



PEW NEWS

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Sunday 18th October – 19th Sunday after Trinity

Parish Communion – 9am

Connect (Contemporary Worship) – 10.30am

Readings: Exodus 33:12-end; Psalm 99;

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, **Matthew 22:15-22**

Sunday 25th October – Last Sunday after Trinity

Parish Communion – 9am

Connect (Contemporary Worship) – 10.30am

Readings: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-end;

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, **Matthew 22:34-end**

What's coming up

Remembrance Sunday 8th November

Thought for the Week

Saints,

It is very important every so often to pause and give God the thanks that He deserves and I believe that there is no better time than now.

I have been amazed over the past few weeks how God has really blessed us at St James this year. When the Church of England closed all of the churches, I really didn't know what the future was going to look like, but God did!

We have grown the church and welcomed new members into our congregation, our finances are stable, we provide two services in which people can worship God, we have a very high proportion of children in the Family Service, we put on two events these being the Mini-Fete and the Harvest Festival with scarecrows! We have a contactless machine and a new way to give to the church, moving with the times.

We have a lot to be thankful for and it is very important to take time to thank God for blessing and honouring what we are doing to further His Kingdom in our parish.

To God be the glory!

Many blessings, Dan.

News and Notices

- **Connect** – This is the new name for the Family Service, we have changed it to make it more inclusive to those who aren't in a family unit. Please continue to pray for this service as it grows.
- **Harvest Festival Gifts for Aylesbury Foodbank** – Thank you to all those who so kindly gave donations of food. We were able to give an amazing 156.4 kg of food!
- **Annual Gift Day, Saturday 7th November** – Our church will be open from 10.00 am – 12.00 noon to receive donations and for Private Prayer. Our "There But Not There" WW1 Installation will be on display.
- **Remembrance Sunday, 8th November** – Once again, we will be holding one Service in Church at 10.00 am. Due to the Covid-19 regulations, we unfortunately have to limit the number of seats available for this Eucharist Service. **Thank you to all of those who have reserved seats, we are now unfortunately fully booked for our 10.00 am Eucharist Service.** This will be followed by Our Act of Remembrance at our War Memorial for 11.00 am which will also have to comply with Social Distancing.
- **Parish Giving Scheme** – If you have taken a form and have not yet sent it off, please remember to do so. If you would like to join the Parish Giving Scheme, then please do pick up a leaflet as you leave the church. This Scheme is particularly helpful for us in the present pandemic, as it avoids the need to handle cash and it also allows us to receive any Gift Aid recoverable on your donation on a regular basis, helping our cash flow. It also saves us money by not having to purchase Giving Envelopes. If you have any questions about the Scheme, please speak to Christine.

Prayers for those known to us in need of prayer at this time:

Felicity, John Br, Cathy & Geoff, Janet C, Mary & family.

All of our church family who are currently unable to join us in worship.

Collect for the 19th Sunday after Trinity

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.

Post Communion Collect

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers

Monday – For those in our church family who are isolating.

Tuesday – For all the people in our parish who are in difficulties.

Wednesday – For our Christmas 'Box of Blessings' outreach project.

Thursday – For the preparations for leaving the EU.

Friday – For the vision and the mission of our church.

Saturday – For those suffering with mental health.

Sunday – For the other churches in Aylesbury.

Every day we will pray at 11am, the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Oxford have asked us to say Psalm 23 and to pray the Lord's Prayer as part of our prayers.