

24 March 2019 Lent 3 - 'He Broke ...'

Dear Friends

Deal or No Deal was the name of a British game show on our television screens which was hosted by Noel Edmonds, which ran from 2005 to 2016. The show featured a single contestant trying to beat the Banker as they open 22 identical sealed red boxes to win some money. It was a popular game show and the worst that could happen was that the contestant did not win any money. However the Deal or no Deal we are facing because of Brexit has far worse consequences which may affect people's lives. We are living in such uncertain times. There is speculation that there may be shortage of food and that the economy will suffer.

When Jesus was born, there was uncertainty in the Jewish nation as they suffered under Roman jurisdiction. The people thought that their expected leader would overthrow the Romans and give them freedom from oppression. However, in his teaching Jesus taught us to pray and to love our neighbour. Let us use this prayer during these uncertain times.

Every Blessing

Kate Wilson

a prayer for the nation

God of hope,
in these times of change,
unite our nation
and guide our leaders with your wisdom.
Give us courage to overcome our fears,
and help us to build a future
in which all may prosper and share;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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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.

Please stay after the morning service for tea and coffee, to meet folk and ask any questions. God Bless

READINGS - for you to use today and during the week

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COLLECT:

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

PSALM 63:1-8 *(For Morning Prayer)*

1. O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul is athirst for you.
2. My flesh also faints for you,
as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.
3. So would I gaze upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.
4. Your loving-kindness is better than life itself
and so my lips shall praise you.
5. I will bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.
6. My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,
7. When I remember you upon my bed
and meditate on you in the watches of the night.
8. For you have been my helper
and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 55:1-9

Isaiah reminds the people in Exile that God's generosity will ensure their well-being.

The LORD says this: ¹ Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

At the end, the Reader says:

For 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 8:31-38

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³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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.)

(c) New Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Merciful Lord,

grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

EMERGENCY PRAYER CHAIN : Please send all requests for prayer to prayer@avp-benefice.org.uk. If you feel able to commit to regular prayer for those on the list and wish to become a prayer partner, please make contact via the above e-mail address.



GARY OUT & ABOUT : **Monday**, Hyde School Governors Meeting in the early evening. **Tuesday**, Leading Evensong in Winchester Cathedral, and speaking at Fordingbridge Rotary Club in the evening. **Wednesday**, Ministers' Breakfast, Communion at Frogham Chapel and Fordingbridge, followed by Lent Lunch. Then meeting the SIAMS (Church School) Inspector at Breamore School for inspection, and then feedback - in between, **Gary will be at the Bat and Ball at Breamore from 3.30-4.30**, if anyone would like to chat. Welcoming the Beavers to Fordingbridge Church in the evening. **Thursday**, Staff Communion and Meeting in the morning, and lunch with Curates and Training Incumbents. **Friday**, Deanery Synod Standing Committee in Highcliffe in the morning, issuing a Marriage Licence in the afternoon, followed by ringing a Quarter Peal at Fordingbridge, and hoping to get to Air Training Cadets and the 'Pop-Up-Pub' at Woodgreen in the evening. **Saturday**, hope to get to Big Spring Clean at Fordingbridge in the morning.

FAIRTRADE FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING : at St Boniface Church, Woodgreen. Do join us at 10.30am to 12noon on Friday 29 March for a **FREE*** coffee morning. Meet friends and neighbours, old and new, and help us support some of the poorest producers in the world to trade their way out of poverty. We look forward to welcoming you then. **includes unlimited refills, delicious biscuits and a raffle ticket.* Need a lift or more details from Rev Nicky on 07931 413629

DIARY DATES : Sunday 24th, 6.30, Fordingbridge, Choral Evensong for the Eve of the Feast of the Annunciation.

MOTHERING SUNDAY : On Mothering Sunday, 31st March, some service times will be different. A list of all the Mothering Sunday services is as follows :

8.00am	Fordingbridge	Holy Communion
9.00am	Godshill	Mothering Sunday Service
9.30am	Hyde	Mothering Sunday Service
10.00am	Woodgreen	Mothering Sunday Café Service
10.30am	Fordingbridge	Allsorts Mothering Sunday Service
10.45am	Sandleheath	Mothering Sunday Service
11.00am	Breamore	Mothering Sunday Service

THE BIG CHURCH SPRING CLEAN : As part of our co-ordinated events throughout the year, the Churches Together team warmly invite you to join us in the BIG Church effort to give Fordingbridge a bit of a spring clean.

