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Trinity 18



Harvest Sunday 4 October 2026

Hymns, Readings & Notices

9.30am All Age Holy Communion

Opening Hymn	Bringing in the sheaves - Page 2
The Gloria	Taizé Gloria - Page 3
Reading 1	Deuteronomy 8:7-11a, 17-18a Hennessy Cassell
Gradual	(287) Praise and thanksgiving
Intercessions	Interactive Intercessions
Offertory	(557) Beauty for brokenness
The Anthem	Praise to the Lord - Lloyd
Communion 1	(472) You are the vine
Communion 2	(459) O food to pilgrims given
Final	(650) Great is thy faithfulness

12.00noon Harvest Lunch followed by entertainment

5.15pm Choral Evensong

Reading 1	- Proverbs 2.1-11 Mark Smith
Reading 2	- 1 John 2.1-17 Anna Pritchard

Opening Prayer - Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

**Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,
sowing in the noontide and the dewy eve;
waiting for the harvest and the time of reaping—
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. *Chorus***

Chorus

***Bringing in the sheaves,
bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.
Bringing in the sheaves,
bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.***

**Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,
fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;
by and by the harvest and the labour ended—
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. *Chorus***

**Going forth with weeping, sowing for the Master,
though the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;
when our weeping's over He will bid us welcome—
we shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves. *Chorus***

But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness, walks in the darkness, and does not know the way to go, because the darkness has brought on blindness. I am writing to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven on account of his name. I am writing to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I am writing to you, young people, because you have conquered the evil one. I write to you, children, because you know the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young people, because you are strong and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. Do not love the world or the things in the world. The love of the Father is not in those who love the world; for all that is in the world—the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, the pride in riches—comes not from the Father but from the world. And the world and its desire are passing away, but those who do the will of God live for ever.

Here endeth the second lesson.

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heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; prudence will watch over you; and understanding will guard you.

Here endeth the first lesson.

Reading 2 - 1 John 2.1-17

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. Now by this we may be sure that we know him, if we obey his commandments. Whoever says, 'I have come to know him', but does not obey his commandments, is a liar, and in such a person the truth does not exist; but whoever obeys his word, truly in this person the love of God has reached perfection. By this we may be sure that we are in him: whoever says, 'I abide in him', ought to walk just as he walked. Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word that you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new commandment that is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. Whoever says, 'I am in the light', while hating a brother or sister, is still in the darkness. Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in such a person there is no cause for stumbling.

Gloria, gloria (canon)



the **Collect**

Lord of the Harvest

you crown the year with goodness

and give the fruits of the earth in their season:

grant that we may use them to your glory

for relief of those in need and for our own well being
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading 1 - Deuteronomy 8.7-11a, 17-18a CEV

The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land with streams that flow from springs in the valleys and hills. You can dig for copper in those hills, and the stones are made of iron ore. And you won't go hungry. Wheat and barley fields are everywhere, and so are vineyards and orchards full of fig, pomegranate, and olive trees, and there is plenty of honey. After you eat and are full, give praise to the Lord your God for the good land he gave you. Make sure that you never forget the Lord. When you become successful, don't say, "I'm rich, and I've earned it all myself." Instead, remember that the Lord your God gives you the strength to make a living.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

the **Gospel - Luke 12.16-24 CEV**

Alleluia...Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to St Luke.

So Jesus told them this story: A rich man's farm produced a big crop, and he said to himself, "What can I do? I don't have a place large enough to store everything." Later, he said, "Now I know what I'll do. I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones, where I can store all my grain and other goods. Then I'll say to myself, 'You have stored up enough good things to last for years to come. Live it up! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself.' " But God said to him, "You fool! Tonight you will die. Then who will get what you have stored up?" "This is what happens to people who store up everything for themselves, but are poor in the sight of God." Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you not to worry about your life! Don't worry about having something to eat or wear. Life is more than food or clothing. Look at the crows! They don't plant or harvest, and they don't have storehouses or barns. But God takes care of them.

'This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

the **Anthem**

Choir: Praise to the Lord, the king of creation

All Praise to the Lord, the king of creation

Choir: Praise to the Lord, for he is our salvation

All Praise to the Lord, for he is our salvation

Choir: Come to his altar, come, ev'ry nation,
bow with his people in adoration.

Blessed be God forever, Amen x3

All Blessed be God forever, Amen.

Choir: Come, sing a new song to the Lord;
come, sing to the Lord; come, worship the Lord,
all the earth, and ring out your praises to God.

