

Sunday 4th October 2020

Harvest Festival

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Altogether Worship Outdoors
4.00 p.m. Tea-Time Church

Collect for Today

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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. **Amen**

Service Readings

Deuteronomy 8:7-18, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 and Luke 12:16-30

Please pray for

... those in need of our prayers: Sheila Banks, Julie Banks, Rosemary Bailey, Anne Bradbeer, Pauline Coulter, Doris Greenacre, Joy Hunter, Pat Williams, Mike and Rosemary Woodcock.

... those who live and work in Old Court Road, Old Palace Road and Orchard Lodge.

... our Mission partners, the Koens Family in Papua New Guinea

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Dear Friends

There's no doubt that our Harvest Services are going to be a bit different from usual this year. If you've read the October Magazine, or seen on our website, or received an email from Trish you'll know that at 10am this Sunday we won't be in our church building, but out on the field! I'm hopeful that the weather will be good enough for us to enjoy being outside together, in the beauty of early autumn, to celebrate Harvest and the Lord's continued provision for us.

Why is this happening, you might be asking? Well, in keeping with many things this year, the driver has been the Covid-19 virus. Although our church is open for worship again, which I'm delighted about, we need to keep numbers fairly small in order to keep people safe – 40 or so maximum with social distancing. As Harvest is usually one of our bigger Services, it seems a good opportunity to explore 'outdoor worship' – which we've only done occasionally at Messy Church. And I'm very grateful to Alison Moulden and the Altogether Worship Team for taking the lead with this.

For those of us who might not be fit and able enough to be outside, we're also offering a Tea Time Church Harvest Service at 4pm. Tea Time Church has been running since the 19th July, and has offered something a bit different in the mix of Services at All Saints. It's just half an hour in length, informal, and accessible for people of all ages. This Sunday will include puppets, music and a video; do come and explore what happens if you've not done so yet.

And above all this Sunday we give thanks to the Lord for his goodness to us. It's so easy in our busy lives to take things for granted – our food, our health, the beauty of our surroundings, and the natural world. It's so easy to take the Lord himself for granted, and to be too busy to come and worship. So, this Sunday, let's gather together at 8am or 10am or 4pm – and give thanks for the beauty of the earth, and the Lord's great love and generosity towards us

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Mission Focus for Harvest: A Rocha International

A Rocha is a Christian organization engaging communities in nature conservation, and responding to the global crisis of biodiversity loss by carrying out community-based conservation projects around the world, including the UK. For more information read the article in the magazine this month or visit their website.

Notices

UPDATED NHS Test & Trace – We are now displaying the QR code for use with the new NHS Covid-19 app. Please do use this if you are able. We will still be recording the names of people attending services. We will delete any information that we hold for 21 days only. If, for any reason, you do not wish us to record your attendance, please tell Beverly or the warden at the service.

Harvest Quiz - a big thank you to all who took part in the online Harvest Quiz. As always, we had great questions from Robin and Sylvia. It was special to gather again for a quiz, even though not IRL!

Bucket pond bonanza! Read about our plans for bucket ponds in the Vicarage and how you can help:

<https://allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk/news/eco-news/bucket-pond-bonanza/>

Offers of donations for hard landscaping, and help to dig the ponds would be welcome on Sat 10th Oct.

Carolyn Nicholls is TODAY running her Virtual London in aid of Global Action Nepal. We wish her well and encourage donations at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/carolyn-nicholls4>.

QE Harvest Festival services – We're delighted that we are able to welcome all the children from Queen Eleanor's School to their Harvest services over 4 sessions this Tuesday and Wednesday. As Beverly has been unable to go in for assemblies, this is a very welcome event. This means that on Tuesday and Wednesday, morning prayer will be at 8.15am. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Financial giving at All Saints - Many thanks to all who have continued to make regular financial donations to All Saints during lock-down, either by standing order or via the envelope scheme. Other income has dropped this year, both in terms of donations at Sunday Services, and in rental income from the Hall. If you don't give regularly to our church, you can now do so online through our website. Please give generously to our church this year if you can. Please visit bit.ly/allsaints-donate or use this QR code with your smartphone camera:



Diary for the Coming Week

**Morning prayer 9.15am Mon, 8.15am Tues and Weds in church,
Holy Communion 9.15am Thurs in church**

- Mon 5th Youth Group, Zoom, 5.00pm
- Tues 6th Morning prayer at 8.15am
QE year 5 Harvest Festival, Church, 9.30am
QE year 6 Harvest Festival, Church, 10.30am
Safeguarding Team Meeting, Zoom, 6.15pm
Altogether Worship Planning, Zoom, 8.00pm
- Weds 7th QE year 3 Harvest Festival, Church, 9.30am
QE year 4 Harvest Festival, Church, 10.30am
Pilgrim Course Two: week 6, Zoom, 7.30pm
- Friday 9th Men's Coffee, Zoom, 11.00am
- Sat 10th Prayer Breakfast, Zoom, 9.00am
- Sun 11th Holy Communion, 8.00am
Family Communion, 10.00am
Zoom 'Coffee after Church' 11.30am
Tea-time service, church, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 5th Ps. 71, 1 Kings 21, Acts 21:37-22:21
- Tues 6th Ps. 73, 1 Kings 22:1-28; Acts 22:22-23:11
- Weds 7th Ps. 77, 1 Kings 22:29-45, Acts 23:12-end
- Thurs 8th Ps. 78:1-39, 2 Kings 1:2-17, Acts 24:1-23
- Fri 9th Ps. 55, 2 Kings 2:1-18, Acts 24:24-25:12
- Sat 10th Ps. 76, 2 Kings 4:1-37, Acts 25:13-end

Service Readings for Sunday 11th October: 18th Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 25:1-9, Philippians 4:1-9 and Matthew 22:1-14

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