



The Benefice of Crockham Hill  
and Westerham



News from Crockham Hill

## Sunday 5th October—Harvest Festival

### **Crockham Hill:**

**8.am: BCP Eucharist Service**

**10.00am: Common Worship Eucharist Service**

### **Westerham:**

**10.30am: Holy Communion**

**6.30pm: Evensong**

*Whoever you are, wherever you live, whichever church you consider 'yours', whatever life is like for you and regardless of money, status, (dis)ability or anything else, you are welcome at any service in the Benefice.*

### **Hymns:**

289—Come, ye thankful people, come

290—We plough the fields and scatter

Sheet—Bountiful earth

214—Guide me, O thou great redeemer

### **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.

## **First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

**26** 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, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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.' <sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> 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; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> 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.

## **Gospel: John 6:25-35**

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> 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.' <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' <sup>30</sup> 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?' <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." <sup>32</sup> 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.

<sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which<sup>[g]</sup> comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' <sup>34</sup> They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

<sup>35</sup> 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.'

## **Benefice Services: Sunday 12th October 2025**

### **Crockham Hill:**

**10am: Common Worship Eucharist Service**

### **Westerham:**

**8.00am: Traditional Communion**

**10.30am: 2nd Sunday Service**

## **A Prayer for Peace**

God of peace and justice, we lift up to you the peoples of  
Ukraine, Gaza and Sudan today.

We pray for all the world's war zones,  
for the laying down of weapons and end to calls of violence;  
for all those who fear for tomorrow,

that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them;

for those with power of war or peace,

for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
asking you to hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen



**Notices for Holy Trinity Pewsheets: Please email to [cfeakes@crockhamhill.kent.sch.uk](mailto:cfeakes@crockhamhill.kent.sch.uk) by the Wednesday of each week.**

**Many Thanks. Carole Feakes – Parish Administrator**

## **NOTICES**

**Foodbank gifts:** This month—items requested include: jam, honey, puddings, pasta sauce, tinned meats

**Used Postage Stamps**—Please leave used postage stamps in the Box in church. The Mobility Shop in Tunbridge Wells is collecting them.

**Churchyard Angels** are planning to meet on Saturday 18th October from 9.00 a.m. onwards. Hopefully the weather will be much better than that forecast for this forthcoming weekend!! The churchyard is currently looking very good but will certainly benefit from a little light TLC, a bit of raking, snipping and tidying. Many hands make light work and families are welcome and refreshments will be served! Please bring along any equipment you may like to use. There is the odd tree branch that may need cutting and certainly a bit of strimming is needed in certain areas. Some leaves are down but we will be having a grand leaf pick-up at some stage in November. It has been such a funny year weather-wise that it is very difficult to predict the state of play!! Please do pass the word around.  
With thanks in advance and best wishes, Ian

**Bereavement Café:** 2pm-4pm At Bridges Centre in Edenbridge, on the third Monday of the month.

### **From Father Owen**

Dear Lorraine

I am hard pushed to explain my feelings after last Sunday. On reflection, it was far more than I deserved but knowing the depth of the love, kindness and generosity that I have received over the years during my visits to Holy Trinity I should not have been surprised.

I should be so grateful if you could pass on my thanks for all that happened and especially for the lovely cards which were handed to me. They will serve as a reminder of the generosity of Spirit which I always encounter on every visit.

With love and prayers to you all

Fr Owen

*If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Father Owen to mark this milestone, please use the card machine at the back of the church or you can pay by cash or bank transfer to: Holy Trinity PCC, 405240, 00014196*