Choral Evensong

Preces

Aylewood

Office Hymn

(11) As now the sun's declining rays

Psalm 136

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Reading 1

Proverbs 2.1-11

Magnificat

Evening Service in B Minor

Reading 2

1 John 2.1-17

Nunc Dimittis

Evening Service in B Minor

Responses

Aylewood

Anthem

My eyes for beauty pine - Howells

Middle Hymn (283) Jerusalem the golden

Final Hymn (813) Through the night of doubt & sorrow

Reading 1 - Proverbs 2.1-11

My child, if you accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; if you indeed cry out for insight, and raise your voice for understanding; if you seek it like silver, and search for it as for hidden treasures— then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk blamelessly, guarding the paths of justice and preserving the way of his faithful ones. Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path; for wisdom will come into your

Weekly Events at St Nicolas

9.00am Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday
5.00pm Evening Prayer: Tuesday - Thursday
(Monday evening is in Terling)

Monday 5 October

10.30am-12.00noon Chatterbox (0-4yr)

Tuesday 6 October

Wednesday 7 October

10.00am Open Door Coffee & Chat

Thursday 8 October

10.00am Midweek Communion

5.00pm Junior Confirmation @ the Rectory

Friday 9 October

Kids Club 6.00pm-7.30pm

Saturday 10 October

7.30pm Biggest Little Farm film in Church Hall

Sunday 11 October

9.30am All Age Holy Communion

5.15pm Taizé Evensong

The Admin Office is closed 5-18 October.

All **Blessed be God forever, Amen.**
Choir: Come, tell of his wonderful deeds;
come, thank him for what he has done,
and offer your gifts to the Lord.

All **Blessed be God forever, Amen x3**
Choir: Let all creation shout for joy;
come, worship the Lord in his house,
the Lord who made heaven and earth.

All **Blessed be God forever, Amen x 3**
Choir: Praise to the Lord, the king of creation,
praise to the Lord, for he is our salvation,
Come to his altar, come to every nation,
bow with his people in adoration.

All **Blessed be God forever, Amen x3**

Please remember in your prayers...

Thanksgiving for the blessings in your life.

Those unwell or recovering, amongst them:

Rev Simon Pritchard, Janet, Sue (in hospital), Jim, David
and Mary, Andrew, Mark, Angela, Rod, Carl and Ann,
Kathy, Marion, Rena, Brenda and Keith.

Family and friends of those recently deceased.

Maria Abbs, Margaret Lilley.

Notices

Change of email addresses

Church email addresses are in the process of changing!
For Jonathan, Howard and Jane's email please take care
to omit "Rev" from the beginning of the email. Admin is
now admin@stnicswitham.org.

Please see back page for details, new addresses
highlighted in red. Other new addresses will follow in
due course.

Autumn Eco Films Series

Films which respond to environmental and biodiversity crises will be shown at 7.30pm in the Church Hall:

Sat 10 Oct Biggest Little Farm in the World.

Thu 15 Oct *The People's Emergency Briefing @ URC.

Sat 24 Oct Finding Harmony: A King's Vision.

TBC Kiss the Ground.

*We are co-hosting Witham's showing. This film is being shown in churches all across the country.

Rhythm of the Night - 11 October

You may still be able to get tickets for this performance which is raising funds for St Nicolas please call 07766 563798 .

Baby Loss Service Thursday 15 October

We are holding our special annual service for those affected by both pre and post term bereavement.

We will be lighting candles at 7.00pm and the service starts 7.30pm.

Sunday 18 October

Joan & Gordon Barrett would like to invite you to join them for a glass of fizz after the 9.30am service on Sunday 18 October to celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary.

October Dates for Tuesday Praise 12.30 at URC

6: Femi Cole-Njie 13: Marina Price
20: Jane Quinton 27: Lorna Bantock

Sunday 1 November - All Souls

We will hold our All Souls service at 5.15pm on Sunday 1 November. Please add their names to the list at the back of the church so they can be remembered.

Bury St Edmunds Evensong 7 November

Our wonderful Church choir are on the road again! This time they are singing in Bury St Edmunds Cathedral. A seat on the coach will cost £25, first come first served please see Tracey Mackay or use sign up sheet at the back of the church. Itinerary as follows:

8.20am	Depart Chipping Hill.
10.00-11.30am	Choir rehearsal in the Song School.
11.30am-noon	Lunch (subject rehearsal finish time).
1.50pm	Return from lunch to robe up.
2.00-3.15pm	Choir rehearsal in the Choir Stalls.
3.30pm	Choral Evensong.
5.15pm	Depart to Witham.
6.30pm.	Arrive Witham (traffic dependent).

Christmas Tree Festival Children's Raffle

We have been asked to hold a raffle for children alongside Rodney's raffle which is not child-friendly. Please speak to Carla if you are able to donate any items suitable for children of all ages (brand new & packaged please).

Noah's Leaving Gift

Noah's leaving present from St Nicolas was a shoulder cape to match his cassock. We have some money but need a little more to cover the cost. Any donations would be most welcome. Please see Marian.

Faulkbourne Regular Events

Every third Saturday we meet for cakes, sausage rolls & refreshments 10.30am for an hour at The Village Hall, Faulkbourne CM8 1SQ. Next date: 17 October.

Terling Regular Events

Chess Club - 4.15pm Every Tuesday @ All Saints Church contact Mark Ovenden 07469 249791 details.