

St John's with Holy Trinity, Ryde

Where *All* are Welcome



27th September 2020

Harvest Festival

We are worshipping together
**on Sundays at 10am and Thursdays at
10.30am for Services of
Holy Communion**

Based on government guidelines, we have put various measures in place to keep everyone safe. Please help us by following the instructions and wearing a face mask.

The Parish Office is now open on
Wednesdays 9-11am.
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The QR code for the government test & trace app is displayed by the door for those who are able to scan. We are also taking details as a single list (rather than individual forms) which will be kept securely for 3 weeks as part of the Test & Trace strategy.

Fullness of life

Lord, all good things come from you.
You are so loving and generous,
you fill our world with wonders.
Inspire us to open our hearts
and share your gifts, so that
those who are hungry may flourish.
Through your grace, we pray
all may celebrate fullness of life.
Help us to be more compassionate,
to be aware of your love
in each person,
and to live as children of one family.
We ask this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

*Diana Ng-Sutherland / CAFOD
volunteer www.cafod.org.uk*

Online services

If you are unable to join us at St John's there is a Diocesan Eucharistic Service online at 9am here:

<https://www.facebook.com/CofEPortsmouth>

Click here to find links to online services broadcast by churches on the island.

<https://collectivespirit.online/whats-on>

Leviticus 23:33-43

³³ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ³⁴ Speak to the people of Israel, saying: On the fifteenth day of this seventh month, and lasting seven days, there shall be the festival of booths^[a] to the LORD. ³⁵ The first day shall be a holy convocation; you shall not work at your occupations. ³⁶ For seven days you shall present the LORD's offerings by fire; on the eighth day you shall observe a holy convocation and present the LORD's offerings by fire; it is a solemn assembly; you shall not work at your occupations. ³⁷ These are the appointed festivals of the LORD, which you shall celebrate as times of holy convocation, for presenting to the LORD offerings by fire—burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, sacrifices and drink-offerings, each on its proper day— ³⁸ apart from the sabbaths of the LORD, and apart from your gifts, and apart from all your votive offerings, and apart from all your freewill-offerings, which you give to the LORD. ³⁹ Now, the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the produce of the land, you shall keep the festival of the LORD, lasting seven days; a complete rest on the first day, and a complete rest on the eighth day. ⁴⁰ On the first day you shall take the fruit of majestic^[b] trees, branches of palm trees, boughs of leafy trees, and willows of the brook; and you shall rejoice before the Lord your God for seven days. ⁴¹ You shall keep it as a festival to the LORD seven

days in the year; you shall keep it in the seventh month as a statute for ever throughout your generations. ⁴² You shall live in booths for seven days; all that are citizens in Israel shall live in booths, ⁴³ so that your generations may know that I made the people of Israel live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

John 7.37–39

³⁷ On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing in the temple, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Collect: Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thought for the Day
By Rev Sue

This Sunday is Harvest Festival at St John's. We have decorated the church with the flowers that remind us we are in the 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' and we will respond to God's love and generosity by bringing donations of food that will be given to the Food bank to support those in the community who need their help.

The first harvest festivals took place in churches in Victorian times. They would have been filled with crops brought in from fields and gardens, reflecting the lifestyles of communities which were much closer to the rhythm of the seasons and more directly dependant on the local harvest of crops to feed their families. But today we do things differently, because we live in a different world, where few people have the relationship with the land that our forebears had. It may be different, but it still reminds us of the same fundamental truths about God.

What we have experienced over the last six months has made us acutely aware that the world has changed. The resources that the church has, have changed. So in order to continue to speak and demonstrate the truth of God's love for us and the message of hope that we have in Jesus we will have to do things differently.

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We may have to let go of some of the things from our past to enable us to do the things which are needed for the future. So at this harvest time, let us thank God for all that he has done, and look forward to a future where God will continue to enable and resource his church to share in his mission to a changing world.

