



**PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL  
WEEKLY NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 26th September 2021  
Harvest Thanksgiving**

A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus  
Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Joel 2:21-22: Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

TODAY: What is our part in making Joel's vision a reality?

**Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving:** 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**

**Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving (BCP):** Almighty and everlasting God, who hast graciously given to us the fruits of the earth in their season: We yield thee humble and hearty thanks for these thy bounties, beseeching thee to give us grace rightly to use them to thy glory and the relief of those that need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Joel 2.21-27: 1 Timothy 2.1-7: Matthew 6.25-33  
MP: Psalm 65; Deuteronomy 8:7-18; 2 Corinthians 9:6-end  
EP: Psalm 12; Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Philippians 4:4-9

### PUBLIC WORSHIP FROM 19TH JULY

All are welcome who feel confident to come. Although many of the restrictions on public worship are no longer legal requirements, the clergy and wardens have decided that those attending services should be asked to continue with some of the things we have been doing, as there will be a number in our congregations who will continue to have concerns. On the plus side, congregations can now sing! Please see the more detailed note below.

SUNDAY 26th September Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

9am BCP Morning Prayer (Zoom)

9am HC BCP All Saints Coleshill

10.30am HC CW St Mary Amersham (streamed from church)

6pm St Mary BCP Evening Prayer (streamed from church)

Wednesday 10am BCP HC Zoom

For all access details see below.

In addition, the clergy team will livestream a short time of evening prayer on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 6pm

VOLUNTARY THIS WEEK at St Mary's Church: "Improvisation"

WELCOME We again welcome our Area Dean Rev. Peggy Ludlow to take the service at All Saints' this morning.

### ESSENTIAL INFO ABOUT PUBLIC WORSHIP FROM 19TH JULY

As a church, we are commended to "look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others" (Philippians 2.4). Although most legal restrictions have been removed, not everyone has been fully vaccinated. Some of our congregation remain vulnerable, and the pandemic has shown that people can be carriers of the virus even if they do not display symptoms.

We therefore ask that those coming to church:

- bring a face covering with them, and be sensitive to the needs of those around them. Wear one if you feel more comfortable doing so; wear one if it would make your neighbour in church feel more comfortable
- sanitise hands on arrival
- continue to register for NHS Track and Trace either through the QR Code or by completing a form. This will help in contacting people if someone tests positive
- maintain social distancing in an appropriate way – for example, by respecting the wishes of anyone who is uncomfortable about too close contact

Singing – we can now sing, and many of you are in good voice!

Sharing the Peace - the Peace may be shared within or between pews in whatever way you and your neighbours are fully comfortable with. Again, please respect others' wishes. Please do not move around the church during the Peace.

At Communion - we will continue to offer the sacrament in one kind only, the bread, and the words of administration will be spoken once only to all communicants. Communicants and others who wish to kneel at the rail when receiving can do so, but it will be fine if others prefer to stand.

REVIEW OF CURRENT COVID ARRANGEMENTS The clergy and wardens keep the whole situation under review. We are now holding the Sunday Evening Prayer service at St Mary's in St Catherine's Chapel and are resuming tea and coffee in a socially distanced way after the 10.30 service at St Mary's from 26th September.

HARVEST AT ST MARY'S We will be celebrating Harvest at St Mary's on Sunday 26th September. Due to the fact that it is difficult to arrange deliveries or collections of large quantities of suitable foods, the clergy and wardens propose that this year we support Chiltern Foodbank by donations of cash or cheques (payable to Chiltern Foodbank) in envelopes that we will collect at the services. Chiltern Foodbank is then best placed to work out how best to support people (they have mountains of things like pasta). We will have the usual displays of Harvest Flowers in church.

CHORAL EVENSONG 6.00PM AT ST MARY'S 26TH SEPTEMBER At long last we are resuming choral evensong! All are welcome to join us on Sunday 26th September in St Mary's at 6.00pm for choral evensong with the riches of music in worship around the classic words of Cranmer's Book of Common Prayer and to take part.

HARVEST AT ALL SAINTS' Harvest will be celebrated at All Saints' next Sunday 3rd October. Donations of food (tinned, in packets, in date) can be brought along to support the One Can Trust, a local foodbank charity that supports people suffering from food poverty in the South Bucks area. Details can be found here: <https://onecantrust.org.uk>

CHORAL EVENSONG AT ALL SAINTS' Again, we're delighted that choral evensong will be resumed at All Saints' 6.00pm 3rd October. Again, all are welcome to join us to enjoy the riches of the Book of Common Prayer worship with music and singing.

CONFIRMATION Could you be thinking of going deeper in your faith by getting confirmed? If so, have a no-strings attached chat with Revs. Tim or Sue.

ORGAN RECITAL Edward McCall will be giving an organ recital at St Mary's on Sunday 24th October at 3pm. The programme will include Bach, Frank, Handel, Guilman and others. Entry by donation, half of which will go to the organ restoration fund, and half to one of the charities the parish supports. Refreshments will be available.

BOOKS AND PRESERVES There are plans afoot for the Book Stall to reappear towards the end of October. We thought that while you are turning your excess produce into Jams and Chutneys, put a jar aside for us to sell alongside the books. There will be a box in St. Mary's to collect these. Please label so we know what we are selling. Many thanks in anticipation.

