

5th September 2021 - Trinity 14

During the 2nd world war the R.A.F. formed the Air Transport Auxiliary which carried out the delivery of new aircraft straight from the factories to the airfields. As a new Wellington bomber came in to land at an airfield in East Anglia the ground crew assembled to see the bomber complete its journey from the factory as it taxied up to the dispersal area. As the engines shut down and the propellers stopped, they strolled forward to greet the pilot. To their astonishment a petite young woman climbed down from the aircraft. “Where is the pilot” they shouted, “ I am the pilot” she replied. They looked at her in disbelief, as two from the crowd climbed into the aircraft to look for the missing pilot. They could not believe that a young woman could fly the giant bomber. The woman on this occasion was the celebrated Mary Ellis, one of the many woman who delivered the new aircraft to the front line.

The A.T.A. was one of the many organisations to stand against oppression during 1939—1945. The threat instantly bought the nation together to defend our country, our freedom and free speech.

While watching the Olympics recently and to see so many nations competing against each other with so great enthusiasm and friendliness it is truly a blessing that history has turned out the way it has.

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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 5th September 2021 - Trinity 14

COLLECT:

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

PSALM 125 *(For Morning Prayer)*

- 1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

- 2 As the hills stand about Jerusalem,
so the Lord stands round about his people,
from this time forth for evermore.

- 3 The sceptre of wickedness shall not hold sway
over the land allotted to the righteous,
lest the righteous turn their hands to evil.

- 4 Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,
and to those who are true of heart.

- 5 Those who turn aside to crooked ways
the Lord shall take away with the evildoers;
but let there be peace upon Israel.

A Reading from the Letter of James

James 2:1-10, 14-17

Christians are encouraged to treat all people the same, rich or poor, and reminded that faith without works is dead..

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸ You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.. ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead

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 has a difficult conversation, and heals a deaf man..

²⁴ From there Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁸ But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' ²⁹ Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' ³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

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:

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.



OUT & ABOUT: Monday/Tuesday : Planning and preparation days; **Wednesday** afternoon, Hyde School assembly followed by Hyde Governor celebration after school; **Thursday** morning, staff communion/staff meeting, website meeting, then Breamore assembly in the afternoon and Area Deans meeting in the evening; **Friday** morning, Deanery Synod Standing Committee Meeting; **Saturday** afternoon, wedding rehearsal then at 7pm preaching at BPP/BCM service at Winchester Cathedral.

OMEGA GROUP : will be meeting this Sunday, 5th September at 6pm at Dodington House, Breamore. The theme will be current affairs and ethics and if you would like to, please bring an article that has “made you think”. Refreshments will be available and all are welcome.

COFFEE AFTER CHURCH: don't forget that we will be having Zoom Coffee at 11.15am this Sunday (timed to give people time to go home and put the kettle on!) If there are enough people who would like to meet more regularly, and someone is happy to open the Zoom Meeting, that would be great. *Meeting ID 646 331 066 Password 123654.* Direct link is in the Partner's email.

AN ELIZABETHAN EVENING : Do join us on **Saturday 11th September from 5pm to 7pm** in the beautiful surroundings of Hale Church for an authentic Elizabethan evening. You will be serenaded by Renaissance recorders, lute, tambour and pipe players and madrigals. There will also be a mock trial with interactive elements of Dr Faustus, Christopher Marlowe's play. Tickets are £15 with bar available, bring your own picnic (tables and seating provided). All proceeds towards the upkeep of the church. **Tickets available at:** Woodgreen Community shop, from Lynda Warne on 01725 512805 or Lynda.warne@hotmail.co.uk or contact the church office office@avonvalleychurches.org

TALENTS CREAM TEA : all are welcome on Thursday 16th September, between 2.30pm and 5.30pm at 7 Bowerwood Road, Fordingbridge SP6 1BJ for cream team. Cost £3 for cream tea/cake. All proceeds for upkeep of St Mary's Fordingbridge. Contact Di Evans on 01425 291958 to confirm attendance.

