

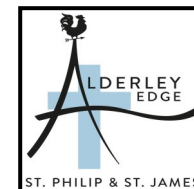
## Calendar for OCTOBER 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>
<u>Sunday 5th October</u>	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Choral Eucharist
	11.45am	Pipnjay
	6.30pm	Taize Service
<u>Sunday 12th October</u>	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Choral Eucharist
	4pm	Animal Service
	6.30pm	Prayer Service on Zoom
<u>Sunday 19th October</u>	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Family Communion with Prayer for Healing and Wholeness
	5.30pm	Evensong at Christchurch, Didsbury
<u>Sunday 26th October</u>	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Choral Eucharist
	6.30pm	Prayer Service on Zoom
<u>Every Wednesday</u>	11.30am	<i>Holy Communion Service followed by communal lunch at 12.30pm and Voices Together at 1.30pm</i>

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## St Philip & St James Parish Church, Alderley Edge OCTOBER 2025 NEWS SHEET



*Dear Friends,*

*Come, let us be gone to the woods and fields  
To gather the treasure that autumn yields —  
For October has come, and fruit hangs free,  
And sure, there is plenty for you and me!  
Blackberries cluster by dells and shaws,  
Hedges are scarlet with hips and haws,  
Hazels are beckoning down from the tree —  
And sure, there is plenty for you and me!*

My mother used to sing that every autumn — and it seems particularly apt this year! It's been a bumper year for fruits and berries. We were picking blackberries in August, and now the acorns and beech-nuts are crunching underfoot. Apple-trees are groaning under the weight of fruit, and cider-makers are looking forward to a record harvest. And no doubt the squirrels will be burying conkers in my lawn, as they do every year (and failing to find them in the spring).

October always reminds me of the earthy generosity of our God. There's something about foraging in the hedgerows, picking fruit, making a crumble or opening a jar of home-made jam, that re-connects us with creation's abundance — an abundance for all to share. And it says something about nature's resilience, too. Despite the drought, those trees and bushes just forget the inessentials and focus on the business of growing fruit, ensuring their survival into the next generation. When times are hard, that's not a bad example to follow!

October begins with harvest (September 28<sup>th</sup>) and ends with the feast of All Souls (November 2<sup>nd</sup>), when we remember our loved ones as the choir sings Fauré's Requiem. And in between comes the feast of St Luke (October 19<sup>th</sup>), when we offer the laying-on of hands for healing and wholeness in the name of our Lord Jesus. The earthy abundance of harvest — wholeness of body and soul — the vision of our loved ones safe in the eternal hands of God. Yes, there *is* plenty for you and me!

God bless,

*Loveday*

## Mothers' Union Trauma Teddies

### Supporting traumatised children

We are supporting the Manchester Airport Chaplaincy Team by providing "Trauma Teddies". The Teddies are given to the many obviously traumatised children the Chaplaincy team encounter and they are appealing for many more Teddies. If you are a "knitter" please consider supporting this initiative. The knitting pattern can be found by following the link below and copies of this pattern can be found at the back of Church. There will be a box at the back of Church during November for your completed Teddies. We hope to welcome a speaker from the Chaplaincy Team early next year. Thank you for your support in this initiative. On 11 November the Mothers' Union will be holding a Coffee Morning in Church from 10am to noon and all are most welcome to come along. There will be hot drinks and cakes on offer together with a raffle. As this is Remembrance Day, we will be observing the two minutes silence at 11am, so come early. If you just want to come to Church to be with others on this special day you will be most welcome.



Please email [churchoffice.spsjae@gmail.com](mailto:churchoffice.spsjae@gmail.com) for the trauma teddy pattern or go to the St Philip & St James Church website where there is a link to the pattern on the home page. Many thanks. [www.stphilipandstjames.co.uk](http://www.stphilipandstjames.co.uk)

### Christian Aid Quiz Night

**Saturday 11th October 7pm for 7.30pm start**

Churches Together in Alderley are holding their annual Christian Aid Quiz night at the Alderley Edge Scout Hut, Talbot Road. Tickets cost £15 including Fish and Chip supper. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets and information are available from Judy Povey (AE Methodist Church) and Clare Wearne (St Philip & St James Church) or you can email [churchoffice.spsjae@gmail.com](mailto:churchoffice.spsjae@gmail.com)

### Alderley Tea Dance in Aid of the Royal British Legion

From Lindy Hop to latin and foxtrot to the forties stroll, the Gelatos and Windy Wardlaw will cater for every musical taste at our Tea Dance on 26th October from 1.30-5.00pm at the Festival Hall, Alderley Edge. Free scones, jam and cream with tea or coffee will be offered and a raffle will be held with excellent prizes to be won. The tickets are only £10 and available from Richard Poole on 07777 691283 or Di Bullock on 01625 585600. All profits go to the Royal British Legion.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28th September	10am Harvest Festival at St Philip & St James
6th October	7.30-9.30pm Bible Study
12th October	4pm Animal Service
19th October	10am Prayers for Healing and Wholeness
2nd November	5pm Requiem for All Souls Service
9th November	3pm Remembrance Service at Alderley Edge Cenotaph
29th November	10am-3pm Christmas Fair at St Philip & St James (more information to follow!)

### Bible Study 2025-2026

This year's Bible Studies will focus on the Nicene Creed, which is celebrating its 1700th anniversary in 2025. We say it every Sunday in Church—but what does it mean? And why does it matter? Whether you're a veteran or a beginner on the Christian journey, this is an opportunity to read, discuss, argue and explore one of the basic documents of the Christian faith. All welcome, all you need is an enquiring mind (and a Bible). The Bible Study meets monthly starting on Monday 6th October in the West End of St Philip & St James Church, 7.30-9.30pm. To receive regular updates email [loveday.alexander@btinternet.com](mailto:loveday.alexander@btinternet.com)

### ST PHILIP & ST JAMES MINISTRATIONS SEPTEMBER

**Funerals:** 12th Elizabeth Haworth, 19th Audrey Thompson,

25th Geoffrey Crozier