**For your prayers for the next week:**

**Sunday** Farmers & Farmworkers in our

Benefice

**Monday** An end to the hunger in Gaza

**Tuesday** The Retired Clergy Association

**Wednesday** The people of Ukraine

**Thursday** Those we know struggling with life

**Friday Friday** British servicemen and women across

the world

**Saturday** Our local postmen and ladies

**For yFriday And for those in our Benefice:**

**Sunday** Tom, Debbie & Alice Inskip(M)

**Monday** Sue Ives, Sue Josty(P)

**Tuesday** Bruce, Andrea, Cecilia & Hannah Kilpatrick(M), Jane Lewes(P)

**Wednesday** Valerie Lincoln(M), Janet Llewellyn(M)

**Thursday**  Ann Maltby(M), Ken & Sara Owst(M)

**Friday** Irma & John Mustoe(T), Margaret Newell(T)

**Saturday**  Richard Newman(M), Nina Ovenden(M), Christine & Clive Phillips(P)

**HOW TO CONTACT US:**

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**Benefice Website:** found via: [www.mptchurches.org.uk](http://www.mptchurches.org.uk).

**Benefice Administrator**: Sarah Croft, tel: 07986 153423, [parishbeneficeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:parishbeneficeoffice@gmail.com)

**Facebook pages.** We have two Facebook pages: MPT Churches (Milton Ernest, Pavenham and Thurleigh) and All Saints Milton Ernest**.** Have a look and give us a ‘like’!

<https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsMiltonErnest>

<https://www.facebook.com/MPT-Churches-Milton-Ernest-Pavenham-Thurleigh>

**Weekly Morning Prayer services. We are considering whether to start holding short times of Morning Prayer either weekly or twice weekly during the day in Pavenham and Milton (these are already held in Thurleigh). If you would be interested please let Jes know.**

***NOTICES FOR 14th SEPTEMBER 2025***



**Milton Ernest, Pavenham and Thurleigh Churches**

**Services for Sunday 14th September, Trinity 13**

10am, Holy Communion, Milton Ernest

11.15am, Morning Worship & Harvest, Pavenham, followed by a Ploughman’s Lunch

11.15am, Morning Worship, Thurleigh, taken by Sue Ives

Readings: Judges 4.1-15 and John 3.13-17

**Collect for Trinity 13**: Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Services for Sunday 21st September, Trinity 14**

10am, Morning Worship & Harvest, Milton Ernest

11.15am, Morning Worship, Pavenham, taken by Rev Stephen Heap

11.15am, Holy Communion, Thurleigh, taken by Rev Dr. Min-Min Peaker

**4pm, Pet Service, Milton Ernest Village Green**

Readings: Matthew 9.9-13 and 2 Corinthians 4.1-6

**Judges 4.1-15**. Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, now that Ehud was dead. So the Lord sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. Sisera, the commander of his army, was based in Harosheth Haggoyim. Because he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the Lord for help.

Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided. She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, ‘The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you: “Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin’s army, with his chariots and his troops to the River Kishon and give him into your hands.”’ Barak said to her, ‘If you go with me, I will go; but if you don’t go with me, I won’t go.’

**Harvest Festivals across the Benefice:**

**Sunday 14th September**, 11.15am Pavenham (followed by a simple Ploughman’s lunch, please RSVP to Jes, Julie or Debby)

**Sunday 21st September,** 10am, Milton Ernest

**Sunday 28th September,** 3pm, Thurleigh

All gifts will be going to Bedford Food Bank.

**Thurleigh Harvest Supper – Saturday 27th September** at 7.30pm. Please see Richard for more details.

‘Certainly I will go with you,’ said Deborah. ‘But because of the course you are taking, the honour will not be yours, for the Lord will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman.’ So Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh. There Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali, and ten thousand men went up under his command. Deborah also went up with him.

Now Heber the Kenite had left the other Kenites, the descendants of Hobab, Moses’ brother-in-law, and pitched his tent by the great tree in Zaanannim near Kedesh.

When they told Sisera that Barak son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor, Sisera summoned from Harosheth Haggoyim to the River Kishon all his men and his nine hundred chariots fitted with iron.

Then Deborah said to Barak, ‘Go! This is the day the Lord has given Sisera into your hands. Has not the Lord gone ahead of you?’ So Barak went down Mount Tabor, with ten thousand men following him. At Barak’s advance, the Lord routed Sisera and all his chariots and army by the sword, and Sisera got down from his chariot and fled on foot.

**John 3.13-17.** No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man.Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.’

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

**Items currently needed by Bedford Foodbank**:

Jars of Coffee, UHT Milk, UHT Fruit Juice, Deodorant, Laundry Tablets, Bars of Chocolate, Tinned Rice Pudding, Tinned Meat

**Forthcoming Events!**

**Third Thursday @ Three Thirty, Thursday 18th September,** Milton Ernest Village Hall

**Pet Service,** at 4pm, Milton Ernest Village Green on **Sunday 21st September** (please note change of date)

Also look out for a **Coffee and Cakes afternoon** coming soon and more to follow in Pavenham!

**Pavenham’s Tuesday lunch group** will be held on **Tuesday, 23rd September** at 12.30pm. This will be at Pat and Steve’s home, High Trees. Everyone welcome.

**All Saints' Harvest Supper** on **Saturday 18th October**, 7.45pm in Milton Ernest Village Hall with live latin and jazz music.   There will be a 2 course meal and tickets are £15.00. Please let Cristina know if you are vegetarian and please reserve your place by 15th September. Please also bring your own drink & glasses.   Tickets can be bought from Cristina 07775 638861 or [cgoldwin62@gmail.com](mailto:cgoldwin62@gmail.com)

There will be a **Confirmation Service** in the Deanery on **Sunday 19th October**. If you are **i**nterested in being confirmed, then please let Jes know.

**Prayer/Home Groups.** We all care for our communities and believe God answers prayer. So do come and join us as we pray for the places where we live. At present the groups are meeting as follows;

**Pavenham:** first and third Wednesday, 7.30pm, see Jes for details

**Thurleigh**: each Tuesday at 7pm at 2 High St;

**Milton Ernest**: second and fourth Thursday of each month at 2pm at the Vicarage**.**  Please have a word with Jes.

**Safeguarding.** Just a reminder that your Parish Safeguarding Officers are:

**Milton Ernest:** Lynne Quarmby

**Pavenham**: Currently vacant, but please direct any concerns to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team, 01727 818107 or in an emergency, the police.

**Thurleigh**: Lindsay Fraser