



St John's Church, Whorlton October 2026

A Message from Reverend Bob

October... The Beginning of the End, Or the End of a Beginning?

October, the holidays are over, the schools are back, the gardens are looking like they could use a bit of a tidy up, the mowers are less busy, the nights are drawing in, and in church we will celebrate our Harvest Festival on Sunday October 4th at 10.00am.

And as we draw towards the end of another Trinity Season, I thought it might be useful to reflect a little on what our Trinity season seeks to give us, before we move on towards the excitement and wonder of Advent.

Trinity Sunday and the other 19 Sundays that constitute the Trinity Season this year are not so much a season for specific commemorations as they are a time for the bringing forth and nourishment of our own personal faith. It is a time of systematic consideration and teaching of the many different elements of our faith. It is a special period in the Church Year, when the basic and distinct principals of Christianity are brought to our attention and focus.

The season begins with Trinity Sunday, when the mysteries of the Holy Trinity are considered and celebrated. Before the remaining Sundays of the season, the "Sundays After Trinity", which are devoted to the systematic teaching of our Faith for the nourishment and growth of our own personal Christlikeness.

And let's not forget that throughout October we have a series of further learning opportunities to help us better align ourselves with God's will, as we draw towards the close of the liturgical year, with the Sundays before Advent, and the feast of Christ the King, before the beginning next years cycle of growth in faith on Advent Sunday.

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DIARY DATES

12 noon, Sun. 4th Oct.: Harvest Lunch

2-4pm, Sat. 21st Nov.: Christmas Fayre

6:30pm, Sun. 13th Dec.: Christmas Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve 5pm, Family Service

Christmas Eve 8pm, Christmas mass

Mothers' Union meets on the last Monday of the month.

The Women's Group meets 8pm, first Tuesday of the month at The Chapel Park.

Men's Breakfast meets at Dobbies at 10am on the first Saturday of the month.

Friday Bible Study group -please speak to Rev'd Bob if you are interested in joining this group.

SUNDAY SERVICES AND BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

4th Oct Exodus 20: 1-4,7-9,12-20 or Isaiah 5: 1-7; Philippians 3: 4b-14; Matthew 21: 33-end

11th Oct Exodus 32: 1-14 or Isaiah 25: 1-9; Philippians 4: 1-9; Matthew 22: 1-14

18th Oct Isaiah 35: 3-6 or Acts 16: 6-12a; 2 Timothy 4: 5-17; Luke 10: 1-9

25th Oct Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 or Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18; 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8;
Matthew 22: 34-end

Harvest: Sunday 4th October Donations for the People's Kitchen can be brought on the 5th October to coincide with the Harvest Service and Harvest Lunch. The lunch will be for Christian Aid – suggested donation £5. Donations should be tinned fruit / veg / soup / meats / custard/ rice pudding, baking ingredients, crisps, biscuits, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, pasta, rice, condiments, gravy, stock.

Christmas Fayre: Saturday 21st November 2-4pm

We need donations for the toy stall, bottle stall, tombola, and raffle and goods for the hamper and chocolate hamper please. Invite as many people as you can to come and support.

Defibrillator maintenance

We have now installed our defibrillator in the car park at St John's church. The defibrillator is accessible from Stamfordham Road and is available to all who require assistance in the event of a cardiac emergency. We have kept the just giving page open to allow organisations and individuals to donate to the annual maintenance.

<https://www.aeddonate.org.uk/community-projects/25-072/>

If you are new to St John's Whorlton and wish to register your contact details temporarily until the next electoral roll revision please collect a form from the back of church and give to Martin or Lesley (church wardens).

HALL BOOKINGS

We're open to taking new bookings: do get in touch with the parish office for details or with any enquiries (whether for a regular booking or one-off event): 0191 271 2992.

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