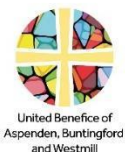


Sunday 4th October



Harvest Festival

Welcome to our churches of St Mary's Aspenden, St Peter's Buntingford and St Mary the Virgin Westmill. Whoever you are, wherever you've come from, you are welcome! If this is your first visit, please

do introduce yourselves to the clergy and stay for coffee after the service to meet others

2 Corinthians 9.6-end (NRSVA)

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.'

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the

surpassing grace of God that he has given you.

¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Luke 17. 11-19 (NRSVA)

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Collect

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.

Post Communion

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:

for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

Remembering in our prayers:

Lil, Evelyn, Jackie, Christine, Kathe, Judy, Jenny,
Russell, Hilary, Phyllis, Jane, Ailsa, Lisa M,
Debbie, The Kingsley's, Pauline F, David.

Recently departed:

Jean Jacobs.

Church Services & Morning Prayer

Sunday 11th October

9:30am Sung Eucharist – St Mary the Virgin Westmill

9:30am All Age Worship – St Mary's Aspenden

11am All Age Worship – St Peter's Buntingford

Morning Prayer – Held 9am to 9:30am, weekly on Tuesday at St Peter's Buntingford, Wednesday St Mary the Virgin, Westmill and Thursdays at St Mary's, Aspenden. For further details chat with Kirsty or Sarah.

Sunday 18th October

9:30am Holy Communion – St Mary's Aspenden

11am Holy Communion – St Peter's Buntingford

Sunday 25th October

9:30am Sung Eucharist – St Mary the Virgin Westmill

11am Morning Worship – St Peter's Buntingford

Sunday 1st November

9:30am All Age Worship – St Mary the Virgin Westmill

9:30am Morning Worship – St Mary's Aspenden

11am Holy Communion – St Peter's Buntingford

News & Notices from our Churches and Community



Governor Roles

Both Edwinstree Middle School and Layston First School have opportunities for foundation school governors. We are fortunate to have excellent links with our 2 church schools. If you are interested and would like to know more, please speak to Kirsty.

Monday Morning Coffee at St Peter's Church

Held weekly at 10am – 12pm every Monday except Bank Holidays. This coffee morning is growing with lots of people attending and making friends. There is the opportunity for prayer too. Do pop in and join us.

Little Lambs, St Mary the Virgin Westmill Held weekly on Wednesday 10am – 11:30am term time only, for pre-school children and their grown-ups. A very informal social and worship occasion for pre-school children and their carers. We sing songs, along with lots of fun activities.

Choc Stop is back Choc Stop will serving hot chocolate or ice poles for young people on their way home from school. Every Thursday term time only, outside St Peter's church from 3.15pm

Choral and Chamber music at St Mary the Virgin Westmill Thank you to the wonderful singers and musicians from Haileybury College who put on a lovely evening of choral and chamber music.

Westmill Church Yard Autumn Tidy-Up Saturday 17th October 10am-12 noon

We'd appreciate your help to tidy our church yard ready for winter. Please bring along your gardening tools and gloves and we'll provide the refreshments.

**Buntingford Festival Choir presents
A Harvest of Sound Saturday 10th October, 4pm at
St Mary the Virgin Westmill.** Join us for four centuries of choral masterpieces. Tickets £10 and can be purchased by following this link or use the QR Code as advertised on Poster
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/buntingfordfestivalchoir>

Saying Goodbye Services 15th October at 7.30pm in Ely Cathedral, Anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members' or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. For further information :
www.sayinggoodbye.org

Quiz Night Saturday 17th October 6:45pm for 7pm start at Benson Hall. Back by popular demand St Peter's annual Quiz Night hosted at Benson Hall. Maximum 8 people per teams. £12 per person including a ploughmans supper.
To book your team please scan the QR code or visit our website for the link to the booking form.



Start to gather friends and family for a night of fun. If you have any quality raffle prizes you wish to donate to St Peter's Quiz night they would be gratefully received

Chris Hinchliff MP

Our MP Chris Hinchliff will be coming to the Monday Coffee Morning at St Peter's on 26th October. Do come along for your opportunity to discuss community matters with him.

Sunday 1st November 3pm

Service of Memories at St Mary's Aspenden.

"We bereaved are not alone. We belong to the largest company in all the world—the company of those who have known suffering." (Helen Keller). Save the date if you would like to join us for this reflective service as we remember those we love but see no longer. We will light candles in their memory and there will be hymns and prayers.

Eco Church Tip: Trinity18: If working from home, try to do so in a room with plenty of natural light. This will help reduce the electricity needed to power desk lamps, and it can be a great mood booster.

Benefice Administrator

Nina has given her notice to resign as benefice administrator. She will be working up to Christmas. This has not been an easy decision for her to make but is the right decision for her and the family. Please keep Nina and the benefice in your prayers as we look appoint a new administrator.

Find all our latest services & news here:

www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/32-012BK/



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