

Dear Friends,

Greetings!

It is the time of the year when we celebrate Harvest, the capacity for God to provide nourishment for his creation. It is now becoming our tradition and practice that we get together on the Saturday before the actual Harvest Sunday for fellowship and food. I have found this coming together very meaningful and helpful. This year we are being joined both on Saturday evening and Sunday morning by our Chair of District the Reverend Rachel Parkinson. Please do give her the kind of our hospitality and warm welcome for which our church is known to excel.

Our celebrations are an opportunity to thank God for his blessings and gifts upon us as individuals and as a church. Here I want to encourage you to adopt that motto of being a grateful church; a church that speaks the words of grace and gratitude. As we do this, despair and grumbling will decrease while our joy in serving God increases.

This is also our opportunity to reflect on God's goodness and gifts to us both in monetary terms and in many other ways. This reflection has always involved looking at our giving and involvement in church work and ministry. As you consider this, if in your prayer you feel you can, please increase your monetary giving as well as your involvement in the various roles and responsibilities our church needs to carry out. Being a church that is predominantly made up of senior members does not mean that we should slow down; or stop what we are being called to do. Please let George, our Treasurer, know if you feel prompted to action. If you consider taking on some of the roles or responsibilities in the Church, get in touch with me or with one of the members of the leadership team.

I wish you inspiring Harvest celebrations.

Your friend and Minister

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Worship and Fellowship

1 October 2023

Ordinary 26

What's On This Week....

Monday 2 October
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
10.45am - 12noon Coffee Mates (See Notices)
1.00 - 3.15pm Take a Break
5.00 - 8.00pm Dinky Divas
7.30pm Zoom Church Council Meeting

Tuesday 3 October
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
9.30am - 12.30pm Art Group
4.45 - 6.45pm Dinky Divas
7.15 - 8.45pm Yoga

Wednesday 4 October
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
9.00am Zoom Prayer Group
9.15 - 11.15am WeightWatchers

Thursday 5 October
9.30am - 3.30pm Office Open
10.00am Circuit Ministers Meeting
7.00 - 9.15pm St Johns Ambulance

Friday 6 October
9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
10.00 - 11.00am Move It or Lose It
10.30am - 12.30pm Blissful Dragon
Therapeutic Sound
6.30 - 9.00pm Gateway Group

Saturday 7 October

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
Gracious God, you give the water of eternal life through Jesus Christ your Son. May we always turn to you, the spring of life and source of goodness; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Come and join us on
Sunday, 8 October 2023
Ordinary 27

10.30am Local Arrangement

Forthcoming Meetings

2 October	7.30pm Zoom Church Council
16 October	2.00pm Pastoral Meeting
6 November	2.00pm Church Alive Meeting

**10.30am Harvest Festival
led by Rev Rachel Parkinson**

Call to Worship: Verses from Psalm 65

StF 126: Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field,

The Story of St Benno

Giving thanks

StF 136: Morning has broken

Deuteronomy 26: 1 - 13 read by John Ashwood

1 Timothy 6: 6 - 10 read by Janette Clough

StF 422: Sung seated, as a Prayer of Confession

Matthew 6: 25 - 34 read by Chris Reed

Address

StF 130: We plough the fields, and scatter

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Offertory

StF 109: In the darkness of the still night,

Blessing

A prayer

Creator God
when we fall into silence
we hear strains of an anthem sung since you called all things into being;
how the robin near bursts her breast with gratitude at being alive;
how waves on the shore lap a lullaby at your manger
and spring lambs bleat delight at the empty tomb;
how the wind in the tall pines whispers psalms to the Spirit.

As we offer our worship in this harvest season
help us not to focus only on our own singing
but to find our place in the harmony of all Creation
which this and every day declares your goodness
and sings your praise. **Amen.**

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE. The service this morning will be live streamed. The camera focuses only on those taking part but the back of your head might be seen. If you wish to remain out of sight of the camera, please sit at the back of the church.

ZOOM PRAYER MEETING on a Wednesday at 9.00am. All are welcome and for further details please contact Sue.

COFFEE MATES. Meet Monday, 2 October 2023 at The Two Greens, Old Hill, Tettenhall, WV6 8BQ from 10.45am - 12noon. Everybody welcome. June Sutton, tel. 07790272865.

CUPPA, CAKE AND CHAT on Wednesday, 11 October 2023 from 1.45 - 3.00pm in the Epworth Room. All are welcome.

CALLING ALL JIGSAW FANS!! We have been given a selection of puzzles and are introducing a Beckminster JIGSAW LIBRARY with donations for Christian Aid. Puzzles will be displayed in the Coffee Bar on Sunday mornings, beginning on 8 October. Everyone is welcome to browse and borrow and we would hope for a donation of perhaps £1 for each loan. Also, we would welcome any gifts of puzzles to add to the supply. For further info - contact Trish Prescott or Wendy Bate.

COFFEE MORNING - 21 October from 10.30 - 12noon. As this is Harvest time, we have chosen the Good Shepherd in Wolverhampton to be our Charity for October. The Good Shepherd provide a range of support for people who are homeless including providing hot meals and a food bank. Please help by bringing tinned and packet items to the coffee morning which we can send to the Good Shepherd as well as money raised from refreshments.

Suitable items are: *small jars of coffee, tea bags, breakfast cereal, rice, pasta, tinned goods such as meat, ham, vegetables, fruit, soups, toiletries. Thank you for your ongoing support.*

Autumn MWiB Meeting on Tuesday, 17 October 2023 at Rakegate Methodist Church at 2.15pm when the speaker will be Deacon Linda Gilson. Bring and Buy Stall and everyone welcome, women and men.

We Welcome You to Worship Today

If you are here for the first time, please make yourself known to those around you, or to one of the Stewards or Minister.

Our fellowship will continue after morning worship with tea and coffee served in the Coffee Bar.

**The Plants in Church
for October are in
Loving Memory of:
Parents and Sister of
Pete & Tricia Prescott**