



All Saints' and St. Luke's Parish Page

Dear Friends,

October is traditionally the time of year when we celebrate harvest. Our Harvest Services are outlined in the opposite column. The special charity focus this year will be 'Send a Cow', an agency which helps poor farming communities in the third world with long term live animal aid. We warmly invite you to these special services.

Harvest is always a timely reminder of the importance of giving thanks to God for the everyday resources of life: the food we eat; our jobs (if we have one); for all the skills and experience of the industries that go to providing us with the essentials for life.

Harvest is also a timely reminder to thank God for our countryside and those who farm the land. Please pray for those involved in our agricultural industries. We are all aware of the delicate relationship between our climate and wise use of natural resources. The harsh realities of the economic situation, of national and global politics can have a huge impact upon immediate decisions on our farms and forecasts for the future. These are complex times.

God promises wisdom to those who need it and are willing to humbly ask for it [James 1:5]. Ultimately our faith trusts in God's enabling provision and help, amidst the complexities of this 21st century global community in which we live.

May we honour Him with our thanksgiving and praise this harvest season, and trust Him for the season being sown.

With my warmest Harvest greetings

Revd Richard Zair

Prayer of the Month:

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for understanding the complexities of our 21st century world. This harvest season we thank you for every good gift of life and health; for food and clothing; for fresh water and the basic necessities of life.

Please help those for whom life is hard and unrewarding, and those who lack the basic necessities we so often take for granted.

Please give us grateful hearts. In Jesus' name. Amen.

October calendar:

Harvest Services:

Oct.3rd: 8.00am Holy Communion (All Saints')
10.00am Harvest All Age Service (All Saints')
6.00pm Harvest Praise (All Saints')

Oct.17th: 10.30am Harvest Holy Communion (St. Luke's)

Special Cluster Churches service:

Oct. 31st: 10.00am at All Saints' – when we welcome the congregations of Appleton, Kingston, Fyfield, Tubney and Shippon.

Regular events:

Sat 2nd Oct: 8.00am Men's breakfast at the Sports and Social Club

Sat 16th Oct: 8.30am Women's breakfast (The Changing Room) at Manor Farm.

Parish People:

The following weddings were celebrated recently at All Saints':

Ellen Cumber and Thomas Wainright-Lee (28th Aug)

Victoria Colloff and Stuart North (10th Sep)

Hannah Hurford and Paul Morbey (11th Sep).

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Richard (Rowan) Dunning. His funeral took place on 16th September.

Regular services:

Sundays at All Saints': 10am and 6pm
(8am first Sunday)

Wednesdays: 10.30am Holy Communion
at Duffield Place

Sundays at St. Luke's: 10.30 am on the first
Sunday of the month

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