- This is a national event, but it's also a great opportunity to demonstrate our care for the local community by getting involved in a large group tidy up!
- On the **30th March**, we aim to get 30 people to meet at Roundhills car park, Fordingbridge, just next to the Salvation Army Hall at 10am - 12pm.
- Just come as you are, bring a friend or the whole family. There will be litter grabbers, High Visibility Jackets & all sorts of other exciting cleaning products. It will be great fun together doing something for the community.

Contact Pat Bloomfield on 01425 837775, St Mary's Churches Together Rep

QUIZ NIGHT : Fordingbridge Choral Society is holding a fundraising Quiz Night on Saturday 30th March in the Church Hall at 7pm. Cost is £10 and includes two-course supper. Bring your own drinks please. You can buy your tickets from Jane Calver - 01425 656189 or email janecalver@btinternet.com. Hope you can come.

THEATRE TRIP : “Educating Rita” at Salisbury Playhouse Wednesday 19th June 7.30pm. £14.50 a ticket. Starring Stephen Tompkinson aka DCI Banks and Danny in Wild at Heart. Contact me on 01425 655462 or email thetagues@fordingbridge.com Payment required by 25th March please. **Only 7 seats left!** Helen Tague

WEDDING FAIR : Sunday 28 April, 11am to 3pm. All are welcome to the Wedding Fair being held jointly at St Mary’s Hale and Hale Park —many local wedding suppliers will be attending inc photographers, flowers, cars, dresses, food wine and more.

SPRING CLEAN at St Mary's Church, Hale: Ahead of our Wedding Fair (see above) on 28 April and many weddings this year, our church needs an extra clean and tidy up - inside and out! We plan to tackle the cobwebs etc from 10am to midday on Saturday 13th April. We will then enjoy a fish and chip lunch together. All welcome to join in. Call Rev Nicky to join in and to book your lunch order. 07931 413629.

LENT GROUPS continue this week, as follows :

‘Experiencing Prayer’:

- Wednesday mornings, 10.00, the Rectory, 71 Church Street, Fordingbridge SP6 1BB;
- Thursday afternoons, 2.30 at Slate Cottage, 27, Bridge Street, Fordingbridge. SP6 1AH
- Thursday evenings, 7.30 at St Boniface, Woodgreen.

‘A Beautiful Friendship’, based on the film, ‘Casablanca’:

- Thursday evenings at 7.30 in Frogham Chapel at Hyde, SP6 2HZ (Coffee from 7.10).

The LENT LEAFLET has full details of all the Lent Services and Activities - it is now available in the March Magazines, in Church, or from our website.

LENT LUNCHESES : The 7 Lent Lunches in 2019 will continue on Wednesdays until the last lunch on **Wednesday 17th April, in Holy Week, all from 12.15pm – 1.30pm.** Hopefully you have these dates in your diary and can join us in the church hall to enjoy home-made soup etc. Thank you to everyone who has already offered help with serving soup, making coffee/tea and washing up; the rota is almost full. Funds raised from our Lent Lunches will be shared between St Mary’s Church and The Children’s Society. Thank you. Martin and Jane Calver (01425 656189).

ROOM AT THE INN : Pop-up Pub in St Boniface, Woodgreen. Many thanks to all those who have made the temporary ‘pub in the church’ such a great success. And thanks to all who have supported it—over **£1,000** has been raised for church funds (we aim to put this toward installing a ‘proper’ kitchen). The Horse and Groom hope to open in the middle of April; so we plan to have a final ‘Room at the Inn’ pop-up pub from 6-11pm on Friday 29 March and then Horse and Groom ‘warm-up pubs’ from 6-11pm on Fridays 5 and 12 April and then further Fridays, if needed. Look out for notices in Woodgreen Village Shop, on Next Door or call Rev Nicky 07931 4113629.

