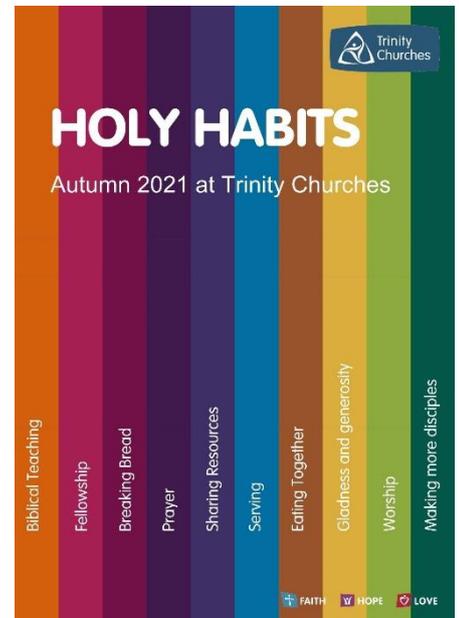


# Autumn 2021 at Trinity Churches and Belle Vue

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2: 42-47)



In Acts 2 Luke writes that the early church *devoted themselves* to ten 'Holy Habits'. He offers us a picture of what it means to be the church. We are given, in these few verses, a rich picture of what life was like for the community of disciples after Pentecost.

We're building these themes around a large suite of resources called "Holy Habits", edited by Andrew Roberts. He identifies ten key 'habits' identified in these verses, each one of which we'll be unpacking in a given week over autumn 2021:



It's easy to look at this sermon series and to say that there is nothing new here, and that would be entirely correct! This is what it has meant to be the church for 2,000 years.

Yet it's precisely because they are so foundational to our being that it's important to continue to explore the role that each of these take in both our gathered and scattered worship. This feels particularly important in a season where many of us are needing to rediscover something of our roots and identity as a church at this stage of our COVID journey.

So each week we're going to take one of these big themes, and in the light of Acts chapter 2 explore and unpack what it might look like for God's church today. We hope that the whole of the service might build on the theme, including songs, prayers, all-age resources etc. (see below for more).

We hope that some small groups might also use a companion resource unpacking one of these big themes, particularly that of "fellowship" which felt particularly relevant to where we find ourselves at the moment.

# TIMETABLE FOR AUTUMN 2021

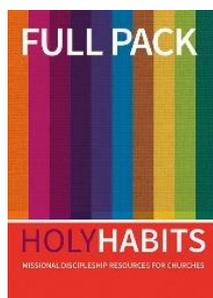
Date	Theme	Reading 1	Reading 2	Notes
5 <sup>th</sup> September	Holy Habits?	Micah 6: 6-8	Acts 2: 42-47	
12 <sup>th</sup> September	Biblical Teaching	2 Tim 3:16-17	John 20: 30-35	Renewal weekend at HTBV. All-age at 11am HTMB.
19 <sup>th</sup> September	Breaking Bread	1 Corinthians 11: 23-26	Mark 14: 22-26	
26 <sup>th</sup> September	Fellowship	Romans 12: 9-21	John 13: 31-35	
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Eating Together	Genesis 18:1-10	John 2:1-11	
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Sharing Resources	Genesis 1:26-31	Mark 12:41-44	All-age at 11am HTMB
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Serving	2 Kings 4:38-44	Matthew 25: 31-46	
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Prayer	Jeremiah 29:4-7	Luke 11: 1-13	
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Gladness and Generosity	2 Corinthians 9	Matthew 10:5-11	
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Worship	Deut 6: 4-9	Matthew 26: 6-13	
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Making more disciples	Acts 17:16-34	Luke 19:1-9	Remembrance Sunday. All-age at 11am HTMB
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Next steps	Acts 2:42-47	Matthew 28:16-20	
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Advent Sunday			Confirmations at Meole Brace with +S

We're aware that trying to choose two companion passages to each of these themes has not been a necessarily easy task. If leaders or speakers would like to suggest a different reading – esp with ideas from resource below – then please be in touch.

## RESOURCES FOR SERVICE LEADERS AND SPEAKERS

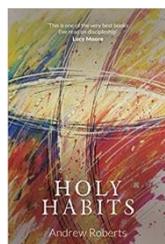
In many ways each of these themes will stand alone, and relatively obvious application in the light of the book of Acts and the life of the early church.

We do want to acknowledge the larger suite of resources called “Holy Habits” which may well provide some ideas and inspiration for service leaders and speakers. They include:



### Companion Guides to each of the themes.

Each short booklet has ideas for readings, service liturgy, song choices, prayers etc for each of the big themes. There are also some all-ages resources for children and young people, Messy ideas etc based around each of these themes. We have bought a copy of the set of these booklets which are kept in the vestry at Meole Church. Please do make use of them, though we might need to ‘keep’ the set there and you photocopy relevant pages rather than all service leaders and preachers trying to take the same book home with them three days before the Sunday.



### “Holy Habits”.

A new book by Andrew Roberts which unpacks each of these big themes, as well as the series as a whole.