

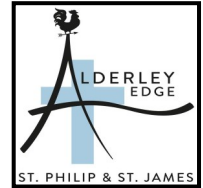
Calendar for SEPTEMBER 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service</u>
<u>Sunday 7th September</u>	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Choral Eucharist
	11.45am	Pipnjay
	6.30pm	Taize Service
<u>Sunday 14th September</u>	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Choral Eucharist
	6.30pm	Prayer Service on Zoom
<u>Sunday 21st September</u>	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Choral Eucharist for Creation Sunday
	6.30pm	Evensong at St Helen's Northwich
<u>Sunday 28th Septmeber</u>	8am	Holy Communion
	10am	Family Eucharist Harvest Festival
	6.30pm	Prayer Service on Zoom
<u>Every Wednesday</u>	11.30am	Holy Communion Service followed by communal lunch at 12.30pm and Voices Together at 1.30pm

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



Dear Friends,

With September's arrival comes Autumn and the farming year turns to harvest time. With this comes the Churches creation season which we celebrate at the end of September and beginning of October. As part of our celebrations of creationtide this year St Philip and St James church has a harvest festival service on 28th September and an Animal Service on 12th October where we bless and give thanks for those animals present or represented by pictures. St Catherine's Church, Birtles has their harvest festival on 19th October.

A celebration of creation lies at the heart of all these services and this is also a key theme in the Bible. From the beginning with Genesis 1 where God creates the creation and all is good and the chapter ends with God instructing man to take care of God's good creation. To the very end with Revelation 21 and 22 where we are promised that one day God, humanity and the whole of creation will one day dwell in perfect harmony where all things shall be well.

The Bible therefore repeatedly links the wellbeing of creation with the wellbeing of humanity. When creation is flourishing the harvests are plentiful the animals are able to flourish too and so is humanity. But when creation does not flourish, crops fail, food and water become scarce and both humans and animals suffer and many die. We are all interlinked.

As a result of this, it is part of our duty as Christians to care well for our bit of creation. And so, I would like to encourage you in doing your bit to care for the bit of creation God has placed in your care, whether it be big or small, for a long time or a short. Even if it is a fleeting moment at the edge of the road as you walk by and are able to pick up a bit of litter. It all makes a difference and together we can make what we have a better place for creation, including the animals and us, to flourish in.

And if you would like to join us in giving thanks for creation too, please join us at one of the creationtide services listed above.

Yours, Rev'd Amy Ruston

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union has been busy again in 2025, here is a summary of what activities our members have been undertaking plus awards presented for our work.

We have been awarded a Bronze Certificate for our work and commitment to the national Mothers' Union campaign to support victims of domestic violence. The campaign is known as "Rise Up" – it stands for **R**espond, **I**nform, **S**upport, **E**mpower, **U**nite and **P**ray. The award was presented by our Diocesan President, Di Waller, in June.

At the Cheshire Show in June the Mothers' Union was awarded a Rosette from the show organisers for being a much needed service on site and kindness. We provide a comfortable and private space for carers to feed and change their babies when visiting the Show. This year 307 babies used the facility. The feedback received from our visitors has always been positive and a huge thank you goes to our friendly team of helpers.

In July we welcomed our congregation plus locals to our annual Strawberry Tea afternoon, held in our West End. Our guests were served homemade scones and strawberries, a selection of cakes and a cuppa. Proceeds from this event will help to fund local projects.

Throughout the year we deliver Toilet Bags for emergency admissions to Macclesfield Hospital. They consist of essential items for people who find themselves in hospital such as soap, flannel, toothpaste and toothbrush, tissues etc.

And finally we have provided hand knitted items for the Premature Baby units at Wythenshawe, Macclesfield and Stepping Hill hospitals.

Thank you for your support of the Mothers' Union in the local area.

Tuesday Tots

Tuesday Tots sessions run every week in the Parish Rooms from 10am to 12 noon. We ask for a donation of £3 per family and serve hot drinks for adults at these sessions. Almost all sessions include a story and songs led by the Vicar.

AUTUMN DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Harvest Festival—28th September

Our Harvest Festival service takes place on Sunday 28th September at 10.00am. You are all very welcome to join us.

Animal Service—12th October

We are holding a special service for Animals at 4pm on Sunday 12th October. You and your animals are very welcome!

Voices Together

Every Wednesday 1.30pm to 2.30pm (*starting Wednesday 3rd September*)

We are a friendly, welcoming and inclusive singing group
All Welcome.

Bible Study 2025-2026

Advance notice of Bible Study starting again in October.

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

ST PHILIP & ST JAMES MINISTRATIONS JULY/AUGUST

WEDDINGS: 1st August Joanna Wearne & Andrew Henshall, 2nd August Dionne Cole & Jason Sinclair, 9th August Christina Healey & Dean Harrison

FUNERALS: 6th July Douglas Beresford, 7th July Sylvia Williams, 14th July Anne Smith, 21st July Stephen Wearne, 13th August Winifred Bird

BAPTISMS: 10th August Fraser Northcote