EMERGENCY PRAYER CHAIN *Please send all requests for prayer to 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.*

AFGHANISTAN is 2nd on Open Doors annual ranking of countries where Christians face the most extreme persecution. We are witnessing the decimation of the country and people of Afghanistan. The Taliban has a hit list of known Christians that they are targeting to hunt down and kill. Let's pray for them. And also let us thank God that persecution grows the church, and that there is news that many many Afghans are turning to Christ and finding that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. There are some new Open Doors Prayer leaflets in the porch. Pat Bloomfield

BLANKETS FOR SYRIA. On Tuesday 7 September, 2-4.30pm, we will be collecting the last Granny Squares and Blankets for Syria in St Mary's Church Fordingbridge. Tea and cakes. A welcome awaits anyone who would like to join in and meet the crafters, who come from Fordingbridge and the surrounding villages. No charge but donation plate for St Marys. Please be Covid-wise: wear masks when walking around in the church, and keep a safe distance. Pat Bloomfield

'RIDE AND STRIDE' : On Saturday September 11th, our Churches will be open for 'Ride and Stride' - people walking, cycling or driving as part of the Historic Churches Trust event - a wonderful way of enjoying getting out and about as well as raising much needed funds to support grant applications from churches and chapels across the country. Further details at: www.ridestrideuk.org, and look for Hampshire and The Islands.

HOLY LAND TOUR : Due to the pandemic we had to cancel our proposed tour in May, then October this year, so have planned to have a **Pilgrimage Tour of Jordan and Israel in April 2022** - we are booking now on 01425 471490 and jer.178@tiscali.co.uk - please contact me for details and brochure, we'd love to have you join us! Michael Anderson

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY, MAY 2022: Gary is leading a trip to see the ten-yearly (delayed from 2020) Passion Play in Oberammergau, South Germany, in May 2022. Details on the website, and leaflets in Church. Ask if you'd like to know more, or are thinking of coming - it will be a wonderful week.

PROPERTY TO RENT : If anyone knows of a property available to rent for a Fordingbridge family, please could you contact Ann Beynon via email AnnBeynon53@gmail.com



JIGSAW JAMBOREE : Thank you for all your donations to date. Don't forget that the Jigsaw Jamboree at St Mary's Fordingbridge is on Friday 1st & Saturday 2nd October, 10am to 4pm. Many thanks for your support. Viv Finch (01725 512267) and Judith Dowsett (01425 650335).

ACCESS TO ON-LINE WORSHIP : Whilst our services will continue to be streamed live on-line either via Facebook, Zoom or our website (and available afterwards on YouTube); all services are also 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.

BIN TWINNING : raises funds for Tearfund's global Environmental and Economic Sustainability programme, where local partner organisations in Haiti, Pakistan and Uganda are setting up projects to tackle critical waste management issues in these countries. We would love for Fordingbridge to become the first bin twinned town in the country. More information is available at www.bintwinning.org or contact the Church Office.

REFLECTION : This week we start the Season of Creation which many churches will celebrate from 1st September to 4th October. There is an added focus this year with the UN Global talks in Glasgow next month. Within our own churches we celebrate Sunday, 19th September as Creation Sunday.

It strikes me that there are two aspects to our relationship with God's creation and both are important. There is much focus on how we care for creation, or perhaps how we fail to care for creation but seeing His creation shows us something about God as well.

The second aspect is to me just as important: we see the fingerprints of God in His work. As Psalm 8 puts it : "When I look at your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and stars that you have established". It goes on to say that "You have given them [humanity] dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet," but surely this means that when we look and see the fingerprint of the Creator in His work, our call is to help creation be fruitful and with us become what He originally intended.

Julian Sims

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

Sunday 5 Sept	8.15am	Holy Communion + streamed	Fordingbridge
	10.00am	Patronal Morning Service	Breamore
	10.00am	Allsorts	Fordingbridge
	10.00am	Patronal Holy Communion + streamed	Hale
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Hyde
	10.45am	C of E Morning Service	Sandleheath
	6.00pm	Omega Course, Dodington Hse	Breamore

Mon to Fri	10.00am	Thought for the Day
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Mon 6	9.00am	Morning Prayer (Meeting ID: 157 284 292, Password: 764200)	On-line (Zoom)
Wed 8	9.00am	Morning Prayer (details as Monday)	On-line (Zoom)
Thur 9	7.30pm	Bellringing	Fordingbridge
Sat 11	10.00am	The Saturday Conversation	On-line

Sunday 12 Sept	8.15am	Holy Communion	Hyde
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Breamore
	10.00am	Patronal Sung Communion + streamed	Fordingbridge
	10.00am	Morning Service	Woodgreen
	10.45am	Morning Service	Sandleheath
	4.00pm	The 4 o'clock Slot	Hyde
	6.00pm	Evensong	Fordingbridge

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TO VISITORS

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