

Welcome

To the Benefice of Epperstone, Gonalston, Oxtun & Woodborough

If you are new here in our Churches please introduce yourself.

We pray that God will bless us in our worship together and warmly welcome you into our communities.

Church Services

Sunday 4th October

8 am Holy Communion Woodborough
10 am Harvest at The Ark Woodborough

Sunday 11th October

11 am Harvest Praise Oxtun
6 pm Compline and Woodborough
Breaking of Bread

Sunday 18th October

9.30 am Harvest Service Epperstone
11 am Harvest Service Gonalston

Wednesday 21st October

12 noon Holy Communion Woodborough
& shared lunch

Sunday 25th October

10 am Holy Communion Woodborough
11 am All Age Worship Oxtun

Home Communion

Do you know someone who would appreciate receiving communion in their own home?



Please contact the office and we can organise this: 07951 143162

office.egowbenefice@gmail.com

THE ARK ON SUNDAY



**CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES,
FAMILY FUN, FELLOWSHIP,
COFFEE & CROISSANTS.**

1st Sunday of the month
10 am

St Swithun's Woodborough

Sunday 4th October

Sunday 1st November

Everyone welcome

For further information contact
Annie Hill 07890 776809



Oxtun Village Hall

**NO SUNDAY CLUB IN
OCTOBER**

**Next session:
Sunday 8th November
10am-11am**

For more information contact
Sandra Hall 0115 9653901



St. Swithun's, Woodborough

Play Church

Wednesday 14th October

Wednesday 28th October

9.30 - 11am

Contact Annie for more details
07890 776809

Oxtun Church Coffee Drop In



Wednesday
28th October

10.00 - 11.30am

All welcome for a coffee and a chat!

WOODBOROUGH

COFFEE DROP IN

10am- 12noon

Wednesday 7th October

Wednesday 4th November



Woodborough Church Fellowship

The Institute, Roe Lane

Tuesday 13th October 2-4pm

Helen Fowell

**Early 20th Century Serial Killers &
Forensics**



Please join us at Oxtun Church for



BREAKFAST

Sunday 11th October

10am

Followed by a
Harvest Festival Service

Donations of tins/packets of food will be
collected for the Food Bank

HOLY CROSS CHURCH EPPERSTONE

HARVEST SUPPER

in Epperstone Village Hall

**16th OCTOBER 2026 AT
7PM**

Tickets in advance from:

Mel Allen 07887 932485

Nicky Smith 07855 747827

Wyn Needham 01159665118

£12.50 adult, £6.00 5-15-
year-olds and under 5 free

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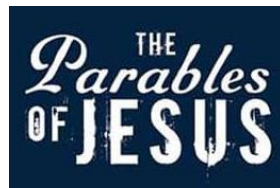
www.achurchnearyou.com

Safeguarding

Our parish is committed to encouraging an environment where everyone, and especially children and those who may be vulnerable for any reason, are able to worship and engage in their faith journey with encouragement and in safety.

If you have concerns about the welfare of anyone please contact:

Susan Wilkes: 07951 143162
safeguarding.egowbenefice@gmail.com



Six In-depth Studies
Connecting the Bible to Life

Fortnightly on Thursdays
24th September,
8th, 22nd October
5th, 19th November
3rd December

7.15pm for 7.30-9pm

**St Swithun's Church,
Woodborough**

ST ANN'S FOOD BANK

HELP US FEED THE HUNGRY

Please leave any donations of tinned
& dried foods in Woodborough
Church porch or at the back of Oxton
Church for our volunteers to deliver.
Thank you

Donations

If you would like to donate towards the work and upkeep of Epperstone Church, please scan this QR code to be taken to our giving site.



Thank you for your kind donation

Epperstone, Gonalston, Oxton & Woodborough Benefice

October 2026



Dear Friends,

Harvest is always a time for gratitude, but perhaps this year that gratitude feels particularly important. We have come through a year of drought, when the lack of rain has reminded us how dependent we are upon things beyond our control.

Farmers and those of us who are gardeners have watched the skies, waited for the rain and worked hard to bring crops to harvest. Fields have needed water, gardens have needed care, and the weather has shown us just how precious these ordinary things can be.

It is far too easy to take food for granted. We go into a shop and find shelves filled with bread, fruit, vegetables and all that we need. Yet behind every loaf of bread and every meal there is hard work; soil, seed, sunshine and rain; there is the work of farmers and many others; and ultimately there is God's blessing.

The story of creation reminds us that the earth is not simply ours to exploit but God's gift given to us to care for. Harvest time invites us not only to give thanks for what we have received, but also to remember the importance of caring for the world and for one another.

This year, perhaps more than most, we have been reminded that we cannot control everything. We can plough, sow and cultivate, but we can't make it rain. We can plan and work, but we remain dependent upon a bigger picture we can't control. And so, Harvest becomes a prayer of trust as well as thanksgiving:

'Thank you, God, for all that you provide. Help us to receive your gifts with grateful hearts, to share generously with those who have less, and to care wisely for the earth entrusted to us. Amen'

Do join us this Harvest at our different celebrations and services (see inside). Whether it's for supper, breakfast or worship you are warmly welcome. And thank you to our local farmers. We appreciate all you do.