

19th September 2021 - Trinity 16

It seems a long way to Good Friday but today we hear Jesus tell the disciples that he will be betrayed and killed.

None of us knows what is around the corner, tomorrow, next week, next year.

You will remember Jesus also told his disciples to live for today, to ask only for our daily bread and not to worry about tomorrow. That's harder than it seems!

Yet Jesus spent his time teaching and preaching and healing and concentrated on the job in hand day by day.

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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. God Bless***

## **Readings for this week**

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#### **COLLECT:**

Lord of creation,  
whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**AMEN.**

#### **PSALM I** *(For Morning Prayer)*

1. Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
Nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
  
2. Their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
And they meditate on his law day and night.
  
3. They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
Bearing fruit in due season,
  
4. With leaves that do not wither;  
Everything they do shall prosper.
  
5. It is not so with the wicked:  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away;
  
6. Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes,  
Nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

## A Reading from the Letter of James

*James 3:13-4:3,7-8a*

*Wisdom is shown in peaceable living, based on God's gift of grace.*

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. <sup>4:1</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

*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.)**

*Jesus speaks of God's wisdom shown in simplicity.*

After leaving the mountain <sup>30</sup>Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

*At the end, the Reader says:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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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:**

Almighty God,

you have taught us through your Son

that love is the fulfilling of the law:


grant that we may love you with our whole heart

and our neighbours as ourselves;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**AMEN.**

*This edition of Partners has been prepared in advance so some notices may appear out of date*

 **OUT & ABOUT: Monday**, AVCM Trustees Meeting in the morning, wedding rehearsal and Hale and Woodgreen LCC in the evening. **Tuesday**, Ministers' Breakfast in the morning, and lunchtime meeting in Poole. On-Line Review in the evening. **Wednesday**, Funeral of Hyde family in Southampton. **Thursday**, Staff Communion and Meeting in the morning, staff review meeting, PCC Meeting in the evening. **Friday**, Governors' Meeting in the morning, leading Evensong at Winchester Cathedral. **Saturday**, Saturday synod in the morning, and Wedding at Hale in the afternoon, followed by a Memorial Service in the Cathedral.

**REVIEW OF OUR ON-LINE OFFERING:** We think it's time to have a review of our on-line offering – TftDs, Saturday Conversations, and Sunday Services – and perhaps other things. We've arranged a meeting (by Zoom, appropriately) to discuss this on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 7.00p.m. Anyone is welcome to come – but if, not, could you let me know your thoughts on what we are currently doing, and what we might do in the future.

In particular, would you like to continue as a contributor to TftD – or would you like to become one? We are still getting a very regular following on-line, live and afterwards, and people still feel they are being fed by it. But what is sustainable, and what is desirable?

*Zoom Meeting ID: 871 2936 1945 and Passcode: 096122 and direct link in Partners email. Telephone: 0131 460 1196*

**CHRISTCHURCH DEANERY SATURDAY SYNOD :** All are very welcome to the Saturday Synod being held on 25th September at St Mary's Church Hall Fordingbridge. The programme will focus on **COVID – Opportunities and Losses: How will life in our Parishes be changed?** This is an open meeting so all are welcome. Please contact Gary if you would like any further information.

**CONFIRMATION:** There is going to be a Confirmation at Christchurch Priory on Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, at 2.00p.m. Anyone who is interested in being confirmed, is asked to be in touch with Gary as soon as possible – there is still plenty of time for preparation. Do ask if you are interested or want to find out more. Gary.

**EMERGENCY PRAYER CHAIN** *Please send all requests for prayer to [prayer@avonvalleychurches.org.uk](mailto:prayer@avonvalleychurches.org.uk). If you feel able to commit to regular prayer for those on the list and wish to become a prayer partner, please email the above address.*



**JIGSAW JAMBOREE HELP NEEDED! Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October and Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October between 10am and 4pm.** We need lots of people to help!! There will be 3 two-hour time slots each day to cover anything from helping put puzzles out, taking payment, serving refreshments and washing up. Some kind people have already offered, thank you so much. **If you are able to help in any way** please let Judith Dowsett know asap (01425 650335, j.dowsett7@btinternet.com). A rota will be drawn up by Jean and Judith to cover everything that is needed.

**And Jean needs cakes please!** The usual favourites of traybakes, lemon drizzle, coffee walnut and so on will be very gratefully received. Jean will put a cake donation list up in St Mary's Fordingbridge for you to sign up or contact her direct (01202 822187, jean.groves539@btinternet.com) with your offers of delicious cakes.

