



Sunday 18th October 2026
@ PPT Bovey Tracey & St Mary's Hennock



The Vicar writes: We give thanks for the beauty of a mild and sunny autumn. Why not support the Hennock Apple Day on Sunday at the Apple Barn, Stickwick (TQ13 9PR) from 11am to 5pm, with apple pressing, stalls and refreshments.

Don't forget that the clocks change next Sunday (25th October)!

yours in Christ,
Graham

18th

9.30am
11.00am
5.00pm

20th after Trinity: Questioning Authority

Bible readings: Isaiah 5.1-8, Matthew 21.23-end
Sunday Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton
Holy Communion: Rev Graham Hamilton
Prayer and Praise: Rev Graham Hamilton

St Mary's

11.00am

Bible readings: Zechariah 9.1-12, Matthew 21.1-22
Morning Worship- Mr David Robinson

Mon 19th

9.00am
6.30pm

Morning Prayer via zoom.
Wise Guys in church room

Tues 20th

6.00pm

Rooted in church room

Weds 21st

10.00am

Holy Communion in the church room

Thurs 22nd

7.00am
9.30am

Men's Breakfast in the church room
Ladies Sewing group in the church room

Fri 23rd

9.00am

Morning prayer via Zoom

Sat 24th

6.00pm

TearFund Big Quiz night at Rora House
*Clocks **fall back** to Greenwich Mean Time*

25th

9.30am
11.00am
5.00pm

Last after Trinity: Invited to the wedding

Bible Readings: Isaiah 55, Matthew 22.1-14
Sunday Praise: Mrs Carolyn Laycock
Morning Prayer: Mrs Carolyn Laycock
Prayer & Praise: tbc

St Mary's

11.00am

Bible readings: 1 Kings 10.1-13, Matt 21.23-end
Morning Worship: Rev Graham Hamilton

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Please join us for Morning Prayer on Zoom at 9.00am on Mondays and Fridays. It lasts no more than half an hour. It's simple to join: just click [here](#) to join Morning Prayer, or enter the ID 986 2130 8247 and Passcode: 102020.

Our Mission Focus for October is Tear Fund

All gifts in the collection plate or using Contactless go to our monthly mission focus. Please note a slight change to the yellow weekly gift envelopes- You can now indicate on the envelope whether your gift is for general church funds or the monthly Mission focus.

Dunley House Gardens open to the public this weekend Sat 17th and Sun 18th Oct.

Francis and Sarah Gilbert are opening their gardens to the public as part of the National Gardens scheme. Open 2-5pm both days with tea, scones and cakes available. Dogs on leads welcome. £6 per adult, children free. Postcode TQ13 9PW

The Great Christmas Pudding Quiz- Saturday Nov 28th in the Church room

Come along for a fun evening in aid of Save Bovey's Bells! 7.30pm in the Church room with festive refreshments at half time. £5 per person and max of 6 per table. Call 07866806964 to book your table! No Bar but bring a bottle if you wish.

Prayer List: John Ayre, Robbie Beauchamp, Angie Blanche, Norman Brown, Sue Clutton, Nina Coleby-Clarke, Ann Durrant, Peter Francis, Lawrence Hall, Rachel Knightly, Richard Manson, Trowan Midgley, Paul Mountford, Abby Nesbitt, Ann & John Savage, Colin Turner, Sheila Winckles.

In Memory: Irene Webb, Mary Rayson

Collect for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity:

God, the giver of life,
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation
the joys of eternal life;
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.

Study Questions: Matthew 21.22-end

Icebreaker: Do you have a problem with authority - respecting the authority of others, or having your own authority challenged? (at work, at home, in church?)

Does our society have a culture of Disrespect for authority?

Read Matthew 21.23-end.

What authority did the chief priests have within the temple courts?

Is there any evidence that they had misused it?

Who were 'the elders of the people', and what sort of authority did they possess?

How has Jesus challenged their authority so far? (vv 12-15) See also Mt 8.4, 15.2

The chief priests and elders now confront Jesus in public, while he is teaching the crowds.

What authority did prophets have to speak according to the Old Testament? (see Deut 18.15-22) Who appointed them, and had the responsibility to discern if they were true prophets?

How do the chief priests and elders respond to the prophetic message of John the Baptist?

How did the ordinary people respond to John the Baptist?

The first story Jesus tells (vv 28-31) highlights these two different responses

How does the second story about the vineyard (33-41) compare and contrast with Isaiah 5.1-7? (See also Psalm 80.8-16)

This story describes a familiar scenario in the first century of tenant farmers and an absentee landlord, but the story gets violently out of hand, and the landowner takes an absurd risk in sending his son.

Jesus clearly intends this parable to be an allegorical summary of Israel's salvation history. Who is the landowner? Who are the tenants? Who are the servants?

What is Jesus claiming and predicting about himself?

Why does Jesus leave the chief priests to finish the story? (vv 40-41)

Who are the 'other tenants' who will replace them?

Jesus drives home his challenge to their authority and his own claim to authority, with quotations from Psalm 118.22 and Isaiah 28.16. Some have seen connections with Nebuchadnezzar's dream in Daniel 2. especially vv 34-35. What is Jesus claiming about himself?

You may be interested to read the [Church of England Homily](#) no.10 on Obedience to Authority or no.33 against Disobedience and Wilful Rebellion.

Applications: Which of the two sons are you more like?

Why do we struggle with human authority, or divine authority?

Will God always be patient with human rebellion?

Ask God to give us the obedience of faith, respect for human authorities, and acknowledge Christ as Lord of all areas of our life

Pray for those in authority to use their powers responsibly, knowing to whom they must give account.

Mon 19 Oct: Ps126, 2 Kings 21.1-18 Pray for all courts, judges and jurors to do justice in a timely manner, and for prison and probation services to treat prisoners humanely and bring them to repentance and rehabilitation
Tues 20 Oct Ps 132, 2 Kings 22.1-23.3 Give thanks for uniformed youth organisations - Scouts, Guides, Cadets- and pray that their adult volunteers may inspire young people to develop new skills, maturity and confidence and keep them safe from harm.
Wed 21 Oct : Ps 119.153-end, 2 Kings 23.4-25 Pray for the just and generous treatment of refugees and asylum seekers, and for the politics of migration to be honestly debated and agreed between parliament and people.
Thurs 22 Oct Ps 143, 2 Kings 23.36-24.17 Pray for Mel Stride MP for Central Devon and the Houses of Parliament, that the Government may be guided to act with wisdom, integrity and justice for the peace and prosperity of our nation.
Fri 23 Oct : Ps 144, 2 Kings 24.18-25.12 Give thanks for the small groups in our church, and pray that they may be places for prayer, bible study, fellowship and mutual encouragement, and for new leaders to be trained and establish new groups.
Sat 24 Oct Ps 147, 2 Kings 25.22-end Pray for the wardens and congregation of St Mary's Hennock, that they may grow in number, faith and bold witness to the communities of Hennock and Teign Village, and be faithful stewards of the church building.
Sun 25 Oct Ps 119.137-152, Deut. 17.14-15.18. Pray for wisdom for those in Government as it seeks to raise revenue and spend it wisely, and pray for grace to pay our due in taxes and to be generous to those in need, and for the Chancellor and forthcoming Budget.

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