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FUN QUIZ at St Swithun's Friday **20th Sept.** Doors open 6.30pm. Quiz starts 7pm. Teams of 6 £5 p.p. (cash) Please book your table 07741457505.

ST MARY'S CHURCH BRIDPORT

Saturday **21st Sept** 10.30am-12.30pm **Coffee & cake**

NURDLE HUNT



SATURDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

Come and support Wild & Messy Church with their Eco-church contribution preventing plastic getting into our oceans.

Participants will take the bus to Charmouth Beach for various activities, including a Nurdle Hunt plus a picnic that will be free of single-use plastic. All are welcome. Please book, contact Janet Robinson 07913549946 or Lorna Johnson 07501408221.

(Children must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult)

1924 FIRST FULL PEAL TO BE REPEATED

The **Dorset Ringers** will ring a full peal from 10am (3 hours) on Saturday **12th October**, at St Mary's Church Bridport - same peal as the first full peal rung on the (new) bells in 1924.

PIANO RECITALS SATURDAY 12 OCT

Starting 10.30am at St Swithun's Church, book your slot via Charles 07814 388327. Also **9th Nov.**

Below is a leaflet we will distribute to school families

Ever thought of TRYING CHURCH?

Do come to our very first

Breakfast Church



Any questions - contact Revd John Rees:
Email john@parishofbridport.org or 07340 589375

15th September 2024

16th Sunday after Trinity

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Greetings from Bridport's worshipping community

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We've just passed the third anniversary of the creation of Contemplative Church, which is based at St Swithun's Church, Allington and meets at 4pm on the first Sunday of every month.

A good number of us now come regularly to this inclusive meditative community, something which is recognisably church, but in a different way than is traditionally experienced.

Although this is a relatively new initiative in the parish it is a very ancient approach to prayer that offers a space to be still and explore contemplative silence.

In many traditions meditation is spoken of as a pilgrimage - a pilgrimage to our own centre, where we can be close to and receptive to God.

Meetings last around thirty minutes and feature a short period of meditation framed by readings (from a range of sources), a reflection on the reading and sometimes music.

We use a simple practice of meditation based on the teachings of the early desert fathers and mothers and adopted by the World Council for Christian Meditation.

Sarah Bachelard is an Anglican priest who leads a similar project in Canberra, Australia, and she puts it like this:

"In the silence, Christians believe we meet a reality beyond us, the source of all life that increases our capacity to receive all that can transform us.

More aware of this love and grace, we hope to be better able to be a presence that might help others in the world.

You might not believe any of this", she says, "and come along only wanting to sit in silence with us to see what comes of it. If so, you would be very welcome and we hope you find an open space you feel at home in."

We echo that. Contemplative Church is open to any who would like to explore with us what the distinctive and complimentary vocation of a contemplative church might be in our small part of this extraordinary world.

Revd Dan Shackell

COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully
to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power
faithfully to fulfil them;
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.

(or)

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.

Post Communion

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.

TODAY'S READINGS

James 3 : 1 - 12 *Taming the tongue*

Not many of you should become teachers, my
brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach
will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us
make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no
mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the
whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into
the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide
their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are
so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet
they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the
will of the pilot directs.

So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of
great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a
small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is
placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it
stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature,
and is itself set on fire by hell.

For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea
creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the
human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a
restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the
Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are
made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth
come blessing and cursing.

My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does
a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh
and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and
sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can
salt water yield fresh.

Mark 8 : 27 to end *Peter's Declaration about Jesus*
Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of
Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his
disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they
answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah;
and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked
them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter
answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he
sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

..... *Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection*

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. He said all
this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and
began to rebuke him. 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.' 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.
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. For what will it profit
them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?
Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?
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.'

Psalms 19 : 1 - 6 *God's Glory in Creation and the Law*

To the leader. A Psalm of David. The heavens are
telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims
his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and
night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech,
nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their
voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to
the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent
for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from
his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its
course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the
heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing
is hidden from its heat.

COMPLINE AT HOME

Tuesdays + Thursdays @ 8pm – request **ZOOM**
link from **nigelg8@gmail.com**

After The Very Reverend Nick Papadopoulos' TALK re
Israel / Palestine on Monday if you wish to donate
please go to <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/> OR
<https://www.oikoumene.org/what-we-do/eappi>

PRAYER TIME

Open PARISH PRAYER organised by Revd Cally
Burch and Revd John Rees, **first & third Thurs** of
the month, 3.30pm-4.30pm - will rotate in churches.