



**The Parish Churches of St Mary the Virgin, Gillingham,  
St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour and St Nicholas, Silton**



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### **Sunday 21 September St Matthew**

*CW Lectionary 2 Cor. 4. 1-6; Matt. 9. 9-13*

10:00am Holy Communion St Mary's Church, Gillingham

*Hymns: 593 (omit \*vs), 487, 671, 454 (choir), 510*

*Prayers for healing are usually available after the service in the side chapel in St Mary's*

10:30am BCP Holy Communion St Nicholas Church, Silton

6:30pm Harvest Festival St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour *Hymns: 289, 290, 104, 105*

*Please bring an offering to the Harvest Festival Service for the Foodbank (no fresh food please!)*

### **Collect for Harvest**

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.

### **Post Communion for Harvest**

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.

### **For your thoughts and prayers**

Norma Morris, Adam Cooke, Steve & Mary Rae, Roberta Wyatt, Rita Burns, Allen & Pauline Bryant, Carol Hebden, Mary Andrews, Diane Whitford, Ann Lockyer, Jean Harding, Anne Clarke, Michael Giddings and Shirley Lynch.

We commend to God's care all those who have died, especially Doreen Lay, and we pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

### **Milton on Stour Harvest READING Revelation 14. 14 – 18**

I, John, looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand! Another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, 'Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.' So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped. Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Then another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, 'Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.'

### **GOSPEL John 6.25–35**

When they found Jesus on the other side of the sea, the crowd said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' 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. 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.' Then they said to Jesus, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' 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? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' 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. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' 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.'

### **Monday 22 September**

2:00pm – 3:00pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Swimming for Memories' at RiversMeet Leisure Centre

### **Tuesday 23 September**

10:00am – 12noon Gillingham Mindful Café at Gillingham Social Club, Hardings Lane. This week's activity will be Art with Maxine.

7:30pm St Mary's PCC meeting in St Mary's Church

### **Wednesday 24 September**

10.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

10:30am – 12noon The Gillingham Men's Group at Rawson Court

2:00pm – 4:30pm Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room

### **Thursday 25 September**

10:00am – 12noon Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room

2:00pm – 3:30pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Music For You' at St Martin's House, Queen Street with Tattie Bogle.



### **Friday 26 September**

9.30am – 10am Informal Prayer Group in St Mary's Church

2:30pm – 4:00pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Sing-a-Song of Praise' at Fern Brook Lodge

### **Saturday 27 September**

10:00am – 12noon Meditation in the Vicarage School Room

### **Sunday 28 September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 21)**

*CW Lectionary 1 Tim. 6. 6-19; Luke 16. 19-end*

10:00am Holy Communion St Mary's Church, Gillingham

10:30am Matins St Nicholas Church, Silton

10:30am Holy Communion St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour

10:30am Harvest Festival St George's, Langham

3:30pm Harvest Messy Church Vicarage School Room

#### **Sunday 28 September – 10:30am Harvest Festival at St George's, Langham.**

St George's will be collecting for the Foodbank and would appreciate any contributions on the day to decorate the church and to help those who are in difficulty.

#### **Sunday 5 October – 12:15 for 12:30 Harvest Lunch in the Vicarage School Room.**

Ploughman's lunch, pudding and a glass of cider for £10 per head, children free. We are asking for volunteers to entertain us. You can sing, recite a poem, tell jokes, anything. Please sign list on the notice board at the back of St Mary's church to enable us to have numbers for catering (tickets will be available next week). Please speak to Anne Marsh for the open mic entertainment. Kate Wickson will be looking for bakers to produce apple crumble for the pudding. For any other information please speak to Steve Butler.

**Eden Café – On Wednesday 1 October**, there will be an opportunity to purchase a variety of handmade craft items by J K Hall including cards, notelets and bags. Commissions also taken. A donation from each item sold will go towards St Mary's Church Funds.

#### **Cleaner Needed – St Nicholas Church, Silton**

A vacancy for a cleaner has arisen at St. Nicholas Church Silton where services are held every week. Ideally, would suit a local person looking for a few extra hours a month (4-6 approx.) Hourly rate £15-00. Please contact Peter Williams (Churchwarden) 01747 840275

**St. Simon & St. Jude 100 Club September Winners:** 1st John R Case, 2nd Louise Cotter, 3rd Rosemary Cox