

# **The Church of England in Plymstock & Hooe**

**Newsletter 60 (V4)**

**September**

## **Worship during September**



### **Parish Communion Services this Month**

Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup> – 10 am St Mary's

Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> – 10 am St John's

Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup> – 10 am St Mary's

Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup> – 10 am St John's

### **Other Services in September**

**Every Tuesday at St Mary's 10 am** Service and Coffee

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 3pm Good Shepherd**

followed by tea and cake in the hall.



## Reflection for September

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***I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.*** (John 13:34)

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Dear Friends,

The time rolls on! September is here again. The leaves will be starting to change colour, the schools will begin another term, and we will all have enjoyed another summer.

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September marks the beginning of the Season of Creation or 'Creationtide' the Church's theme for the Season of Creation 2025 is peace with creation, based on Isaiah 32:14-18. The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between people and God. This description of devastated cities and wastelands reveals how human destructive behaviours have a negative impact on the Earth. As we think about Isaiah's words, perhaps we can consider what we might do as a community here in Plymstock and Hooe. What matters to us and how can we help to care for creation, justice and peace, through prayer, positive action, and reconciliation?

As a PCC we have been thinking more about our next steps for the parish as we think about advertising for a new Priest to lead us. We have spent a lot of time thinking, reflecting and discussing how to serve the whole parish and it would be helpful to find out '*what matters to you?*' and our wider community across Plymstock and Hooe. Perhaps considering creation care is a good starting point? To find out, we will soon be asking you all to talk to people you know across the parish, and we will be providing a number of ways to feedback, so that we can hear as many voices as possible. We will then think about the themes that emerge and consider how what we can do to better serve our community here.

Please pray for the PCC, who will meet to discuss our Parish Vision on 1<sup>st</sup> September with help from the Bishop and Archdeacon of Plymouth.

*Kerry, Mary, Jo, Carl, Tony Graham and Sheila.*

Your Churchwardens and Ministry Team.

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***Be still and know that I am God*** (Ps 46:10)

# News and events in September

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## Plymouth FOODBANK still needs your donations

Donations of food and toiletries for Plymouth Foodbank are still

urgently needed. Collections continue at St. Mary's & St. John's Churches.

Financial donations can also be made – please ask a churchwarden or member of the clergy.



## St John's on the Hill

Come & enjoy coffee/tea & home-made cake on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.  
**4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**

**September 2025**

St. John's Church Hall PL9 9SE



## Community Coffee Morning

**10<sup>th</sup> September 2025 – 10.30 – 12 noon**

Church of the Good Shepherd Hall, Marine Road, Oreston, PL9 9NL



**If you have a photo** of one of our church buildings that could be used for our monthly service poster, please send it via email to:

[enquiries@plymstockandhooe.org](mailto:enquiries@plymstockandhooe.org)

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## Morning Prayer in the Parish From September until Christmas.



We will be saying morning prayer across the parish from September until Christmas, particularly praying for the vacancy and the work being done in the parish during this time.

Every Thursday from **4<sup>th</sup> September - 9.30 am St John's**

Wednesdays from **10<sup>th</sup> September 9.30 am Church of the Good Shepherd.**

Anyone wishing to attend is most welcome.

**Compline** (Night Prayer) will be said every Monday evening starting on **8<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30 pm** on Zoom – if you would like to attend this service, please email:

[enquiries@plymstockandhooe.org](mailto:enquiries@plymstockandhooe.org) to receive the Zoom link.

Both morning prayer and compline will last around 20 minutes.

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## Our new contact details!

For all enquiries about parish issues – please email

[enquiries@plymstockandhooe.org](mailto:enquiries@plymstockandhooe.org) this goes to clergy and churchwardens and will be

answered by whoever is available, which means you should get a response even when someone is on holiday!

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# Financial Giving

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This is an important part of being a member of our Parish Community. It ensures that we can maintain our Christian presence in this area through our mission and ministry.

There are a number of ways you can give:

- Parish Giving Scheme – donate securely by direct debit
- Direct to the PCC Account by standing order
- Via our PayAz Giving Stations at the back of our churches
- Scan the QR code on the card in your pew
- Via Give a Little - <https://givealittle.co/c/5tdlgpjS4TFNpnTjvT7ASH>
- Cash in one of the Yellow Gift Aid Envelopes in the pews
- Cash in the collection plate at a service

All these are easy ways to make your financial gift. If you would like to set up regular giving, speak to a churchwarden, sides-person, or one of the clergy, who will direct you to a member of the finance team.

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## Prayer for the Vacancy

We pray for the Christian Community of Plymstock and Hooe that we may use this time of transition to grow closer to each other, to listen to each other and to support each other in exploring your mission for our whole community and the contributions we each can make.

Guide us all as we seek the way ahead together, that together we may discover your plans for your kingdom in this place.

In Jesus name we pray,

Amen