

Plympton Team Ministry
The Parishes of Plympton St. Mary and Plympton St. Maurice

**Sunday 4th October 2026 – The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity and
Sunday 11th October 2026 – Harvest Thanksgiving**

As we approach our Harvest Festival, it felt like a good time to share one of my favourite Malcolm Guite poems about God's creation.

The earth will yield her still-unfolding seed,
And barley sheaves grow golden in the field,
The vineyard and the fruit trees, all we need
The earth will yield.

A soft wind sends the summer through the weald,
In valley folds the sheep and cattle feed.
The shoreline shines, Your wonders are revealed,
The waters are unbound, the ocean freed
To thunder praise, in whose depths are concealed
Your mysteries. Your praise in word and deed
The earth will yield.

Malcolm Guite

Church Diary

Sunday 4th October

9.30 am Team Eucharist St Mary's church

Wednesday 7th October

10.00 am Eucharist St Maurice church

Sunday 11th October

9.30 am Parish Eucharist St Mary's church

11.00 am Parish Eucharist St Maurice church

Tuesday 13th October

6.30 pm Bible study St Mary's church hall

Wednesday 14th October

10.00 am Eucharist St Maurice church

6.30 pm Baby loss awareness service St Mary's church

Thursday 15th October

7.00 pm Meditation group St Maurice church hall

Sunday 18th October

9.30 am Parish Eucharist with Baptism St Mary's church

11.00 am Parish Eucharist St Maurice church

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Notices

Chancel repair work in St Mary's church will continue until November. Please take care when in the church and churchyard, and follow all site safety notices.

The Team Office will be closed from 12 noon on Thursday 1st October to 9.00 am on Tuesday 13th October

Table Top sales – 3rd October, 10.00 am to 1.00 pm. St Mary's church hall, then Saturday 7th November.

Churchyard tidy-up Saturday 3rd October 10.00 am to 12.00 noon, St Mary's churchyard. All welcome; please ask in church for more details.

South Georgia talk Saturday 3rd October 2.00 pm St Maurice church hall. Following on from last year's talk on the Falkland Islands, Chris will be sharing his most recent adventures. He recently returned from South Georgia, working alongside a small team from the British Antarctic Survey.

His talk will focus on day-to-day life in one of the remotest places in the world where wind speeds of 70Kts and constant sub-zero temperatures were the norm.

Here nature and the natural world are literally on the doorstep but the signs of climate change and man's impact on the unique world were also clear to see.

Everyone is welcome.

Harewood House coffee bar is being run by Plympton Foodbank from 5th to 9th October. Please support them if you can.

Baby loss awareness service – Wednesday 14th October 6.30 pm St Mary's church. All welcome.

In November, there will be a combined service on Sunday 1st at 11.00 am in St Maurice church, and on Sunday 8th November at 9.00 am (*note time) in St Mary's church.

Christmas Hamper – if you can donate something for St Mary's Christmas hamper, please add your name against an item on the list in St Mary's porch. Donations can be left in the box in church, or the parish office, by 16th November. Thank you.

Bible Study alternate Tuesdays at 6.30 pm in St Mary's church hall.

Knit and Natter Thursdays 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm St Maurice church hall

Meditation group Thursdays at 7.00 pm in St Maurice church hall from 15th October

Rosary Group meets every 2nd Thursday of each month at 6.15pm. Please ask in church for details and venue.

St Maurice Minors Fridays in term time, 10.00 am St Maurice church hall

Plympton St Maurice Mothers' Union will not be meeting in October

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Wasp nests – there are wasp nests in St Mary's churchyard. Please take extra care in this area.

St Mary's church – restricted access - Areas of the church have been cordoned off for safety reasons. Please only sit in the marked areas, and avoid the restricted sections.

Readings are available in church. Please ask a sidesperson for a copy.

Candle ends are being collected to be used to assist war-affected people in Ukraine. There is a box in each church for your donations. Thank you

Loop System - St Mary's church is fitted with a loop for those who wear hearing aids; please sit in the centre aisles and adjust your hearing aid as required.

Wills and Legacies - Please speak to Rev Lizzi or one of the churchwardens about leaving a gift to the church in your will.

Prayer Requests

Those who are sick and those who have asked for the prayers of the church:

Ann, Lisa, Emma, Frank, Jan, Ray, Brian, Haydn, Kate, Phil, Geoff, Judy, Eric, Gill, Fred, Rose, Paul, Luke, Jenny, Jill, Christina, David, Margaret, Betty, Angela, Dave, Jean, Paul, Noelyn, Linda

The recently departed

Those whose anniversary of death falls in the week commencing 4th October

Sunday 4th Patrick Hodgson, Ronald Marden, Emily Hollett, Violet Turner, Pat Brown, Harold Clow

Monday 5th Sydney Wright, Arthur Parkyn, Edith Stevens, Dorothy Stone, Madge Parsons, Ivy Ham

