

## Newsletter – October 2025

Dear Friends,

Several weeks ago I drove through a cloud of dust and straw as a combine harvester worked its way along the edge of one of the fields between Dinnington and Firbeck, and I am now preparing to make a final batch of chutney with the apples from the tree in the vicarage garden, having already enjoyed crops of rhubarb, brambles and plums. As September came to a close we gathered in church and in the church hall to give thanks for the harvest. We are grateful for all those who work hard in the farming and fishing industries to produce the food which we enjoy, and it is a time to pause to thank God for all of his provision for us.

When we see all the fruit and vegetables decorating our church buildings it reminds me of the fruit of the Spirit, and the fact that, along with the natural world, God calls each one of us to be productive. Unlike the grain and vegetable seeds which often produce a crop in one growing season, our fruitfulness is more gradual, and should go on producing for a lifetime. One image that Jesus used was that of a vine producing grapes. In John 15 he reminds us that it is important for us to abide in him, staying firmly connected, just like branches are to the vine. Sometimes we will have to cope with being pruned, but the fruitfulness of us becoming more and more like Jesus will be good for those around us.

My encouragement to each of us this month is to look at the fruits of the Spirit, which are listed in Galatians 5:22-23, and to pray specifically about one or two which we would love to see God developing in us over the coming season.

Yours in Him,

Kirsty

## **Dates for your diary**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 10am – Holy Communion

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 10am – Morning Worship

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 10am – Holy Communion with Anointing Prayer

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 8.30am BCP 10am – All Age Brunch Service

6pm – Annual Memorial Service – to remember and give thanks for those we love but no longer see

Every Wednesday in term-time The Ark Toddler Group 9 -11am

Every Thursday at the church hall – Natter Café

9:30am for prayer, and 10-12 for refreshments and time to chat

## **Looking ahead**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday

10am – Service in church

10:45am – Act of Remembrance at the lychgate

## **Thank you**

Many thanks for all the harvest donations, which will support local families through the Dinnington Foodbank. Our Emergency Appeal for Gaza will continue throughout October. Envelopes in church.

Also, a very big thank you to all those who worked so hard on 27<sup>th</sup> September to decorate the church for our harvest festival.