

“Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” (John 13:35 NLT)

We prove our faith in Christ, not by the rules we keep, but by the love we give. Notice Jesus didn't say, “Love me,” as proof of our discipleship. He said, “Love one another, and that will show the world you belong to me.” One of the best things we can do to reach our community for Christ is to love each other – that is, to love other believers. Until the world sees the love of God modelled in Christian community, they're going to have trouble believing it can ever exist. When we truly care for one another, we show the world a love so tangible and contagious that they can't help but be attracted to it.

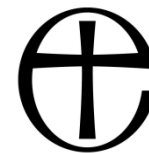
As the world watches, they'll see us “□being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, intent on one purpose;” not merely looking out for our own personal interests, but also for each other's interests (Philippians 2:3 4). The world is desperate for love and a sense of community, and we're meant to be the salt (Matthew 5:13) that increases their thirst for the living water. (John 4:10) “Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.” (John 7:38 NIV)

Our love for one another shows the world our unity with the Father and also shows them that community requires unity, a oneness about the purposes of life. Jesus said, “I want all [my disciples] to be one with each other, just as I am one with you and you are one with me. I also want them to be one with us. Then the people of this world will believe that you sent me.” (John 17:21) This means the influence of our congregations is not about attendance, or buildings, or programs. Our influence within the greater community is based upon our love for one another.

Isn't it alarming, then, to think that we're often known for what we are against, rather than what we're for – and we are for the Good News of a love so “wide and long and high and deep” that it encompasses more than any of us could ever imagine. (Ephesians 3:18 NIV)

Our community of unity should reflect the faith we have in the love of Jesus Christ. Our congregations are meant to be points of love and light in the darkness of our communities. We're to let our “light shine so that others will see the good” and praise our Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

Bincombe with Broadway Upwey and Buckland Ripers



Welcome to Church today

The LORD will again delight in you

Please take these notes away with you

July 11th 2010

Broadway 10.30am
Bincombe 9.15am
Upwey 10.30am
Buckland 9.15am

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Family Worship and Baptism (Rector)
Morning Service (Terry Landsbert)
Parish Communion (Revd Pat Jones)
Holy Communion (Rector)

Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37 pp 938ff

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The Prayer for Today

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Introduction to the Peace

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Risen Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

COMMUNION We welcome all who are members of their own
Churches to receive the sacrament at any of our Communion Services.

Today's Gospel Luke 10.25-37

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

He answered: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'"

"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?"

In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Pickles promises to bring Christianity back to councils

Communities Secretary Eric Pickles wants Christian values to be restored to local government. The government minister criticised councils who have got rid of Christian prayers and festivals, and vowed to 'ensure Christians are not seen as some kind of strange sidelined religion'. Mr Pickles also recognised the value of the pastoral work of the Church of England and Catholic Church and said he wished to draw on their experience. While stressing tolerance of all religions, Mr Pickles was determined to roll back aspects of political correctness that denied the UK's Christian heritage when 'Labour tried to force Britons to turn their back on faith'. However, the Christian Institute warned that reversing the trend might prove more difficult than Mr Pickles imagines.



This morning at St Nicholas Broadwey, we welcome the families and friends of Zachary Douglas Cartwright Simmons and Maverick Owen Newman Simmons who have come for their baptism.

Notices **Benefice Website - www.theweytojesus.org.uk**

Some of our latest sermons from St Nicholas Broadwey may be accessed and listened to through our St Nicholas Broadwey Youth Space Website. (Home Page – Talks). They are linked from our Church Website via the Sermons page. **The YOUTH SPACE website** which tells you all about the young people's ministry at St Nicholas Broadwey. www.youth-space.org.uk/

Monday	7.00pm	Chat and Prayers at The Rectory, Broadwey.
Tuesday	10.00am	Holy Communion – St Laurence Upwey
Wednesday	10.30am – - 12Noon	Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Betty Pontin – 1 Church Street, Upwey.
Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion at St Nicholas Broadwey

July 18th

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Broadwey	10.30am	Family Worship (Brian Shore)
Bincombe	9.15am	Holy Communion (Revd Pat Jones)
Upwey	10.30am	Parish Communion (Rector)
Buckland	6.00pm	Evening Service (Rector)

Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42 **pp 943ff**

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**God has rescued us from the dominion of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,
in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

In our Churches we welcome all denominations, especially £10 and £20