**Please continue to donate puzzles in boxes, bring to the Hall on Tuesday 14 or 21 September, 1-3pm.** Thank you all so much with your support of this major and much needed fundraiser for St Mary's Fordingbridge. **Please tell your friends and neighbours to come and buy!** Judith, Viv and Jean.

**BREAMORE HARVEST LUNCH – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.** This will be held in the Hulse Hall at Breamore following the Harvest Festival Service, with coffee from 11.15am and lunch at 12noon. Everyone is welcome to attend, and although there is no charge (donations welcome) to assist with catering please let Mary Melbourne know that you would like to join us either by calling 07710 288361 or email mary.awdford@btopenworld.com.

**FROGHAM CHAPEL :** extends a very warm welcome to all as it recommences services on Services today, Sunday 19th September at 11am.

**PROPERTIES TO RENT :** If anyone knows of a property available to rent for a Fordingbridge family, please contact Ann Beynon via email AnnBeynon53@gmail.com **AND** if anyone knows of a suitable house-share in the Fordingbridge area, please contact Rhian Bond on 07387 797007  
Many thanks.

**HAMPSHIRE HOME LIBRARY SERVICE :** Do you know someone who would like books delivered on a monthly basis? Large print available. Audiobooks can be arranged. Please get in touch for more details. Helen Tague 01425 655462.

**ACCESS TO ON-LINE WORSHIP** : All our online services are available on our **telephone line**, 01425 543305, charged at your normal local rate. If you want to listen to live or recorded worship (and to hear Gary's cheerful greeting!), it's usually easier to put your phone onto speakerphone, so you can sit back and enjoy.

**EASYFUNDRAISING** : Would you like to help raise funds for AVC by turning your everyday online shopping into free donations? We have signed up to Easyfundraising which makes donations (at no cost to you) when you shop online with registered retailers - all you need to do is go through the Easyfundraising website then shop as normal, and the retailers will make a small donation to us. If you are reading this online, just click on the link below (hold ctrl key whilst clicking) for more information.

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**REFLECTION** : One of my uncles contracted polio at an early age when he was a young boy, which left him with a deformed foot, a rather awkward walk and void of playing all sport, not to mention the shoe that had to be especially made to fit the offending foot. He asked for, nor accepted pity of any kind, he carried on with life holding down a steady job and raising a family. He often used to say that there were a lot more people that were worse off than him.

He was brought up in a religious household together with his brother and sisters and sang in the church choir along side his father and brother and indeed he sang in many off the local chapels and churches all his life. Whether he had any religious thoughts about his infirmity, I don't know. My observation was that he accepted his situation without complaint and got on with life together with his pleasant personality and character.

*Michael Ireland*

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TO VISITORS**

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# This Week - 19th September 2021 - Trinity 16

Online/live streamed services via Facebook, Website or Faith Online  
and available afterwards on YouTube "Avon Valley Churches"

<b>Sunday 19 Sept</b>	<b>8.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mattins + streamed</b>	<b>Breamore</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>	<b>Hale</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>	<b>Hyde</b>
	<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>	<b>Sandleheath</b>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Omega Group (Hyde Club TBC)</b>	<b>Hyde</b>

Mon to Fri	10.00am	Thought for the Day	
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Mon 20	9.00am	Morning Prayer (Meeting ID: 157 284 292, Password: 764200)	On-line (Zoom)
	10.30am	AV Community Matters Trustees Meeting	
	7.00pm	Hale and Woodgreen LCC	St Boniface
Tue 21	7.00pm	Review of on-line services etc	On-line (Zoom)
Wed 22	9.00am	Morning Prayer (details as Monday)	On-line (Zoom)
Thur 23	7.00pm	PCC meeting	On-line (Zoom)
	7.30pm	Bellringing	Fordingbridge
Fri 24	10.30am	Woodgreen Coffee Morning	St Boniface
Sat 25	9.15am	Deanery Saturday Synod, Church Hall	Fordingbridge
	10.00am	The Saturday Conversation	On-line
	2.00pm	Wedding - Ella Xuereb and Andrew Stretch	Hale
	2.30pm	Funeral - late Richard Scott	Hyde

<b>Sunday 26 Sept</b>	<b>8.15am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Breamore</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion + streamed</b>	<b>Hyde</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Communion (Harvest)</b>	<b>Woodgreen</b>
	<b>10.45am</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>	<b>Sandleheath</b>
	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Evensong</b>	<b>Fordingbridge</b>