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

**Sunday** The work of the RNIB

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

**Tuesday** Strength for parents looking after sick children

**Wednesday** The people of Ukraine

**Thursday** Students preparing for university

**Friday Friday** British servicemen and women across

the world

**Saturday** All theological colleges and courses

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

**Sunday** Helena & Jos Daalhuizen(M), Hilary Daniel(P)

**Monday** Julie Davies(P), Kath Ellison(T), David Evans(P)

**Tuesday** Jean Farmbrough(P), ffoll & Lulu Fisher(T)

**Wednesday** Graham Franklin(T), David & Lindsay Fraser(T), Ivy Game(P)

**Thursday**  Pam Gee(P), Cristina, Paul & Nicolas Goldwin(M), Brenda Harding(P)

**Friday** Stephen Heap, Catherine, Andrea, Thomas & James Hill(M)

**Saturday**  Debby & Terry Horsman(P), Margaret Ibbett(M)

**HOW TO CONTACT US:**

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**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>

**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

**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 7th SEPTEMBER 2025***



**Milton Ernest, Pavenham and Thurleigh Churches**

**Services for Sunday 7th September, Trinity 12**

8am, Holy Communion(BCP), Milton Ernest

10am, Morning Worship, Milton Ernest

11.15am, Holy Communion, Pavenham

No service at Thurleigh

4pm, Messy Church, Milton Ernest Village Hall

Readings: Philemon 1-21 and Luke 14.25-33

**Collect for Trinity 12**: God of constant mercy; who sent your Son to save us; remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Services for Sunday 14th September, Trinity 13 FOOD BANK SUNDAY**

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

**Philemon 1-21**. Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker – also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier – and to the church that meets in your home: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord’s people.

Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul – an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus – that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

**Forthcoming Events!**

**Messy Church, Sunday 7th September** at 4pm in Milton Ernest Village Hall. Short and very informal with lots of activities for children including music and drama, and a light picnic tea.

**Crafternoon Tea on Tuesday 9 September** at All Saints’ Church, 2.30 - 4.30 pm. Come and try a simple craft or just enjoy refreshments and chat.  
All welcome

**Meeting Place, Wednesday 10th September,** St Peter’s, Thurleigh, 3-4.30pm

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

**Pet Service,** at 4pm, Milton Ernest 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!

I am sending him – who is my very heart – back to you. I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favour you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for ever – no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back – not to mention that you owe me your very self. I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

**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.

**Luke 14.25-33**. Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ‘If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters – yes, even their own life – such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

‘Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, “This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.”

Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

**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

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

**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)

**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.