MARTYRS COMMUNITY PLAY 2022 Amersham Museum is planning to repeat the Martyrs Community Play from 15-26 March 2022. St Mary's Church plays a crucial role as the venue for the promenade performance where all the pews are removed to make space for up to 150 actors of all ages. As the largest and best ventilated space, it will also be used for most rehearsals. If you would like to be part of this amazing community event – as actors, townspeople, musicians, stage

management, costume making or front of house – please contact our Co-director, Stan Pretty or Producer, Martin Pounce; or look up the website [www.amershammuseum.org/martyrs-play-2022](http://www.amershammuseum.org/martyrs-play-2022)

A MESSAGE FROM EDWARD It has been lovely to hear you all sing again now that the restrictions have been lifted. With this in mind, we are asking you to complete the Form (via the link below) so that we can get a sense of your favourite hymns. Our intention is to try and include some of your favourites in the services in the coming weeks. Thank you for doing this and for singing with such energy!

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=pstSeSRIVUO2XDFHhVle9HsMrLK9uWBAoOMIbRymBENUQTU3OFFFRzNVM09WTUhaRFZNU0ZCWUo0Mi4u>

### AN INITIATIVE BY THE CHURCHWARDENS AND MINISTERS **Developing Fellowship and Pastoral Care at St. Mary's**

We've been thinking about the last year or so of the pandemic, and the current vacancy, in line with the questions posed by the diocese:

What have we lost that we want to have back again?  
What have we lost, but we don't miss?  
What have we gained?  
What opportunities have we spotted?

When we were drawing up the parish profile (our advert for ourselves) a theme that came out was hospitality and fellowship, which will help to sustain us – and hopefully grow us as well. So we've come up with.... a list!

Please have a look at the attached table and see if there's anything on here that appeals to you. Some are established activities you might fancy trying, but have never known how to go about it: bell-ringing or joining the choir, perhaps. Those are regular commitments: would joining a rota be more your thing? Or a one-off like the church fete?

There's new stuff too. We really need to build up a team to manage the shiny new cameras: at the moment things creak a bit if our established experts are away. And we'd like to have more opportunities for people just to get together and have fun: we've missed each other! This could include Bible study (why shouldn't studying the Bible be fun?), or a book club, or getting together to do craft things over tea and biscuits.

You will know too that with a smaller ministry team since both Tim and Charles left us, it simply won't be possible for the clergy to cover everything. How do you feel about getting involved in pastoral care?

Most importantly perhaps, as we deal with the continuing impact of the pandemic, and look ahead to the appointment of a new Rector, we'd really like people to help us develop the prayer life of the parish, through meeting regularly.

And of course, if you have any brilliant ideas which we haven't thought of: do tell us!

Are you interested in any the following?	As a leader/coordinator	Member of group	Serve on Team
Supporting the housebound and contacting those who are sick			
Sunday Lunch Clubs			
Sunday afternoon tea talk and cake			
Mid-week coffee and chat			
Monthly walking group with pub Lunch			
Craft groups			
Big church read			
House group/bible study			
Intercessor			
Reader			
Weekly prayer group			
Nurturing children and young people			
Catering rota inc after church tea and coffee etc			
Sidesperson			
Streaming services			
Church Fete			
Taking part in monthly services at Rushmead Residential Care Home			
Drama-Martyrs Play			
Choir			
Bellringers			
Other ideas?			

Please return with your name and contact details to the parish office by September 28<sup>th</sup>.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Sunday School at St Mary's has re-started under Simon Hollett's leadership, and it's great to see more children making their way to join him for activities during the service – obviously enjoying it so much so they haven't wanted to come back at the end of the service! No decision has been made about re-starting First Steps and Parents and Toddlers. If you would like to help on Sunday mornings, or are interested in re-starting First Steps, let Simon know by emailing [stmarysamershamkids@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysamershamkids@gmail.com).

DONATIONS TO ST MARY'S AND ALL SAINTS While the pandemic continues, there is likely to be an impact on finances. We are very grateful that so many people have changed their giving to standing orders and we are in a very fortunate position in comparison with many other parishes. But if you would like to make a donation or catch up with planned giving and have online banking the easiest way is to make a BACS payment – please contact the Parish Office to get the details (it has been brought to our attention that the information previously displayed could be hacked from

the notice). Many already donate by Standing Order so please let our Treasurer know if you want any help in changing to this. Please contact Graeme Coles at [Treasurer-pcc@outlook.com](mailto:Treasurer-pcc@outlook.com) For All Saints Coleshill please speak to Peter Clackett on 01494 433044.

A PASTORAL CHAT Do contact any of the clergy for a chat by phone, facetime or Zoom about anything that is concerning you. Time we have!

HOW TO ACCESS STREAMED CHURCH SERVICES EACH WEEK

SUNDAYS

9am Morning Prayer or HC (BCP) Zoom: Please apply to Rev Tim Barnard for meeting joining details, see the contact list below.

10.30am Holy Communion and Evening Prayers log in to: [www.facebook.com/stmarysamersham](https://www.facebook.com/stmarysamersham)

ANOTHER OPTION is to take part in streamed services from the Diocese of Oxford. Going to <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/livestream/> will give you both the link to the streamed service and the download of the service order. The Eucharist can also be watched on demand.

TAIZE SHEETS They can be accessed from this site: [http://www.taize.fr/en\\_article1854.html](http://www.taize.fr/en_article1854.html)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who are ill: Jane Newman, Richard Simmonds, Marie-Therese and Brian Fawcett.

For your Private Prayers at home: Stuart Tennant

For those that have died: Mike Hooley.

For the family and friends of those that died a year ago: Janice Mills, Aubrey Davidson, Deryck Abbiss

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