



**PARISH OF AMERSHAM WITH COLESHILL  
WEEKLY NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 3rd October 2021  
18th Sunday after Trinity at St Mary's  
Harvest Thanksgiving at All Saints'**

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: Hebrews 1.3: "He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being"

The thought for the week is: "Every week we say we believe this.  
But do we?"

**Collect for The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity:** Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (BCP):** Lord, we beseech thee. Grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings: Job 1.1; 2.1-10: Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12: Mark 10.2-16

MP: Psalm 122: Isaiah 48.12-end: Luke 11.37-end

EP: Joshua 3.7-end: Matthew 10.1-22

## Harvest Readings and Collects for All Saints'

Readings: Joel 2.21-27: 1 Timothy 2.1-7: Matthew 6.25-33

EP: Psalm 12; Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Philippians 4:4-9

**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**

### 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 3rd October Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

9am BCP Morning Prayer (Zoom)

9am HC CW All Saints Coleshill

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

6pm Choral Evensong All Saints'

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: Fugue in D minor (*The Giant*) Bach BWV 680

HARVEST AT ALL SAINTS' Harvest will be celebrated today at All Saints'. Donations of food (tinned, in packets, in date) can be brought along, and dropped on the table at the back of All Saints' church, 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' All are welcome to join us at 6.00pm at All Saints' to enjoy the riches of Book of Common Prayer worship with music and singing.

THANKS AGAIN Again, huge thanks to the St Mary's books and plants sales team who have been working throughout the summer on Saturdays and bank holidays to raise funds for the charities that St Mary's would normally support by the annual fete.

TEA AND COFFEE AT ST MARY'S It was good to have tea and coffee again after the morning service last Sunday at St Mary's (in a socially distanced way), but this can only continue if we have more volunteers in the team. Ideally we would like to arrange the rota so that you would not need to be on duty more than once a quarter. Please contact Janet Clayfield through the Parish Office if you can help.

VACANCY PROCESS UPDATE As part of the formal process, the PCC met last week and made the following decisions: to approve the Parish Profile; to ask our Patron to advertise the vacancy; to request from the Bishop a statement of the needs of the parish and the diocese for insertion in the Parish Profile; to request a meeting with the Bishop, Patron and others to discuss the Parish Profile and the selection and interview process ("Section 12 Meeting"); and to appoint two representatives of the parish in the interview and selection process. The Section 12 Meeting will be on 15th November in St Mary's at 7.00pm, and may be attended by church members. The representatives of the parish are Mel Jackson and Susan Pounce. Please pray for them in their key role of representing our churches in the process.

PCC PCC meets on Tuesday evening, 5th October. Paperwork to follow.

#### 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.

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)

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](http://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 the family and friends of those that died a year ago: Yvonne Bradshaw

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