

NOTICES

Harvest Festival Songs of Praise:

You are invited to attend the upcoming Harvest Songs of Praise at two local care homes:

- **Wed 11th October, 3pm** - Harvest Songs of Praise at The Hawthorns Care Home.
- **Thurs 12th October, 3pm** - Harvest Songs of Praise and Communion at Cavendish Park Care Home.

If you would like to join the St Peter's teams for this ministry, please speak with Rev Nick Wright or Jane Richards. Thank you.

Rev Andy Smith Working Days Update:

Please be aware Rev Andy Smith has altered his working days. He will now be taking Fridays as his rest day instead of Tuesdays. The [church administrator](#) is contactable on Fridays between 9am-2.30pm to help with general queries.

September Prayer Focus:

Romans 15:13 *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1: 5-8* *For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

After a period of rest and relaxation we return to the daily routines of everyday life. Let's thank God for His provision thus far and pray that we continue to be aware of His presence with us as we desire to know Him better. Remember to pray for those who have recently completed Alpha and made commitments to Jesus or renewed their commitment; that they, with us, would grow into full maturity in Christ. Pray as we enter this fresh season that the Lord will give wisdom to those in leadership at St Peter's to move us all forward developing the appropriate initiatives to serve our community and to meet their needs, being the hands and feet of Jesus to those around us. May our service point them to Jesus and give glory and honour to our Father God.

 **St Peter's
Bengeworth**
Sunday 17th September 2023



Today's Services and Events – Trinity 15

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.15am Morning Eucharist
- 11.00am Informal Gathering – Children's Groups

Gluten free Communion breads are available. Do please ask one of the welcomers or the Wardens if you require this. The Church is fitted with a loop system. To use this, please switch your hearing aid to 'T'.

Church Diary for the Week

- Mon 18th September 7.00pm: PCC Meeting
- Tues 19th September: 7.30pm Prayer Meeting.
- Weds 20th September - 10.00am Holy Communion.
- Fri 22nd September – 10.00am Choir Practice.

Next Sunday's Services and Events – 24th September 2023

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.15am Morning Eucharist
- 11.00am Informal Gathering – All Together Service

For our Prayers this Week: For those who are sick, in special need or housebound. Derek, Mark, Dave, John, Sylvia, John, Colin, Sigi, Anne, Eileen, Helen (Pat's daughter).

For the family and friends of those who have died: Vera Brown, John Johnson, Gloria Susan Jordan.

Collect:

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

Bible Reading: Romans 14:1-12

14 Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. ²One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'" ¹²So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

10 "Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Post Communion:

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