Tuesday 6th Carole Yendle, Helen Lloyd, William Cawse, Catherine Reed, Mabel Robertson, Gwendoline West

Wednesday 7th Benjamin Ford, Gwendoline Steed, Maris Whitfield, Harold Roundsefell, Peter Camp (Pr)

Thursday 8th Elijah Coote, Sheila Roberts, Edward Secker, Howard Bye, Bernard Hughes, Sylvia Smith, David Wright, Linda Harris

Friday 9th Frank Newton

Saturday 10th George Smewin, Hilda Fissler, Claude Stevens, Muriel Hughes, Ida Miller

Those whose anniversary of death falls in the week commencing 11th October

Sunday 11th Florence Blake, Graham Dodd, Peter Barrett, Marian Lang-Hodge, Julia Clifford, Percy Stidston (Pr), Ellen Ricketts, Mary Godfrey, Sister Kathleen SC

Monday 12th Richard Westcott, Gwendoline Knowles, William Soper, Lucy Baker, Lillie Anderson, Florence Doyle, Eliza Raddall, George Cartledge, Faith Burdock

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Tuesday 13th John Madge, George Cartlidge, Margaret Bond, David Long, Katherine Elkes, Kitty Shephard, Miriam Rice

Wednesday 14th Edna Matthews, Arthur Davies, Winifred Lamerton, Maria Welsh, Sister Agnes Mary SC, Eileen Walker

Thursday 15th Douglas Green, Kenneth Hake, Dennis Kennedy, William Kite, William Vosper, Florence Blight

Friday 16th Marjorie Bovey, Peggy Ford, Edith Hutchings, Leslie Stannard, Carl Cleary, Robert McKenzie, Winifred Wild, Sydney Belton, Leonora Parkin

Saturday 17th Linda Scotland, Dorothy Roberts, David Smith, Minnie Trythall, Mildred White, Florence Lunnon, Ethel Foden

Links and Information



Email: info@plympton.foodbank.org.uk

Tel: 07922 808086

Open: Tuesdays and Thursdays 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

St Mary's Church Hall, Market Road, PL7 1QW

Donations can also be left in St Maurice church porch

We are hosting the Coffee Mornings at Harewood House from Monday 5th to Friday 9th October. Homemade cakes and donations for the raffle and tombola will be very gratefully received. We owe so much to the support of our community and we hope this week will be successful so that we can raise more funds for local people in crisis.

Meanwhile for this week, we urgently need Washing Powder/Liquid, Brown/Tomato Sauce, Powdered Milk, Hotdogs, Sponge Puddings, Tinned Fruit, Long Life Fruit Juice, Squash, Chocolate/Sweets/Treats, Shampoo, Instant Mash, Washing Up Liquid, Toothpaste, UHT Milk, and Tuna/Fish.

Thank you.

The latest Prayer Diary can be found at: [Prayer Diary - Diocese of Exeter](#)

Live streaming [Click here](#) to access a service of Sung Eucharist from Exeter Cathedral at 10.00 am every Sunday

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ST. MARY'S CHURCHYARD CLEANUP DAY!

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER

10AM – NOON

MEET BY THE WEST DOOR, ST MARY'S CHURCH, PLYMPTON

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED. WHILST WE HAVE SOME EQUIPMENT, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU ARE ABLE TO BRING YOUR OWN SUITABLE FOR WEEDING OR GRASS CUTTING, ALONG WITH GLOVES IF YOU ARE ABLE TO COME, PLEASE EMAIL THE OFFICE AT PLYMPTONTEAMMINISTRY@GMAIL.COM

Plympton St Maurice Church

Invites you to a talk by Chris Locke about his recent trip to South Georgia, working alongside a small team from the British Antarctic Survey as the Government Officer for the South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands.

His talk will focus on day-to-day life in one of the remotest places in the world where wind speeds of 70Kts and constant subzero temperatures were the norm.

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Saturday 3rd October 2pm in the church

Followed by refreshments in the hall

St Mary's Church
Christmas Fair
Saturday 21st November
11.00 am to 2.00 pm
Donations for the stalls are needed,
including:
Gifts
Raffle prizes
Hamper donations (list in porch)
Good quality books and jigsaws
Christmas decorations
Preserves
Items for the drinks tombola
Cakes (on the day)
Please leave your donations in the box in
church or at the church office
and please support the church at this
important fundraising event

St Mary's Church,
Plympton
Charity number: 1128769
Christmas Fair
Saturday 21st November
11.00 am to 2.00 pm
Stalls Gifts Tombola
Cards Cakes
Prize Draw Preserves
Refreshments & Light Lunches
St Mary's Church Hall, Market Road
PL7 1QW

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Office hours – Monday to Thursday 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

Items for the weekly notices should be emailed to the Team Office by 10.00 am on
Wednesday

Websites

St Mary's Church Plympton

🌐 [Plympton St Mary Church - A Church Near You](#)

Plympton St Maurice Parish Church

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