

All Saints Church Awbridge - October 2026



Remembering Loved Ones

"The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34 v 18



150th Anniversary of All Saints Church 1876-2026

As we continue in our year of Anniversary Celebrations at the end of August we celebrated hymns and songs, requested by friends and members of Awbridge Church, with music, singing, readings and prayers helped along with a little Pimms! We had a very enjoyable evening singing some old favourites and some newer ones and finding out how they came to be written and why they are special to us all.

Our **Harvest Festival** in September was especially poignant this year after a summer of droughts and fires, with farmers persevering, despite the challenging conditions to harvest crops and look after their livestock. Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest service and collection of foods for Southampton City Mission. At this time of the year their resources are seriously depleted so gifts at Harvest time are really important. Thank you to everyone who donated and who decorated the church so beautifully with locally grown flowers and produce. Thank you also to Gilbert's Nursery for their wonderful dahlias. In addition we celebrated with a **Harvest Lunch**, at the village hall, followed by "Travellers Tales" as Rector Tom gave us an insight into his trips round Europe, on his motorbike, following in the footsteps of St Paul.

The **Awbridge Church Quiz** is back by popular request, on Saturday 24 October from 7.00 pm at Awbridge Village Hall - a fun evening of entertainment which will include a Ploughman's Supper, Licensed Bar and raffle. Tickets for the quiz are £15 each, these are available via the website www.awbridge.church (150 Celebrations Page) or by using the QR code on the advert. For more information, please contact James Alexander by email: jdalexander350@email.com.

Our **Children's Film Club** returns at half-term on Thursday 29 October from 2.00 pm in the church, and features a Bafta award winning adventure into an ancient land full of tradition and mystery... Refreshments will be available and entry is by donation.

Messy Church in August had an Eco theme, reminding us of the importance of looking after creation, especially with the challenges of climate change, the next session takes place on Friday 30 October from 11.00 am in Braishfield Church Rooms.

At the end of October we are once again holding a special **Remembering Service**, for those who have been bereaved and for those wishing to remember loved ones, on Friday 30 October from 7.00 pm at Awbridge Church.

Eco-tip for October: Greening your home this Autumn Tackle climate change and reduce your heating bills by finding and reducing the draughts in your home. Find the gaps that let cold air in and warm air out (keyholes, letterboxes and gaps around windows, doors, loft hatches and floorboards for example). Do what you can to fix these gaps - there are lots of tutorials on how to do this online. It's also a good time to prepare for winter by putting radiator reflector foil or baking foil behind the radiator. This will reflect heat back into your room.

Dates for your diaries...

Pearly Gates with the Bishop of Winchester on Saturday 14 November from 7.00 pm in the church

Christmas Fayre on Friday 27 November from 3.00 pm – 6.00 pm in the Village Hall

Advent Carol Concert by the Eldon Choir on Sunday 29 November from 6.30 pm in the church

Services and Events in October

Sunday 4 October	9.30 am Holy Communion
Sunday 11 October	9.00 am Family Breakfast Service at the village hall 6.30 pm Contemporary Worship
Sunday 18 October	9.30 am Holy Communion
Saturday 24 October	7.00 pm Quiz Evening at Awbridge Village Hall
Sunday 25 October	9.30 am Morning Worship
Thursday 29 October	2.00 pm Children's Film Club at Awbridge Church
Friday 30 October	11.00 am Messy Church at Braishfield Church Room 7.00 pm Remembering Service at Awbridge Church

Regular Activities

Coffee Hub	Every Tuesday in the church rooms from 9.15 am – 11.30 am
Prayer Meeting	Before Coffee Hub on 6 & 20 Oct from 9.00 am
Awbridge Housegroup	Tuesday evenings 13 & 27 Oct from 7.30 pm at Chanwel House
Lunch Club	Wednesdays 14 & 28 Oct from 12 noon in the church rooms Please contact Sarah Keith - 01794 340707
The Ark Toddler Group	Fridays, during term time from 9.15 am to 11.00 am in Awbridge Village Hall Please contact Lynda Tucker - 07884 492314
Craft & Chat	Fridays from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm, 9 & 23 Oct, in Awbridge Village Hall Committee Room Please contact Sue Franklin - 01794 322185

Useful Church contacts

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