

Sunday 6th October 2024

Harvest Festival

- 8.00 a.m. Harvest Holy Communion
- 10.00 a.m. Harvest Café-style Altogether Worship
- 4.00 p.m. Harvest 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

Psalm 126 (*p.584*), 1 Timothy 6:6-10 (*p.208*) and Matthew 6:25-33 (*p.6*)

Please pray for

... Margaret Arni, Clive Daborn, Jo Dwyer, Robin Holdsworth, Chris Lambert, Jean and Tony Reed and Roger Young.

... the family and friends of Joan Hester, Dianne Piper and Grace Brookes whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work The Chase, The Crossways and The Drive.

... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

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

Today all three of our services will have a Harvest focus: a Harvest Communion at 8am, our Altogether Worship Harvest Festival at 10am, and our Tea Time Church Harvest service at 4pm. It's a special day in the life of the Church, as we give thanks for the food we eat, and for all God's good gifts to us. In a world where many are in need, it's important that we take this time to give thanks for all that we have and enjoy.

Our Harvest theme for this year is 'Contentment'. In our reading from St. Paul's letter to his young apprentice Timothy, Paul writes, 'Godliness with contentment is great gain' (1 Timothy 6:6). We live in a society where many of us have plenty. But do we have the inner peace and sense of security to enjoy the life we have? Worry is endemic in our society, and often we find ourselves caught up in an anxious and troubled mind-set. How can that change?

Well both Jesus himself, and St. Paul – the writer of our reading from the Epistles for this morning – have words of wisdom for us today. Jesus encourages us to lift our eyes about the immediate issues facing us, and to find the heavenly wisdom of seeking first the kingdom of God, and God's righteousness. St. Paul reveals the secret he has discovered of being content in any and every circumstance, whether he's experiencing plenty, or being in need. Do we know that sort of peace and security in our lives?

As we give thanks for the Harvest today, and all the Lord's goodness to us, my prayer is that we'll find the inner peace and contentment to enjoy every good gift that has been given to us.

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Mission Focus for October: ReSkilled

ReSkilled is a charity based in Bellfields that aims to provide individuals who have long-term unemployment, with skills needed to move into sustainable employment. The participants learn a range of generic work skills alongside some practical woodwork skills. They build up a portfolio of the work they have done as evidence for future employers. Please pray for the participants and volunteers and that successful employment can be found for those seeking it. More information in the magazine and on their website - reskilled.org

Notices

Tea Time Church Harvest Service at 4pm today: We'll be bringing our harvest gifts and giving thanks for the Lord's goodness to us. Do come and join us, at whatever age or stage of life you happen to be!

Harvest Fish & Chip Quiz: our huge thanks go to the Holdsworth family for running the quiz last night. We had nearly sixty quizzers for a great evening!

Thank you: to Julie Lodge, Lizzie McAlister and our brilliant flower team who have made the church look so lovely for this harvest season.

Harvest Donations: Thank you to everyone who has brought donations for the North Guildford Food Bank, and also for those in the parish in particular need.

School Harvest Festivals: This week we'll be welcoming children from Queen Eleanor's, Onslow Infants and the Montessori Nursery to celebrate harvest festival. Please pray for teachers, pupils and support staff over this time.

Bonfire & Fireworks tickets: Tickets go on sale this Tuesday, 8th October for our event on Saturday 2nd November. Tickets go like hot cakes, so please don't miss out! Go to bit.ly/as-bonfire24 to buy online, or see Trish in the office if you can't buy online.

Greenery for the bonfire: The bonfire construction team would very much like any fresh garden greenery with which to pack out the bonfire. If you have some, please contact Simon Moulden (07790 020130) to coordinate delivery.

Autumn Fair Update: The figures are in and we're very pleased to report that the Autumn Fair has returned a profit of over £1500! Well done everyone!

Big Build Prayer Breakfast: Saturday 12th October, 8.30am at the Vicarage. Do join us for a time of prayer dedicated to the Big Build project. All welcome.

St Luke's Day Service of Wholeness & Healing: Sunday 13th October, 4pm. We will be providing an opportunity for personal and individual prayer. Do bring friends or family with you.

Wine & Cheese Tasting: Saturday 19th October, 7.30pm-11.00pm in the hall. Join us to savour the perfect wine and cheese pairings. Tickets £25 for tasting of five pairings. Tickets online at bit.ly/as-cheese-wine or from Trish in the office.

Gift Day for The Big Build: 24th November. We're starting to plan ahead for our gift day where we hope to raise a significant amount of money towards the cost of the project. The cost will be in the region of £750,000 and we will need to raise £300,000 of this ourselves. Please begin to think and pray about what you may be able to give.

All Saints' Choir: Our choir director, Jeremy Barham, would like to invite new people to join our choir. We have two special events coming up – Choral Evensong for All Saints' Day on 3rd November and our Carol Service on 15th December. If you'd like to sing at these events, please do let Jeremy know at j.barham@surrey.ac.uk.

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer Mon, Tues, Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and Zoom.

Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.

- Mon 7th Queen Eleanor's School Harvest Festival (Yrs 3 and 5), 10.30am
Women's Bible Study Group, 12.30am
- Tues 8th *Bonfire & Fireworks tickets on sale*
Onslow Infants Harvest Festival, 10.30am
Montessori Harvest Festival, 11.15am
Altogether Worship Planning, Vicarage, 7.30pm
- Weds 9th Queen Eleanor's School Harvest Festival (Yrs 4 and 6), 10.30am
Wednesday Lunch Group, Kempshott, 12.30pm
Mission Vision Group, 4 Litchfield Way, 5.30pm
Big Build Meeting, Vicarage, 7.30pm
- Thurs 10th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
Young Adult's Study Group, 6 Scillonian Road, 7.30pm
Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
- Fri 11th Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 9.30am
- Sat 12th Big Build Prayer Breakfast, Vicarage, 8.30am
Standing Committee, Vicarage, 9.15am
- Sun 13th Family Communion with Children's Church, Church, 10.00am
St Luke's Day Service of Wholeness and Healing, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 7th Ps. 98, 2 Kings 17:24-end, Philippians 1:1-11
- Tues 8th Ps. 106, 2 Kings 18:1-12, Philippians 1:12-end
- Weds 9th Ps. 111, 2 Kings 18:13-end, Philippians 2:1-13
- Thurs 10th Ps. 115, 2 Kings 19:1-19, Philippians 2:14-end
- Fri 11th Ps. 139, 2 Kings 19:20-36, Philippians 3:1-4:1
- Sat 12th Ps. 121, 2 Kings 20, Philippians 4:2-end

Service Readings for Sunday 13th October: Trinity 20

Amos 5:6-7,10-15; Hebrews 4:12-end and Mark 10:17-31

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