

Benefice of Abbotsbury, Portesham and Langton Herring



OCTOBER

October is the season when the church celebrates Harvest. There are many words you can spell using the letters of the word HARVEST, one of those is SHARE. There are many stories in the bible about sharing, the narrative that is possibly the most familiar is the 'feeding of the 5000'. In the narrative in John's gospel, we read that a boy is found with five barley loaves and two fish. The disciple Andrew, acknowledges that this will not be enough to feed everyone, but the boy is willing to share. The reading continues telling us, that all are fed and there is plenty of food leftover.

Thinking of food, I reminded of the film 'Oliver' in particular when Oliver holds up his bowl and asks for more. Oliver is clearly hasn't has enough to eat, so what constitutes ENOUGH. Is enough a full stomach and a tight waist band or is it enough to keep you alive for another day?

There will be many today who will die of hunger, the figure quoted by the United Nation world food program, the world's largest humanitarian organisation is 9 million is a year. They are assisting in our link dioceses of Sudan, where they have as of June this year, delivered emergency food assistance to more than one million people in Sudan in the six weeks since operations resumed on 3 May. WFP briefly paused operations when the conflict broke out but has since rapidly scaled up food distributions, delivering life-saving assistance to people in 14 of 18 States as fighting continues and the humanitarian situation deteriorates.

<https://www.wfp.org/news/wfp-reaches-over-one-million-people-sudan-life-saving-food>

We are fortunate to live a country where food is grown and shared. Please donate generously to the food-bank in order that those who live in this area have enough to eat. Thank you.



Services for October

Date	Abbotsbury St Nicholas's	Langton Herring St Peter's	Portesham St Peter's
Sunday 1 st October	11am Parish Communion	9am Holy Communion BCP	No Service
Sunday 8 th October	9am Holy Communion BCP	11am Parish Communion	10am Harvest Family Praise
Sunday 15 th October	No Service	4pm Harvest Family Praise	11am Parish Communion
Sunday 22 nd October	10am Family Praise	7.30pm Evening Prayer	9am Holy Communion BCP
Sunday 29 th October		11am Benefice Parish Communion	
Sunday 5 th November	11am Parish Communion	9am Holy Communion BCP	No Service

Harvest Services

Sunday 1st October 3.30pm
Corton Chapel

Sunday 8th October 10am
St.Peter's, Portesham

Sunday 15th October 4pm
St. Peter's, Langton Herring

Please bring a tin or two for the
Food-bank

Readings for October

Date	1 st reading	2 nd reading
1 st October	Philippians 2.1-13	Matthew 21 23-32
8 th October	Philippians 3.4b-14	Matthew 21.31-46
15 th October	Philippians 4.1-9	Matthew 22.1-14
22 nd October.	1 Thessalonians 1.1-10	Matthew 22.15-22
29 th October	1 Thessalonians 2.1-8	Matthew 22.34-end

THE FRIENDS OF ST NICHOLAS, ABBOTSBURY
PROUDLY PRESENT

THE BEAMINSTER-BASED A CAPELLA CHOIR
*Parnham
Voices*
PERFORMING 'BYRDSONG' - A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO COMPOSER WILLIAM BYRD

Saturday 21st October 2023 3 - 4pm
St Nicholas Church, Abbotsbury

ALL PROCEEDS TO THE FRIENDS OF ST NICHOLAS, ABBOTSBURY - A NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHARITY WHOSE ESTABLISHED TO PRESERVE THE FABRIC OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH

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Please remember in your prayers.

Philip Bilton; Margaret Connolly; Margaret Hamilton; Di;Reuben;
Andy Cutting; Rowland Foote; Peter Lones.

Remember all those who are finding life hard and for the recently bereaved. Pray for our local school, for all displaced people and for our link diocese, the Sudan and for this benefice in a time of change.

Please ring Margaret 01305873978 or email aplhchurches@gmail.com if you would like prayers said for you /or a loved one.

Benefice Service

Sunday 29th October
11am Langton Herring
Benefice Holy Communion

followed by a
'Bring 'n' Share'
Lunch

Donations for both Portland and Weymouth food banks are still desperately needed and can be left at Langton Church or Portesham Rectory.

Thank you



Bible Study Group
Join us for lively discussion
Friday 3pm @
Methodist Hall, Portesham

For more information
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