Notices:

Harvest Festival Thank you to everyone who decorated the church for today's service. If you would like to donate towards the flowers used please see Val. As usual all our food donations will be given to the Foodbank.

We are delighted to announce that **Rev Dion's ordination to the priesthood** will take place at St John's on Sunday 4th October at 3.15pm. Rather than hold a diocesan ordination service in the cathedral, Bishop Christopher will come to each training church over the course of that weekend. Unfortunately, Covid restrictions mean that only 30 people can attend the service. We have held a ballot and you will be notified if you requested a ticket and we are able to give you one.

St John's Pen Pals

Do you remember the thrill of receiving a letter as a child? Would you like to be a penpal with a child at Oakfield School? Oakfield would like to set up links, via letter, between members of our congregation and children at the school. The letters will all be posted and delivered via the church. It would involve occasionally exchanging news and experiences with a child so that they can see the world through someone else's eyes and get to know more about the people who make up our community. It will of course also be a great way of encouraging them to put pen to paper and improving their writing skills. If you would like to take part in this exciting new project please let Rev Sue know.

The diocese is seeking someone to take on the role of Deanery Synod Minute Secretary for 6 meetings a year, usually in the evenings in Newport and currently online. You will need to be computer literate and do not need to be a Synod member. If interested please reply to Sally.Rivlin@portsmouth.anglican.org

Prayers of Intercession

by Margaret Jessop

Come ye thankful people come, raise the song of harvest-home.

Bountiful lord we thank you that we can come together to praise you for your great blessings to us. Although we can't actually sing at the moment, we can mime in tune so we hope that that will be acceptable to you.

We praise you for the beauty of your creation. For the many fruits of the land. For the fields of golden corn, and root crops and vegetables. The fruits of the trees, apples, plums and pears. For the harvest of the seas. That through the timeless cycle of ploughing and sowing we can celebrate the abundance of the earth.

We pray that we will be good stewards of your creation. As we enjoy the gentle days of Autumn make us thankful for all that you have given us. This year has not produced an abundant harvest. But when it has all been gathered in safely, we trust to your mercy that it will be sufficient for all needs.

Gracious Lord we pray that you will plant the good seed in the fields of our hearts. That we may become fruitful fields for your harvest. That we will be nearer to your heart in the gardens of this world. That when you come again

we shall have produced a worthy harvest to your praise and glory.

Harvest Lord give your angels charge over those who are ill. And we name those who have asked for our prayers...

We remember those who have been safely gathered to your garner in the harvest of heaven...

Come ten thousand angels come, raise the song of harvest-home.

Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

RIP Anniversaries: Chris Lane (Mon), Leslie Brant (Sat)

If you know of someone who would like us to pray for them by name during our Sunday service, email rev.sue.stjohnsryde@gmail.com or speak to Alex Bruce on a Sunday morning and she will add names to the list in church. By putting a name on the list you are confirming that you have their explicit permission to do so.

Please also pray for those being ordained as Deacons from October 9-11: Hannah Barraclough (Newport Minster, Isle of Wight), Catherine Edenborough (Portsmouth Cathedral), Matthew Grove (Christ Church, Portsdown, and St John the Baptist, Purbrook) and Jack Williams (All Saints', Denmead)

Also those being ordained Priests from October 2-4:

Hugo Deadman (St James' Milton), Ruth Howlett-Shipley (St John the Baptist Shedfield and St Nicholas Wickham), Dion Mabey (St John's Oakfield and Holy Trinity, Ryde), Mike Moritz (St John the Baptist Locks Heath) and Bryan Stephenson (St Luke and St Peter, Southsea).

You Shall Go Out With Joy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OH0XbpNY2g8>

**You shall go out with joy
And be let forth with peace,
And the mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy
And the trees of the fields
Will clap, will clap their hands.**

**And the trees of the fields
will clap their hands,
And the trees of the fields
will clap their hands,
And the trees of the fields
will clap their hands,
And you go out with joy.**

Steffi Geiser Rubin and Stuart
Dauermann (b. 1944)