

## **Benefice Newsletter**

**St Laurence, Upwey - St Nicholas Broadwey - Holy Trinity Bincombe –  
St Nicholas Buckland Ripers**

**Welcome**

**Week beginning Sunday 3rd August 7th Sunday After Trinity**

### **‘The Rich Fool’**

**God of Life, Creator of the earth and all that is in it, we lift our prayers of thanks to you For the beauty of the earth that surrounds us, For spring flowers that dazzle us and summer’s greenery that delights us, For autumn’s bounty that sustains us, and winter’s hibernation which settles us. Thanks be to You, Creator of the heavens and the earth, to whom all things belong.**

**God, we enjoy your abundance, yet are seduced by accumulation. The mantra, “More is better,” lulls us. New inventions become seeming ‘necessities.’ We fill our cupboards and closets, basements and barns to overflowing. Yet we despair, feeling our lives stand empty. Spirit of Abundance, let us not be possessed by our possessions.**

**We claim to enjoy your peace, yet we persist in worrying about things. Even as scripture reminds us that Solomon’s finery cannot compare to the flowers of the fields, we worry about our house, our car—our cars, our clothes, our shoes. Yet we despair, sensing our coveted treasures bring no lasting meaning to life. Spirit of Abundance, let us not be possessed by our possessions.**

**We sing of your “blessed assurance,” yet crave promises from our banks and pensions. We worry if our Individual Retirement Accounts will see us through. We store up more and more riches for our earthly security. Yet we despair, discovering we are not ‘rich’ towards You. Spirit of Abundance, let us not be possessed by our possessions.**

**We commit ourselves to care for others, Yet we stock our pantries for tomorrow, while millions suffer empty bellies today. We focus on our shoe collection while millions go bare-footed. We lament our fashion follies while others lament that their children go naked and cold. We deposit ever more into our bank accounts while millions live from day-to-day. Spirit of Abundance, let us not be possessed by our possessions.**

**Our life span is short, at any moment to be taken from us. Free us from greed, and fill us with generosity. Release us from insecurity and restore us to contentment with the treasures of your realm. Strip us of our fear and strengthen us to love one another as you have loved us. Thanks be to You, Creator of the heavens and the earth, to whom all things belong.**

**Amen.**

### Readings

Ecclesiastes 1. 2, 12-14; 2. 18-23 Luke 12. 13-21

### Collect

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as a mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

#### **St Andrew's Church Rooms. Preston. DT3 6BU**

##### **Village Market with refreshments**

10am - 12.30pm Saturday 2nd August

Lots of stalls. Delicious cakes.

Entrance free.

##### **Carrie Martin**

3pm Sunday 7th September

An afternoon of acoustic music,  
including tea/coffee & homemade cakes.

Tickets £15 from the Team Office

##### **Harvest Supper**

6.30pm for 7.00pm Saturday 27th September

Bar, Live Music, Raffle

Raising funds for Christian Aid &  
St Andrew's Church.

Tickets £10 from the Team Office

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#### **St Nicholas Church, Buckland Rippers DT3 4BT**

##### **Lammas Service**

10.30am Sunday 3rd August

**Please note** there will be no services at  
St Nicholas, Broadway, St Laurence, Upwey or  
Holy Trinity, Bincombe.

#### **St Nicholas Church, Broadway Dorchester Rd. DT3 5DN**

##### **5.30pm Saturday 27th September**

St. Nicholas Church is hosting its first-ever

##### **Choral Evensong Service,**

with Salisbury Cathedral Chamber Choir.

Refreshments. All welcome.

##### **6.30pm for 7pm Saturday October 11th**

##### **The Bovington Military Wives Choir Concert**

Tickets are £10 (under 16yrs free). There will  
be a bar (cash preferable) & free teas/  
coffee's/squash.

Please contact Susana Malik in advance  
07944 617553 or [susanamalik@yahoo.com](mailto:susanamalik@yahoo.com)

#### **St Laurence Church, Upwey DT3 5QE**

##### **Midsummer Musicals**

Wessex Musical Theatre

7.30pm Friday 15th August

(Doors open 6.45pm)

Tickets £10

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/upwey-music](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/upwey-music)  
or cash on the door.

#### **Osmington Village Hall. DT3 6FT**

##### **St Osmund's Summer Boiler**

Raising funds for the new church boiler!

Saturday 9th August 12noon - 4pm

Music, Games, Stalls, Cream Teas,

Refreshments and much more.

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