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK, April 15th - There will be a Sung Compline at Breamore at 7.30 that evening. Gary is getting a choir together, and the plainsong music is very simple. There will be a short rehearsal the previous day at 12.00 noon (after the Palm Sunday Service), and/or on the Monday evening at 6.45. ***If you would like to join the choir, please speak to Gary.***

FORDINGBRIDGE MOTHER'S UNION : The Deanery Lady Day Service is on Monday March 25th at St Mary's Church Fordingbridge at 2.00pm, followed by refreshments. We welcome everyone to the service.

T.O.F.S.S. (Too Old For Sunday School) will be meeting again after Easter, at 15 Provost Street, at 10.45am, to watch a DVD, discuss it, and to pray. Thursdays 25 April, 23 May, 13 & 27 June. Newcomers welcome. Light refreshments. Further details from John or Pat Bloomfield 837735.

KINKIIZI SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS : If anyone might be interested in going to Kinkiizi for the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Diocese in April/May 2020, these are the brief details-depart Gatwick 28 April, after rest day attend weeklong celebrations finishing with the closing celebrations on Sunday 10 May, travel back, arriving at Gatwick 12 May. Folk in Kinkiizi are already very excited about the Jubilee and are eager to welcome as many of us as possible. Accommodation likely to be in one of 2 Diocesan Guest Houses. Estimated cost around £1000 per person (includes airfare, road travel & accommodation). More information from Gary or Nicky.

GOOGLE REVIEWS : Have you got something good to say about one of our Churches? Could you write a Google Review? Go to Google Maps, find the Church you would like to comment on, and write your Review. The more good reviews we get, the higher our rating, and the more attractive the Churches look to those who are searching for them on the internet. Any questions - ask me. *Gary.*

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR : required at Breamore Primary School, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 12.00 and 1.00pm. Applicants should enjoy being a part of a team and working together to ensure that all children enjoy a sociable lunch time. More details/application form, call the school on 01725 512286

REFLECTION : Last Tuesday was the day the Church remembers Joseph of Nazareth. We do not often think about Joseph, husband of Mary and earthly Father of Jesus. We might imagine that he was a quiet man who kept his own council. Yet we know that he always did the 'right thing'. He took note of his dream and married Mary as the angels told him and again listening to his dream he had the courage to take Mary and the baby away from the reach of Herod who was killing all the babies. His quietness, like a lot of the prophets in the Old Testament enabled him to be open spiritually and to be aware of messages from God. We might wonder – was he surprised at his son's knowledge and wisdom, perhaps being unaware - as maybe we all are- that he was no simple carpenter. He must have exposed his son to the stillness and awareness of his 'inner world'. Meditating on Joseph we might find that as an ordinary human being he can lead us to the path of quiet stillness and awareness.

Daphne Himmel

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Sunday 24	8.00am	Holy Communion	Fordingbridge
March	9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Fordingbridge
	9.30am	Holy Communion	Hyde
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Hale
	10.45am	Holy Communion	Sandleheath
	11.00am	Holy Communion (NB - changed)	Breamore
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong (1st EP Annunciation)	Fordingbridge

See inside for Lent Group details

Monday 25	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Fordingbridge
Tuesday 26	9.15am	Alpha Course, The Vicarage	Hyde
	7.00pm	Alpha Course, The Vicarage	Hyde
Wednesday 27	9.00am	Morning Prayer	Fordingbridge
	10.00am	Joint Communion	Frogham Chapel
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Fordingbridge
	12.15pm	Lent Lunch, Church Hall	Fordingbridge
	7.45pm	Meditation Drop In	Fordingbridge
Thursday 28	7.30pm	Bell Ringing	Fordingbridge
Friday 29	10.30am	Fairtrade Coffee Morning	Woodgreen
	6.20pm	Choir practice	Fordingbridge
	12noon	<i>Wedding—Jasmine Warner and Alex Marshall</i>	Fordingbridge
Sunday 31	8.00am	Holy Communion	Fordingbridge
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Contact : Jackie Garratt or Gail Newell, Church Office, The Rainbow Centre, 39 Salisbury Street, Fordingbridge SP6 1AB
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