**Readings**

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; John 6: 25-35

**Today’s Service**

A very warm welcome to our Harvest Festival service which will be led by Revd Stephen Coe, when we celebrate God’s goodness and provision to us in many ways. Any gifts provided will be given to the Abingdon Foodbank.

##### Collect

Eternal God,

you crown the year with your goodness

and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory,

for the relief of those in need

and for our own well being;

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**

**Some  words from Deuteronomy 26**

1. “And now I bring the first fruits of the soil that you, O Lord, have given me”.

2. “We prayed to the Lord in our suffering. He heard us and brought us to this place, a land flowing with milk and honey.”

3. “I bow down to you O Lord as I place my basket of firstfruits before you”.

##### Next Sunday

Dr Shirley Northover will be leading our service of Morning Prayer and Praise at 10.00 am.

 **St Peter’s Church Wootton**

#####  Sunday 28th September 2025

#####  Harvest Festival

#####  Holy Communion

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 ***“I bring the first fruits of the soil that you, O Lord, have given me”.***

 ***(Deuteronomy 26:10***

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***A vibrant, growing church***

***at the heart of the community***

 ***spreading the love, joy and peace of Jesus to all***

**Harvest Lunch**

We do hope you can join us later at 12.30 pm in Function Room 1 in the Community Centre for our Harvest lunch. Tickets are £8 for adults and £5 for under 16’s with payment on the door. There will be a 2 course meal after which there will be a Q&A session with Maggie as we find out more about what she did before she came to St Peter’s.

**Tea and cake**

A huge thank you to Maggie for opening her garden to the community last Sunday; to all those who brought cakes; and to all those who helped serve refreshments. Some 50 people came along and it was a wonderful afternoon as everyone enjoyed the autumnal sunshine whilst chatting away and enjoying some wonderful home made cakes.

**Service of Remembering and Thanksgiving**

We will be holding a special service at 3.00 pm on Sunday 2nd November to remember all those loved ones who are no longer with us. Please put the date in your diary. The service sheet will include the names of all those we wish to remember – email or give names to Mike at mike.varnom@tiscali.co.uk, or Maggie at revmaggiecrosbie@gmail.com. We will also reach out to others in the community who would like to attend; you may know someone that you can invite. We plan to provide refreshments after the service.
**Let us pray for**: Graham Maddocks as he celebrates his birthday next Friday; and Brian Cross now recovering at home, and for Jenny, Caroline and the family as they continue to care for him.

**FUTURE SERVICES**

Wednesday 1st October – Holy Communion at 10.00 am

Sunday 5th October – Morning Prayer and Praise at 10.00 am – Dr Shirley Northover

Sunday 12th October – Holy Communion at 10.00 am – Revd Maggie Crosbie

Wednesday 15th October – Holy Communion at 10.00 am

Sunday 19th October – All Age Service at 10.00 am – Revd Maggie Crosbie

Sunday 26th October – Holy Communion at 10.00 am – Revd Tony Rogerson

Sunday 2nd November – Morning Prayer and Praise at 10.00 am – Dr Shirley Northover

Sunday 2nd November – A service of Remembering and Thanksgiving at 3.00 pm – Revd Maggie Crosbie

Sunday School next meets on Sunday 5th October in the Parish room.

**Our next Open Church is on Saturday 25th October between 10.00 and 12.00 - do drop in for a bacon roll, tea, coffee and biscuits and the opportunity for a friendly chat surrounded by the peace and beauty of our ancient church.**

Further details are available at [www.woottonchurch.co.uk](http://www.woottonchurch.co.uk)

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