



**The Parishes of Alfrick-w-Lulsley;
Crown East, Rushwick; Suckley; Leigh &
Bransford; Lower Teme Valley; Martley
and Wichenford**

Pew Sheet for the 4th and 11th October 2026

Sunday 4th October Trinity 18

9.00 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion Cotheridge
10.30 am Harvest Holy Communion Leigh
10.30am Common Worship Holy Communion Martley
10.30am Harvest All Age Broadwas
4.00pm Informal Worship Suckley
6.00pm Harvest Evensong Alfrick
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Sunday 11th October Trinity 19

9.00 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion (said) Bransford
10.30 am Harvest Holy Communion Wichenford
10.30 am Harvest Holy Communion Crown East
3.00 pm Harvest Knightwick

Sunday 18th October Trinity 20

9.00 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion Alfrick
10.30 am Common Worship Holy Communion Harvest Suckley
10.30 am 150th Celebration Crown East
10.30 am Café Church Martley
6.00 pm Evensong Leigh

Sunday 25th October Trinity 21

9.00am Common Worship Holy Communion Alfrick
10.30 am Common Worship Holy Communion Martley
10.30 am Morning Worship Broadwas
10.30 am 150th tea service Crown East

Collect for Trinity 18/Trinity 19

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.

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Trinity 18/Trinity 19

Isaiah 5.1-7, Psalm 80.9-17, Philippians 3.4b-14, Matthew 21.33-46

Isaiah 25.1-9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4.1-9, Matthew 22.1-14

An Invitation to our Harvest Services in 2026 across the WWRT Broadwas

All Age Harvest Service on 4th October at 10.30am at St. Mary Magdalene

Leigh on 4th October at St. Edburga at 10.30am Holy Communion

Alfrick, on October 4th at St. Mary Magdalene, at 6pm -a service of Harvest Evensong

St Laurence, Wichenford celebrates Harvest on October 11th at 10.30am Archdeacon Mark

Crown East, St. Thomas, at 10.30am Holy Communion on 11th October

Knightswick - On 11th October, Harvest Festival at the Chapel of St. Mary and St. Andrew at 3pm

Please do join us for one or more of these services and stay to enjoy light refreshments afterwards. Any gifts received will be distributed to a local Foodbank.

Celebrating children, youth and family ministries

A special service will be held in the Cathedral. The service will be led by Bishop Hugh and will take place on Sunday 18 October 2026 at 3pm in Worcester Cathedral.

Alfrick Harvest Auction – 3rd October 2026

Alfrick's Harvest Auction will take place at Alfrick Village Hall on Saturday 3rd October at 7.30pm. All welcome. Please bring any harvest items for sale to the Hall between 2.30pm and 4pm on the day.

Rest, Refresh, Reset – An Article by Bishop Martin

As I was writing this article in August, the fields and parks and lawns were burnt and brown, trees were already losing their leaves and the birds seemed lethargic and lost. Although some fields are thick with wheat and barley, I'm not sure how good the grain will be with the ground baked hard. Livestock are already being fed winter feed and farmers must fear for what is to come. It feels as though the climate and the land on which we all depend needs a chance to step back from the brink, and to rest, refresh and reset.

I was able to take a sabbatical break after Easter. After many years in ministry, I was ready for a break. My aim was a simple one. To rest, to refresh, and to reset myself for the next stage of life and ministry here. It was wonderful to turn the alarm clock off and enjoy a diary empty of meetings and obligations. It was wonderful to have time to be with Katharine my wife, and to have an adventure, travelling across China together. It was so good to have time too with my adult children and young grandchildren, with a family week away together. It was an absolute blessing to have time to walk, to pray, to go on retreat, to study, and to finish the time with two weeks of peace and quiet in the beautiful Isles of Scilly. I returned rested and refreshed in body, mind and spirit, and ready and reset for whatever lies ahead.

Giving our precious planet the chance to rest, refresh and reset is not something I can do on my own. Solutions to the climate crisis are not simple or pain free. They involve commitments at every level from us all, as individuals, churches and communities, and at national and international level. During my sabbatical I discovered that when I slow down and do less, then God has a chance to do more within me and through me. Perhaps as a church and society we need to slow down the pace of relentless change, to let go and let God be God, within us and all around us. To let our loving God lead us to streams of living water, to rest, refresh and reset.

Bishop Martin

Fundraising News

Christmas Crafting at St Thomas, Crown East

This year's crafting at St Thomas' is Christmas Crackers that will turn into your napkins. If anyone has any fabric or ribbon they could donate that would be much appreciated.

Donations can be left in church or given to Maureen Chevis 72 Christine Avenue, Rushwick, WR2 5SR.

Details on how to order your crackers will follow closer to Christmas.



in support of:
The Leigh Church Kitchen & Toilet Project

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Leigh & Bransford Hall
Friday 13th November at 7.30pm

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

Opening times of church buildings for private prayer

Crown East - Everyday 9am – 5pm

Suckley– Open 10am to 5pm Weds, Sat and Sun in term time, and daily in the holidays

Alfrick - Everyday

Leigh - Everyday 10am - 6pm (from 30th March—4pm till then)

Broadwas - Everyday 11am—5pm

Cotheridge - Everyday 9am - 5pm

Wichenford Everyday 10am—4pm

Martley - Everyday

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For those of you with computers, iPads or other such 'modern technology' you will continue to find worship through our youtube www.rtlive1

Other information can be found on individual church pages on A Church Near You and our Facebook pages www.facebook.com/Worcesterwestruralteam www.facebook.com/suckleychurch