

And at this harvest time, we bring to you those souls that have been harvested into your eternal care, beyond pain and suffering and into the light of the new dawn of your kingdom.

So, as we remember your seed time and harvest that has never failed, we commit ourselves to ripen and be fruitful, yielding the fruits of the Spirit amongst ourselves and our neighbours. Amen.

This Week you are Asked to Pray For:

- Those in the parish and further afield who are sick or in need that they receive peace and healing, including: Irene Foord, Mary Mines, Helena Oecken, Ian Wilson, Ron Goodearl, Ian Goodearl, Phillipa King, Jill Baker and Sally Zeybek.
- The recently departed, may their souls rest in peace, and their families.
- All parts of the world affected by the Coronavirus (Covid-19), those who are ill with the virus and the souls of those who have died. We pray for those working in the NHS, Care Homes and Social Services who are working with the sick, the elderly and the disabled.
- For the country of South Africa, for the people of Cape Town and Diocese of Kimberly and Kuruman, which have been badly affected by Covid-19.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Today we are celebrating our Harvest Thanksgiving at St. Johns'. Harvest gifts in the form of tinned produce will be very gratefully received for the Risborough Food Cupboard. Thank You.

CHRISTIAN AID

There will be an opportunity to make donations to Christian Aid this Sunday. Envelopes will be available in Church and these can be placed in the collection before or after the service. Thank you.

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SPONSORED WALKS

Thank you to all who have taken part in a sponsored walk (or are still to) and those who have supported these in any way. With fundraising opportunities this year being restricted due to Covid-19 this is particularly appreciated by all at St. Johns'.

The final total raised will be notified as soon as possible.

PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LACEY GREEN

Coming to Faith, Growing in Faith



Week Commencing
SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER 2020
HARVEST FESTIVAL
(17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

WELCOME TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

You are warmly welcomed to St. John's Church, particularly if you are new to our congregation or are a visitor. Today we are holding our Harvest Festival at the Sunday services. For the first time the 10:00 service will also be broadcast on Zoom at it is hoped this will include an anthem sung in Church. The Zoom meeting details for the 10:00 in Church Service are:

Topic: St John's 10am

Time: Oct 4, 2020 10:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86072506294?pwd=bTJFZTFuWE5YaU9Sb0xtSXh2cjZQdz09>

Meeting ID: 860 7250 6294

Passcode: 727938

WORSHIP IN CHURCH – COVID-19 MEASURES

Current guidance over regular worship in churches remains unchanged and places of worship are still considered to be "Covid-secure venues" so they are exempt from the 6 people limit for services of public worship and private prayer. However, groups inside church should not be more than 6 persons, groups should not combine and there must be social distancing between groups.

Said Communion services will continue to be held on Tuesdays at 9:30 am and on Sundays at 10:00 am (BST). The regular Sunday on-line service on Zoom will continue be held at 11:00 am (BST). Holy Communion will continue to be in one kind only and the 2-metre social distancing requirement will apply. Contact details of those attending will need to be recorded in a suitable notebook and details kept for 3 weeks. When attending worship in church **you must continue to wear a face mask within the church building** apart from the celebrant, those reading lessons / leading intercessions and during receipt of Holy Communion.

Weekly Services:

SUNDAY

10:00 am Said Communion (Common Worship)

11:00 am On-line Morning Worship on Zoom

TUESDAY

9:30 am Said Communion (Common Worship)

FOCUS ON... HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The annual commemoration of Harvest Festival is both very ancient and world-wide. And, in Britain, the practice of giving thanks for successful harvests can certainly be traced back originally to pagan times. In fact, the word "Harvest" is said to be derived from the ancient Anglo-Saxon word "haverfest" which means "autumn". Later it came to refer to the season for the reaping and gathering of grain and other grown products. For Christians, Harvest celebrations comprise the singing of Harvest hymns, prayers of thanksgiving, the decorating of Churches with the "fruits of the earth", and opportunities for almsgiving for those less fortunate. Alongside food production from the land, our thanksgiving embraces the "harvest of the sea"; as we give thanks not least for all those many people who play a role in the provision of our daily food. The topics embraced by Harvest prayers written in modern times have often been expanded to include such matters the "harvest of energy" as well as thanksgiving for the fruits of human labour in all kinds of fields of work and not simply the harvesting and production of food. And, increasingly, Churches have linked Harvest with support and concern for people in the developing world for whom growing crops of sufficient quantity and quality continues to be such a great struggle.

Further and deeper layers of meaning to Harvest Festival in the Christian context make reference to Eucharistic themes, and to the glorious hope of the resurrection. In John Chapter 6, we are told that Jesus described himself as the "bread of life" and as the "living bread that came down from heaven"; and that he attested to the will of the Father in saying that "all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day".

Tony Bundock

COLLECT FOR HARVEST THANKSGIVING

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, *Amen*.

ZOOM SERVICE FOR THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

This Sunday's Online Morning Worship service on Zoom will be led by Canon Tony with assistance from Graham King and start at 11:00 am BST. The hymns will be led by Cher and Gavin Mole. Other members of the congregation will be taking part. Details are being supplied in the email sending out this Pew Sheet, and are as follows:

Topic: Morning Prayer
Time: Oct 04, 2020 11:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74715011698?pwd=SWVmWVVxNkhocXFNYll1clprM01MZz09>

Meeting ID: 747 1501 1698
Passcode: 26ixKp

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READINGS FOR HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Deuteronomy Ch. 8 VV. 7 – 18
2 Corinthians Ch. 9 VV. 6 – 15

Luke Ch. 12 VV. 16 – 30.

PRAYER CHAIN PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK (INTERCESSIONS DURING THE SERVICES WILL BE LED BY GRAHAM KING)

At this harvest time, we bring to you your church, full of hopes and failings yet loved by you. We bring to you our local community; the beauty of nature and the abundance of mellow fruitfulness. We pray for those who are struggling with financial, family or mental health concerns at this time.

At this harvest time, we pray for your world. As we enjoy the abundance of the harvest, we remember before you those in our society and across the world who do not share in this abundance. Help us to share our resources according to need not greed.

At this harvest time, be with those, we pray, who are worried at this time about their health and well-being. May your Spirit reach out to them and offer comfort and healing, guidance and support in their darkest times.

