



THE PARISH OF SOUTH BEDDINGTON AND ROUNDSHAW

"With you Lord, we can do great things."

HARVEST FESTIVAL

WELCOME TO ST MICHAEL'S SOUTH BEDDINGTON & ST PAUL'S ROUNDSHAW. IF YOU ARE VISITING US FOR THE FIRST TIME, WE HOPE YOU FIND THE SERVICE ENJOYABLE. IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE CHURCH, PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN TO OUR CLERGY OR CHURCHWARDENS AFTER THE SERVICE. YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS.

Harvest Festival: welcome to St Michael & All Angels today for our Harvest Festival, whether you are joining us in person or online. As usual, we are collecting for the Wallington Women's Refuge. There is still time to make a donation of vouchers for shops such as Sainsburys, Boots, Tesco etc etc... any shop which those who have had to leave their homes with their children in troubled times might find useful.

All Saints/All Souls: We are unable this year to have a separate All Souls Requiem Mass in the evening, when we would normally read a list of names to be remembered and prayed for. This year, following the 11 am service at St Michael's next Sunday 1st November, there will be an opportunity to light a candle in the Lady Chapel in remembrance of a loved one.

Remembrance Sunday: our service on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November, will begin at 10:55 am with an Act of Remembrance.

Services in the Parish a reminder that there is a service each Wednesday at 10.30 am in St Paul's Church and each Sunday at 11 am in St Michael & All Angels. Advance booking for either of these services needs to be made in order to comply with current Covid safety regulations. Please contact the Parish Administrator sbrparish@gmail.com or tel: 07765 182 042 to book a space.

READINGS THIS WEEK:

1ST READING Deuteronomy 8:7 - 18

GOSPEL Luke 12:16 - 30

BIRTHDAYS:

YEARS MIND:

26th Pamela Lambert

30th Vicky Blewitt

1st Brian Morris

OPEN CHURCH:

St Michaels
9:30 - 11:30

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY:

Every Thurs
7-8pm
Start: 22nd Oct

DIARY DATES:

8th November 10:55 am Act of Remembrance and Parish Mass at St Michael's Church

PRAYERS FOR ROADS

Today we pray for all in Dove Close, Eagle Close, Ensign Way, Handley Page Road

REFLECTION :The words "thank" and "think" hail from the same root, reminding us that thanksgiving comes from thinking about our blessings. Yet, the greater God's gifts, the less they are regarded. It's known as the law of reverse proportion: A hungry man is more thankful for his crumbs than a rich person, like you and me, for our overstocked fridges. As we celebrate our Harvest Festival we might explore what it means to come to God overflowing with gratitude – because too often we give Him no credit at all. As we reflect on the gifts we've brought today, we need to not only to think of this present harvest, but to the past mercies of God who has been good to us even before we were born.... First, without God our Father, who created the Universe, we would not exist. Without the gift of our planet, we would not be prosperous. Without Jesus Christ, we wouldn't have the hope of heaven. So many people are unaware that their very life, and all they have, is a precious gift. Harvest should encourage us to think more about thanking the Lord.

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SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2020

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Collect

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.

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy 8:7-18

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Gospel Luke 12:16-30

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

Post Communion

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.