



## ST MARY'S CHURCH, BRIDGWATER SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2020

Welcome to this weeks bulletin!

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**GOSPEL : Matthew 25.14-30** "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>9</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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### People to hold in prayer

- Bishop Peter Hancock
- Jess Grandfield
- Wendy Harris
- The family of Keith Bannard founding member of Bridgwater foodbank who passed away on 8th Nov.

### Collect

*Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ out Lord. Amen*

### 200 Club Winners 12th November 2020

- 1<sup>st</sup> Carol Davies
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Evan Prosser
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Glenys Wilkins
- 4<sup>th</sup> Norman Hucker

### 2ND BEFORE ADVENT / KINGDOM SEASON

#### READINGS:

Zep 1.7, 12—end; Psalm 90; 1 Thess 5.1-11

### Coming up this week:

#### MONDAY

10am— New Craft group ([via zoom see link](#))

#### WEDNESDAY

9am—Morning Prayer ([via see link](#))

#### THURSDAY

9.30—12noon—[Church open for individual prayer](#)

#### SUNDAY

8.10am—Sunday Worship [Listen on BBC Radio 4](#)

#### SUNDAY ONLINE

9.30am — Our online Sunday Worship Communion ([join on our website / fb / youtube](#))

10.30am—Zoom coffee ([see link](#))

#### ZOOM COFFEE MTG

10.30am Sunday

Meeting ID: 342 838 4531

Passcode: Church

#### ZOOM CRAFT GROUP

Meeting ID:

Passcode: craft

## LOCKDOWN #2 - Back by popular demand this week we hear from the wonderful Phyllis Searle—thoughts on remembrance.....

One bright morning in the Autumn of 1957 four enthusiastic young nurses arrived at the Mary Stanley maternity home in Castle Street. We were there to complete our training to become midwives.

We didn't know each other when we came together but we soon became firm friends. Rather shocked at the many rules and regulations, no late nights, and there was the insistence on punctuality for breakfast, as we all had to kneel down to say our morning prayers led by the Matron or her deputy.

We all worked long hours but for remembrance Sunday we were allowed to be off duty from 10:30 to 2:30 to attend the services. We went to King's Square where the matron duly laid a poppy wreath. As we walked into King's Square the town dignitaries arrived in procession two abreast accompanied by Sir Gerald Wills MP; followed by the gentlemen of Saint Mary's church choir and about fourteen choir boys, all led by the Rev'd Hughes Davies.

The Salvation Army played quietly and then the service began: Last Post, silence, exhortation, Reveille. Just the same as it was when the dedicated few turned out last Sunday to honour the occasion. Once the service was over the whole of King's Square proceeded to Saint Mary's which in those days contained far more pews than it does today. Even so seats were at a premium and we just managed to squeeze into the Swan Transept which at that time was filled with pews. I was familiar with attending a packed church services regularly having been a girl guide, and a cadet at the St Johns Ambulance. The service over we spilled out of the packed church just in time to rush back to Mary Stanley with little time to enjoy lunch before going back on duty for the evening.

Little did I imagine that 25 years later I would accompany my late husband Clifford to Italy from 1979 to 2007. This was where he spent most of his active service during the war. The first time we went to see the graves of Clifford's colleagues lost in combat we used public transport arriving in Anzio only to be told that the British cemetery was some way down the road. When we finally made it we were so exhausted that we collapsed onto the cool stone steps of the cupola at the entrance. Before travelling to Italy we had researched the location of Clifford's colleagues among the thousands of others remembered there but on our first visit we were unable to go near as the field was being irrigated due to the intense heat. On subsequent tours we always managed to pay our respects, and looking back on these visits it always moves me when I consider the young ages of so many of the fallen the majority of whom were barely more than children. 63 years later I am still here and I still remember them. *Phyllis*

### NEW CRAFT GROUP!

#### MONDAY's 10am

I am starting a craft group in St Mary's and due to the restrictions we will have our first get together **via Zoom**. If you like crafting and would like to meet other crafters why not join us on Monday 16th November @ 10am. Good things come to those who craft!

**Meeting ID 7354034831**

**Password Craft**

See you on Monday.

*Margaret Lee*

### Samaritan's Purse 2020- Operation Christmas Child

The drop-off point at Alive Christian Ministries is closed due to the current Covid restrictions. Please hold on to your shoe box for now and we will let you know when a local drop-off point becomes available. Please speak to Frances or Richard if you have any questions.

### Christmas presents for our link parish in Zambia

We would love to bless the children in our link parish in Zambia with a small gift of a rainbow wristband to let them know we are thinking and praying for them.

If you would like to make a contribution then a donation of 50p would cover one wristband and postage. A collection point will be available on Sunday or please get in contact and we can collect. We hope to send the wristbands off by mid November. Many thanks

*Frances Webb*