



The Parish Churches of St Mary the Virgin, Gillingham,
St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour and St Nicholas, Silton



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Sunday 11 October The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 23)

CW Lectionary Phil. 4. 1 – 9; Matt. 22. 1 – 14

9:30am Harvest Festival St Mary's Church, Gillingham

For Harvest CW Lectionary 2 Cor. 9. 6 – end; Luke 12. 16 – 30

Hymns: 282, 290, 546, 287 (choir), 289

Prayers for healing are usually available after the 9:30am service in the side chapel at St Mary's

11:00am Harvest Festival St Nicholas Church, Silton

11:00am Holy Communion St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour *Hymns: 105, 172, 104, 101*



Thought for the Day by Revd Robin

In St Paul's Letter to the Christians in Philippi (ch.4 v.1-9) there was obviously a need for him to warn them to stop their bickering and to get along with each other. He mentions two names, but I am sure it was not only those two who needed to take heed that they must stop being concerned about the things that divide them and be more concerned about the things that unite them. This text includes reminders from Paul to his readers: "Whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, [etc] think about these things. and the God of peace will be with you." The passage is endearing and reassuring, yet filled with straight talk and clear directives. We are hearing Paul the father, Paul the pastor, Paul the teacher giving valuable advice not just for the congregation but for everyday living, particularly of getting into a habit of gentleness. Words in v.7 will be familiar because they are sometimes used in the blessing at the end of worship: Let your gentleness be known to everyone. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Collect for Harvest

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion for Harvest

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For your thoughts and prayers

Norma Morris, Adam Cooke, Steve & Mary Rae, Roberta Wyatt, Rita Burns, Allen & Pauline Bryant, Carol Hebden, Diane Whitford, Sandra Haward, David Clegg, Gillian Harding, Glynis Crocker, Sue & Marie Andrew and Sarah Snook.

We commend to God's care all those who have died, especially Shirley Lynch, Anne Clarke, Margaret Luker and Nicola Bright, and we pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

READING 2 Corinthians 9. 6 – 15

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And 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. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He 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. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through 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, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

GOSPEL Luke 12. 16 – 30

Jesus told the people a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being

demanding of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.'

Sunday 11 October Harvest Lunches *(for those who have bought tickets a reminder of the start times)*

12noon for 12:30pm St Mary's Harvest Lunch in the Vicarage School Room

12:30pm St Nicholas' Harvest Lunch at Silton Village Hall

Monday 12 October

1:00pm Funeral of Margaret Luker at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

Tuesday 13 October

9:30am – 9:45am CW Morning Prayer at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

2:30pm Milton on Stour CE Primary School Harvest Service at St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour

5:00pm St Nicholas PCC Meeting at Silton Village Hall

Wednesday 14 October

9:30am – 9:45am CW Morning Prayer at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

10.30am Said Eucharist at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

2:00pm – 4:30pm Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room

Also, today at Eden, Jo's Crafts – Christmas Card Making Workshop. Come along and join in the fun! No need to book. Cost – £2.50 which includes a donation to St Mary's Church.



Thursday 15 October

9:30am – 9:45am CW Morning Prayer at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

10:00am – 12noon Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room

11:00am Funeral of Nicola Bright at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

7:00pm Wave of Light at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

For Baby Loss Awareness Week – a short service with prayers and candle lighting.

Friday 16 October

9.30am – 10:00am Informal Prayer Group at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

Saturday 17 October

10:00am – 12noon Meditation in the Vicarage School Room

Sunday 18 October St Luke

CW Lectionary Ps. 147. 1 – 7; 2 Tim. 4. 5 – 17; Luke 10. 1 – 9

9:30am Parish Eucharist* St Mary's Church, Gillingham

11:00am BCP Holy Communion St Nicholas Church, Silton

6:30pm Evensong St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour

*After this service, there will be an opportunity to stay behind for a very short healing service. This will include prayers, laying on of hands and anointing. Please feel free to join us in the Good Shepherd Chapel to receive this ministry for yourself or on behalf of someone known to you.

St Simon & St Jude 100 Club October Winners: 1st Sheila Fricker, 2nd Gerry Purdue, 3rd Sue Hatch

Christmas Shoebox Appeal Please take your shoebox to the Parish Office by **Friday 20 November (not the date given in the leaflet)**. If you have any problems getting there, please let me know. I have one empty box if you need one. *Margaret Porter 822193*

Who is Isaac? A blue envelope for Isaac was left at St Simon & St Jude after the Benefice Service on Sunday 30 August. If you know who left this envelope please contact the Parish Office.