

Pews News for October

The last time there was a new archbishop (2013) it wasn't possible for women to be bishops in the church of England. That vote came in 2014 and slowly more women were appointed as bishops. At the time there were dire predictions of the end of the Church of England.. and whilst that is still a very real possibility, I personally don't think it will be anything to do with allowing women to answer their God given vocation. And that is what it is. Answering a vocation. Meaning that the whole appointment process is one of discernment.. a discernment of God's will prompted by the Holy Spirit. Perhaps that is one reason for the lengthiness of the process.. discernment cannot be rushed .. it is for us to wait on God's Spirit not the other way around.

The appointment is undoubtedly controversial and there are many in the Anglican Communion that will not be able to accept this change.

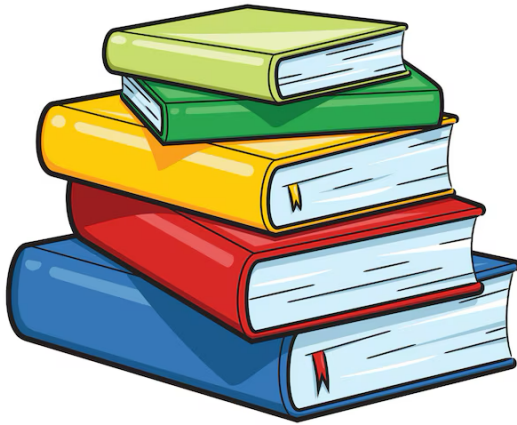
Whatever happens, it is for us as Christians in this place to stay faithful to the Good News of Jesus Christ, to stay prayerful and attentive to God working in our world, to be gentle and compassionate and to serve one another as Christ served us.

The vocation of leadership is a tough one to answer and often a lonely one. Please pray for Archbishop Designate Sarah and her family, that as she offers herself to the Church in this way, we may journey together in faith, hope and love that the Church and that world may come to know the peace of God which passes our understanding.

Wedding Festival

The planning is done.. the mannequins are dressed and Christ Church is full of the most beautiful wedding outfits. Some are traditional.. others less so.. reflecting fashions through the decades from 1890 to 2025. There are also some wonderful pictures and touching stories. The festival begins on Sunday 5th and ends on the 12th with a special Songs of Praise featuring favourite wedding hymns. The church is open daily from 10-4pm so do go along and have look.





Christ Church First School

Learning to read is such an important part of growing up, and having someone patiently listening to you as you sound out unfamiliar words, manage long sentences and reach the end of an exciting chapter makes such a difference. At Christ Church School, there are 47 young people all learning to read who would love to share what they can do. If you are able to spare a little time to volunteer to hear readers, the school would be delighted. Please speak to Revd Liz. Volunteers would need to have a current DBS certificate which the school would provide.

From the Registers

Funerals:

12th September David Legg at West Wilts Crematorium

17th September Judy Kirkham at St. Mary's

Baptism:

21st September Travis Dean Paynter at Christ Church

Marys House

The Art of Thinking together – a practical workshop using dialogue and questioning to reflect on how our minds work

25th October 10-4pm

Led by Simon Keyes

Soup lunch provided

Suggested donation of £10

Booking details www.maryshouse.org



Harvest

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to decorate our churches for harvest and to provide our delicious harvest lunch.

There are numerous harvest celebrations happening this month.. on Monday 6th, the children from the Garden Nursery are visiting St. Mary's, Christ Church First School are celebrating on Friday 10th and Selwood Academy are holding thier harvest service on Thursday 23rd. Please remember all these young people as they pause to give thanks and think about those who have less than they do and the beautiful world in which we live..

Quiz Night

Saturday 18th October
Christ Church Hall
7 for 7.30pm
Teams of four,
£5/head to include light refreshment

Coffee Morning

Saturday 18th October 10.30 -12pm
Rasing funds for St. Mary's
All Welcome to come along
Donations of baked goodies most welcome



Frome Deanery News

Next year there will be a Diocesan-wide focus on prayer. It's incredible to think that it was only a year ago that St. Mary's hosted the former Archbishop of Canterbury in the Giant's Garden and invited him to pray in our newly opened prayer shed.

Already plans are being made and ideas are beginning to take shape. At the next Deanery Synod Meeting we will be spending some time exploring what is already happening and where the gaps are.. if you would like to join the conversation at this prayerful planning point, please come along to St. John's Church on Thursday October 30th at 7.30pm

Services in October



	Christ Church	St. Marys
Sunday 5th	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 6pm Choral Evensong	10.30am Harvest Festival Eucharist
Sunday 12th	10.30am Sung Eucharist 6.00pm Wedding Songs of Praise	9am Parish Eucharist
Sunday 19th	8am Holy Communion (BCP)	10.30am Parish Eucharist
Sunday 26th	10.30am Sung Eucharist	9am Parish Eucharist
Sunday 2nd November	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 6pm Choral Evensong for All Souls	10.30am All Saints Sunday Parish Eucharist

Each Wednesday 10.00am Eucharist at St. Mary's (said)
Belmont Villa Harvest Service Friday 10th October at 2pm
Greenhill Grange Holy Communion Service Wednesday 29th at 2.30pm
Frome Hospital Friday 31st October at 2pm

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