

**PRAYERS:** For your prayers this week.

**Vocations and ministry:**

We pray for Mandy, our Licensed Lay Minister.

**The sick:**

Marianne, Kylie, Merry, Alex, David, Jackie, Nic, Babs, Russell and Lee, Dennis, Malcolm and Alan. All those in hospital, having treatment and waiting for test results and operations.

Those needing long term care and support: Pauline, Richard, those being cared for at home, the residents of Goatacre Manor Care Centre and other local care homes.

**Those who have died:**

We pray for David Guest, other funerals being arranged, those we know and those we read about in the news.

We pray for all those who grieve.

**Banns:**

We pray for Caroline Phillips and David Skull whose banns have been read this month.

**Baptisms:**

We pray for Perry who was baptised in Lyneham this month.

**Special intentions** (*This is for people who may have plans or hopes for which they would like our prayer support*)

We pray for the King and all the Royal family.

Lord God, we pray for Your blessing on the benefice of Upper Chase and all who lead and worship in this place. We pray for the worship leaders, school leaders, churchwardens, treasurers, PCC members, especially in this time of vacancy.

From the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Episcopal Church.

We pray for our Benefice congregations, parishioners and our churches in this time of vacancy. We give thanks for those helping at this time. As we prepare for the vacancy to be advertised, we pray for the person/people who may feel called to join us here.



The Benefice of  
Lyneham and Woodhill

19<sup>th</sup> Oct  
Trinity 18/Harvest



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| <b>Clyffe Pypard</b> | Communion - 9am             |
| <b>Lyneham</b>       | Harvest Communion - 10.30am |
| <b>Tockenham</b>     | Harvest Service - 10.30am   |

*Future services:*

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|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct | <b>Bradenstoke</b>   | Communion - 9am                          |
|                          | <b>Broad Town</b>    | Communion - 10.30am                      |
|                          | <b>Hilmarton</b>     | All-Age Service (with Baptism) - 10.30am |
| Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov  | <b>Clyffe Pypard</b> | Communion - 9am                          |
|                          | <b>Tockenham</b>     | Communion - 10.30am                      |
|                          | <b>Lyneham</b>       | All-Age Service - 10.30am                |

Keep in touch by going to: [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) and searching for your parish church.

Using the Benefice of Lyneham and Woodhill Facebook page.

Getting your name added to the Benefice email list if it isn't already there – just email Elaine on [beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:beneficeofwoodhill@yahoo.co.uk) and ask to be added.

## COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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.

## FIRST READING: *Jeremiah 31.27-34*

<sup>27</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. <sup>28</sup>And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>In those days they shall no longer say:

‘The parents have eaten sour grapes,  
and the children’s teeth are set on edge.’

<sup>30</sup>But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD’, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

## GOSPEL: *Luke 18.1-8*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, ‘In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, “Grant me justice against my opponent.” <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, “Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.”’ <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, ‘Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?’

## POST COMMUNION

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:  
for here we receive you,  
here the memory of your passion is renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,  
and here a pledge of future glory is given,  
when we shall feast at that table where you reign  
with all your saints for ever.

## HARVEST READINGS

### FIRST READING: *Deuteronomy 26.1-11*

Moses spoke to the people, saying: <sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

### SECOND READING: *John 6.25-35*

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' <sup>34</sup>They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'