



PEW NEWS

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Sunday 27th September – 16th Sunday after Trinity

Parish Communion – 9am

Family Service – 10.30am

Readings: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16;

Philippians 2:1-13; **Matthew 21:23-32**

Sunday 4th October – 17th Sunday after Trinity

Parish Communion – 9am

Family Service – 10.30am

Readings: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;

Philippians 3:b-14, **Matthew 21:33-end**

What's coming up

Harvest Festival (with Scarecrow Festival) - 3rd & 4th October

APCM – 7th October at 7:30pm

Thought for the Week

Saints,

We are living in such unprecedented times as we face the uncertainty of the Coronavirus as we head towards the autumn and winter months. The world hasn't seen a pandemic like this since the Spanish Flu but because the world is more mobile than 100 years ago, this virus has affected more countries and people.

These unprecedented times deserve an unprecedented response! At the end of October, the furlough scheme ends, this scheme has kept many people in employment but when it ends many people will lose their jobs. Many people have already lost their jobs and food banks have become a weekly reality for many people.

This is the time for us a church to come along side those most in need. We need to be compassionate and courageous in our response to those in our parish most in need. This is a great opportunity for the church to be serving and relevant once again in peoples lives. Let's not miss this opportunity.

Many blessings, Dan.

News and Notices

- **Scarecrow Festival** – We are planning to have an outdoor display of Scarecrows for our Harvest Weekend. (Socially distanced of course). All are invited to make a scarecrow to display in the churchyard. Please let Christine or Revd Dan know if you are going to make one. Scarecrows to be brought to church on Fri 2nd October between 3pm – 6pm please.
- **Birthdays** – Congratulations to Brenda on her up and coming birthday this week.
- **Parish Giving Scheme** – We have joined the Parish Giving Scheme which is a new way of giving to the church. We will continue to run all the ways we currently give to the church, but this scheme will help with administrative workload of giving. For more information please speak to Rev Dan or Christine.
- **Contactless Giving** – We will be trialling over the next 12 months contactless giving. Usual giving by cash will continue but we as a church are adapting to the current climate of the restricted use of cash during the coronavirus pandemic.
- **The APCM** will be held on the 7th October at 7:30pm in church.

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

Felicity, John B. All of our church family who are currently unable to join us in worship.

Collect for the 16th Sunday after Trinity

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through 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 have lost their jobs.

Wednesday – For St. James church and our outreach this Christmas.

Thursday – For the government's negotiations with 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.