

Notices for St. Blasius and St. John's, 11th October 2026, Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity/Harvest Sunday at St John's, using the Green Ordinary Time booklets

	St Blasius	St. John's	Music	Notes
11/10/2026	Matins Revd Karen	Parish Eucharist Revd Tony	St B Lawrence St J Steve	St John's Harvest Sunday
18/10/2026	Parish Eucharist Revd Karen	Service of the Word Brenda	St B Lawrence St J n/a	

Readings for Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity/suggested Readings for Harvest Sunday
St Blasius

Matins	First Reading	Isaiah 25:1-9 (Peter)
	Second Reading	Matthew 22:1-14 (Judith)
	Psalm 23	'The Lord is my Shepherd' (Howard Goodall) sung by the choir

St. John's

Parish Eucharist	First Reading	Deuteronomy 28: 1-14 (Georgie)
	Gospel	Luke 12:13-21

St Blasius News

- The PCC have agreed to adopt a new way for people to indicate whether they would prefer to take a wafer and drink from the common cup (chalice) or for the priest to intinct the host in the chalice for them. Put simply, if you would like to take the wafer and drink from the chalice, please could you hold your hands cupped in the traditional position, and if you would prefer the priest to intinct, please could you hold your hands together like a primary school child in prayer. You will then be given an intincted wafer.
- Next Sunday, 18th October, at 5.30 pm, our choir will be amongst those singing at a choral evensong at Yaverland Church. Please come along if you are able.
- If you enjoy knitting, crocheting or sewing, or would like to start to learn, please come along to the parish room on **Monday 19th October**, 10am to 12 noon, to take part in our new monthly craft session – **'A Good Yarn'**, which will be taking place every third Monday of the month. All welcome – tea and cake will also be available!
- Do you have **'magic hands'**? Possibly not, but you will find a list of cleaning tasks on the chest in the parish room inviting us all to 'adopt' an area of the church and to help keep it spick and span. Please take a look at the list and consider whether you might be able to assist. You can clean as and when it suits you – and there will be no inspections!
- Grateful thanks to all who helped decorate the church for Harvest, donated food items for the foodbank and helped with the bring and share lunch at the cricket club – particularly Bob and Sandra and the washer-uppers.

- If you have a **Children's Society box**, please could you pass it to Charlotte Coppin so that she can collate all of our donations.
- We are pleased to report that a total of £320 was raised for the Hampshire and Island Historic Churches Trust through our participation in this year's *Ride & Stride*. Our thanks go to Pam and Jane and everyone who sponsored them and to our Welcomers, Jackie, Judith, Peter, Karen and Steve.

St. John's News

- Bingo on Monday, 2pm to 4pm.
- Coffee morning on Thursday, 10am to 11am in the Annexe.
- Thank you to all those who helped with the Heritage Day.
- **Harvest Sunday** at St John's will be this **Sunday, 11th October**. Please bring along your harvest gifts (non-perishables only, please) to be blessed during the service.
- If you have a **Children's Society box**, please could you pass it to Martin Hoy, as the time has now come for him to collate the donations.

Ecumenical Worship/News

- Representatives of the Bay churches will be meeting on **Thursday 15th October** to explore the way forward for shared worship. If you are interested in attending, the meeting will be at 7.30 pm at Sandown Baptist Church.
- Shanklin URC is running an Alpha Course at 5pm each Sunday. This course is intended for those who are either 'exploring' or new to the Christian faith. More details about Alpha can be found here:
- [Alpha UK — Explore the Christian faith](#)

Church Community News:

- The October Shanklin Chimes magazine is available at each church and on the St Blasius and St John's Church websites: [St Blasius - A Church Near You](#) and [St John's - A Church Near You](#)
- News of events and information about the life of our Diocese may be found in the latest e-bulletin: [The Portsmouth Diocese eBulletin – the latest information update](#)

We continue to keep in our prayers all who are unwell especially for all those known to us personally, including Beryl O' Brien, Martin, Anne, Garry Turnbull, Michael, Jenny Halpin, Valerie and Chris Keynes, Sue Kendall and Paul Walker.

We remember before God those whose earthly race has run. May God grant eternal rest to all who have died, both those known to us and those known to God alone. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray that families and friends who have lost loved ones may find peace and comfort.

Our prayers continue for all those who care for the dying, the sick, the housebound and infirm, our medical teams, hospice staff and volunteers, emergency services, carers, home visitors, Anna Chaplains and Anna Friends and all who minister to the isolated and lonely.

As we continue to hold in our prayers the hope of an end to the conflicts especially those in Sudan, Ukraine, Ethiopia and Eritrea, Yemen, India and Pakistan, Cambodia and Thailand, as well as all of the countries caught up in the current conflict in the Middle East. We pray for God's comfort and blessing on all those whose lives have been disrupted because of natural disasters or other tragedies.

A prayer for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity/Harvest Sunday 🙏

Faithful God of seedtime and harvest, thank you for a world bursting with abundant life. Open our eyes to your good gifts, and our mouths to give you praise. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." Amen.

Rev'd Karen <><