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

**Sunday** The Gaza ceasefire

**Monday** The work of the British Red Cross

**Tuesday** Those nursing loved ones at home

**Wednesday** Thanks for the beautiful Autumn colours

**Thursday** The people of Ukraine

**Friday Friday** British servicemen and women across

the world

**Saturday** The Kings Arms Project, Bedford

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

**Sunday** Irma & John Mustoe(T), Margaret Newell(T)

**Monday** Richard Newman(M), Nina Ovenden(M), Christine & Clive Phillips(P)

**Tuesday** Barbara Philpott(T), Robert Porter(T), Peter Protheroe

**Wednesday** Lynne Quarmby(M), Martin & Sandra Quince(M)

**Thursday**  Andrea & Richard Roberts(P), Monica Robinson

**Friday** Janet Roff(P), Alex, Ali, Katherine & Daniel Ross(M)

**Saturday**  Lisa Ryder(T), Rev Jes & Jane Salt, Elaine Saunders(P)

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**Benefice Administrator**: Sarah Croft, tel: 07986 153423, [parishbeneficeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:parishbeneficeoffice@gmail.com)

**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>

**Advent Windows.** Would you like to decorate a window in Advent as part of a village-wide 'Advent Calendar'?  More details coming soon but perhaps consider this year's theme of 'A Christmas Carol or Song'.

**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

***NOTICES FOR 19th OCTOBER 2025***



**Milton Ernest, Pavenham and Thurleigh Churches**

**Services for Sunday 19th October, Trinity 18**

10am, Morning Worship, Milton Ernest taken by David Fraser

11.15am, Morning Worship, Pavenham, taken by Sue Ives

11.15am, Holy Communion, Thurleigh taken by Father Mac

Readings: Judges 6.11-24,36-40 and Luke 18.1-8

**Collect for Trinity 18:** God our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Services for Sunday 26th October, Trinity 19**

10am, Holy Communion, Milton Ernest

11.15am, Morning Worship, Pavenham, taken by John Braithwaite

11.15am, All Age Morning Worship, Thurleigh

Readings: 2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18 and Luke 18.9-14

**Judges 6.11-24,36-40**. The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, “The Lord is with you, mighty warrior.” “Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, ‘Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.” The Lord turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?”. “Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.” The Lord answered, “I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive.” Gideon replied, “If now I have found favour in your eyes, give me a sign that it is really you talking to me. Please do not go away until I come back and bring my offering and set it before you.” And the Lord said, “I will wait until you return.” Gideon went inside, prepared a young goat, and from an ephah of flour he made bread without yeast. Putting the meat in a basket and its broth in a pot, he brought them out and offered them to him under the oak. The angel of God said to him, “Take the meat and the unleavened bread, place them on this rock, and pour out the broth.” And Gideon did so.  Then the angel of the Lord touched the meat and the unleavened bread with the tip of the staff that was in his hand. Fire flared from the rock, consuming the meat and

the bread. And the angel of the Lord disappeared. When Gideon realized that it was the angel of the Lord, he exclaimed, “Alas, Sovereign Lord! I have seen the angel of the Lord face to face!” But the Lord said to him, “Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die.”

So Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and called it The Lord Is Peace. To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. Gideon said to God, “If you will save Israel by my hand as you have promised— look, I will place a wool fleece on the threshing floor. If there is dew only on the fleece and all the ground is dry, then I will know that you will save Israel by my hand, as you said.” And that is what happened. Gideon rose early the next day; he squeezed the fleece and wrung out the dew—a bowlful of water.

Then Gideon said to God, “Do not be angry with me. Let me make just one more request. Allow me one more test with the fleece, but this time make the fleece dry and let the ground be covered with dew.” That night God did so. Only the fleece was dry; all the ground was covered with dew.

**Luke 18.1-8.** Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

The next **It’s Tuesday Lunch** will be held on **Tuesday, 21st October** at 12.30 and this will be at the home of Julie and Gareth, Pear Tree Cottage, Pavenham. Everyone is welcome and please could you let Julie know if you wish to come.

Please note that **Sue Walton's funeral** will take place on **Friday 24th October** with a private service at Bedford Crematorium at 11.30am and then a Thanksgiving Service at All Saints at 1.30pm to which all are welcome.

**Messy Church – Pavenham**. NEW!  Lots of fun Autumn themed games and activities for half term at St Peter's, Pavenham on **Tuesday 28th October** 10.00 am.  Do come and join us!

**All Age Church - Thurleigh  - Sunday 26th October** - 11.15 am. NEW!  A short, informal service for everyone. All welcome!

**Forthcoming Services in November:**

**Sunday 2nd November, Celebration of Life and All Souls:**

Pavenham 3pm; Thurleigh 4.30pm; Milton Ernest 6pm

**Sunday 9th November, Remembrance**

Milton Ernest 9.30am

Pavenham, 10.50am

Thurleigh 10.50am

**Benefice Choir**. Once again we are aiming for the Benefice Choir to sing at the various village carol services on **Sunday 21st December**. We would plan to do a couple of choir anthems from the orange or green books. In addition, we have been asked if we can sing at Milton Ernest Hall on **Saturday 6th December** around 3.00pm. This won't need much rehearsal as we would be singing standard Christmas carols for residents to join in.

Rehearsals would be on Sunday evenings at 6.00pm, most likely at the Inskips in Milton Ernest on 30th November, 7th and 14th December. If you are interested, please contact Debbie Inskip 07768 357030.