekly except for the fifth week when Daphne has just dealt with the kitchen and toilet.

If you would like to take on the team leader role or volunteer to be on the rota, please tell one of the sub-committee who will be delighted to hear from you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

PARISH TEAM NEWS AND NOTICES

www.bridport-team-ministry.org



ORGAN RECITALS

Please come and hear wonderful recitals on St Swithun's very special organ - at 3pm
Sundays 12th and 19th November

ADVENT GROUPS – PURCHASE OF BOOKS

Advent is spread over three weeks this year and we plan to run some Advent Groups. These will take place at different times and venues, but all will be based on the book "Stick with Love" by Arun Arora. **We have made a bulk order for our Advent book from Good Books, as they are able to give us a 15% discount on the published price of £10.99. We would encourage you to order yours under the adage: "buy one and donate additional copies" so that everyone who wants to read it will be able have a copy.** We'll also have some to borrow from a box in St Mary's, Bridport, for the conversations Deb is hosting on Wednesday evenings in The Woodman and on Saturday mornings in St Mary's, Bridport. Please give names to Bridget Trump as soon as possible, with payment when you next see her, or in a marked envelope to the office. (Contact 01308 459875 pcc@bridport-team-ministry.org)

BISHOP STEPHEN'S VISIT – 3rd DECEMBER - TRANSPORT

We will welcome the Bishop of Salisbury, The Rt Revd Stephen Lake, on Advent Sunday. He will lead our whole parish in a service at St Mary's, Bridport at 10am. If you would like transport to attend the service, please ring Di in the office (01308 424747), who will pass on your request. Likewise, if you are able to offer transport, please let her know asap. With no other services that day we expect a full congregation in St Mary's to welcome Bishop Stephen as we begin with him our journey through darkness into the light of Christmas.

MAKING JESUS KNOWN

How can the Parish of Bridport get moving in Making Jesus Known? That's the Diocesan Vision launched by our Bishop – that together, as Christians in this place, we will make Jesus Christ known in every place, so that all might flourish and grow, seeking his Kingdom, here and now. The vision sets out five clear priorities for us all to work to establish over the next decade – developing courageous Christian leaders; working together for justice; developing creative partnerships in local mission; championing climate justice, and finally – if we are to achieve the first four priorities- ensuring we have a sustainable financial basis for mission. At the heart of the priorities is a commitment to revitalise churches for mission.

Bishop Stephen says: "Making Jesus Known is not a strapline, it's a choice. In every thought and every conversation, we have from now on, we must ask ourselves individually and in our worshipping communities - are we making the person of Jesus Christ known?"

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING AND CHRISTMAS STALL

Thursday 7th December 9.30 - 11.30am at St Swithun's

GOOD BOOKS AGM

Good Books' Directors/Trustees/Officers are pleased to invite you to our Annual General Meeting, which will be held on at 3.15pm on **Monday 13th November** at the Bridport Christian Fellowship, 4-5 King's Square, Bridport DT6 3QE.

Parking in East Street Car Park. Let us know if you're able to come: 01308420483 orders@goodbooksbridport.co.uk

James Craddock

BOOK SIGNING AT GOOD BOOKS

Please come along on **Wednesday 29th November** to Good Books for a book-signing event 10.30am till 1pm, when local author Geoff Vaine will be talking about his latest book 'His Intent'. Join us, relax with a coffee, see how we have settled into our new premises [*Unit 7A St Michael's Trading Estate, off Foundry Lane, Bridport*].

We have a range of Christmas cards, Advent calendars, Christmas books and gifts on display.

OTHONA QUIET DAY

We have a provisional booking for another Quiet Day at Othona, on the Feast of the Epiphany, on **Saturday 6th January** 2024. Places will be limited because of the venue, but if you would like to add your name to the list please let Bridget Trump know (01308 459875 or email: pcc@bridport-team-ministry.org). Our reflection from last time was that although many had not been to Othona before, or attended a Quiet Day, we were gently led to explore the themes of Lent (it was 1st April 2023) by Revd Liz and was a positive, enjoyable shared experience. We are now able to offer this opportunity again and hope you feel tempted. If we are over-subscribed, we may need to draw lots.

SERVICES IN THE PARISH

Services in each of the churches are listed in The Bridge which can be found at

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

COMPLINE SERVICES

9pm Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9pm -10 minutes.

Zoom details from: nigel8@gmail.com

FOOD BANK

www.bridportfoodbank.org/

Cupboard Love is open on Wednesdays from 11am to 1pm in St. Mary's Bridport. Contact 07443 596096 or

cupboardlove.bridport@gmail.com

SUPPORT GROUPS

Details of various support groups are shown in The Bridge

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



Citizens Advice

The best way to contact is to ring the advice line **0800 144 8848** and speak to an adviser, 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.

The bureau opening times are different on some days so check on the website for details.

People come to us with all sorts of issues. You may have money, benefit, housing or employment problems. You may be facing a crisis, or just considering your options.

Bridport Good Neighbours Scheme - PATHWAYS TO CARE

If you need transport to and from hospital, dentist etc., please ring Pathways to Care via the Good Books shop.

Unit 7A St Michael's Trading Estate (off Foundry Lane) DT6 3RR

TEMPORARY CONTACT NUMBER

Good Neighbours / **Pathways to Care** are now using a mobile phone for booking Lifts to Hospital and such like. The number is **07778 211140** and it will be on from 9am till 5pm and taking messages outside of this time. They are waiting for the landline number to be transferred (requires a new BT Pole).

Daily HOPE 0800-804-8044

A free telephone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

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