**The North Walsham Benefice**

**Sunday 21st September**

**Harvest**

Transformed by Christ: **Prayerful, Pastoral, Prophetic**

**8am** Holy Communion (1662) St Nicholas

**9.15am** HarvestHoly Communion St Mary’s

**10.30am** Harvest Holy Communion *with bring & share lunch* \*St Nicholas

(SP109, SP110, NEH262, NEH285, NEH264)

*Organ voluntary:*  Divertimento on Monkland - Heathcote Statham

**5pm** Evening Prayer St Nicholas

**Hearing Loop** installed *(centre pews at St Nicholas, south pews at St Mary’s) please advise us if this is not operating correctly.*

**Gluten free wafers** are available *(at the High Altar at St Nicholas).* If you would like to receive **Communion** in your place, please advise a welcomer/churchwarden.

**\*Morning Prayer is said daily 9am Monday – Friday** at St Nicholas

**\*Live streamed services****:** *YouTube* St Nicholas North Walsham

**Tuesday 23rd September**

*No Morning Prayer today*

**Wednesday 24th September**

**10am** Knitting Group St Nicholas

**Thursday 25th September**

**9.30am** Coffee Morning St Nicholas Rm

**10.30am** Holy Communion  St Nicholas

**Friday 26th September**

**9.30am** Friday Prayer and Quiet Time Memorial Chapel

**Sunday** **28th September – Trinity 15**

**8am** Holy Communion (1662) St Nicholas

**10.30am** Holy Communion  \*St Nicholas

**12-3.30pm** Harvest Thanksgiving Day All Saints

**4pm** Harvest Service All Saints

***No 5pm service at St Nicholas***

**Harvest Thanksgiving** is a modern addition to the church calendar. Its origins are usually traced to the adaptation in 1843 of Lammas Day by the Revd R. S. Hawker, a parish priest in Cornwall. He chose the first Sunday in October as a Christian response to coincide with the traditional but largely secular ‘harvest home’ celebration, but there is some evidence to suggest that a thanksgiving for the harvest was already a relatively widespread practice. An annual church celebration of the harvest certainly established itself rapidly with great popularity and was first recognised officially in the Church of England in 1862.

**Collect**

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.**

**Deuteronomy 26. 1-11**

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, **2**you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. **3**You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ **4**When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, **5**you shall make this response before the Lord your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. **6**When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, **7**we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. **8**The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; **9**and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. **10**So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. **11**Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

**Psalm 100**

**1**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
**2Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

**3**Know that the Lord is God.  It is he that made us, and we are his;[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalm%20100&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-15512a)]  we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

**4Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.  Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

**5**For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**Philippians 4. 4-9**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. **5**Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. **6**Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **7**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. **8**Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is

honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. **9**Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

**John 6. 25-35**

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ **26**Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. **27**Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ **28**Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ **29**Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ **30**So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? **31**Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”’ **32**Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. **33**For the bread of God is that which[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John%206.%2025-35&version=NRSVA#fen-NRSVA-26280a)] comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ **34**They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’ **35**Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation

and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards

of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Readings for September 28th Trinity 15**

Amos 6. 1a, 4-7, Psalm 146, 1 Timothy 6. 6-19, Luke 16. 19-31

**Notices**

Thank you for your **Harvest gifts,** which will support the work of the North Norfolk Foodbank. Thanks also to those who arranged the stunning Harvest Supper at Worstead on 20th.

**Harvest Festival Bring and Share lunch** celebration will follow the 10:30am service next Sunday at St Nicholas. A signup sheet with suggestions of foods to bring on the church notice board. Everyone welcome. Please join us: more info from Felicity or Petra.

Do support the Edingthorpe **Harvest Thanksgiving** day next Sunday 28th, from midday: stalls, food and attractions!

There was a really encouraging turn out for the consultations for the **Nicholas Project,** and we are so grateful for all the contributions made. We await Louise and Ben's distillation of the suggestions made and their suggestions for next steps - watch this space!

David, Dan and other clergy from across the Diocese are attending the **Diocesan Conference** in Norwich 22nd-24th September at the invitation of the Bishop - pray for us as we come together for a time of learning and reflection: David will be contactable as usual.

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