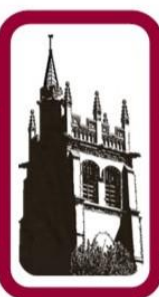


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Harvest



Traditionally, Harvest sits as the crowning glory of the agricultural year. It was the answer to the prayer for a fruitful yield at Rogationtide. When food production was less mechanistic and the consumer wasn't so distant from the means of production, the very real sense of gratitude at Harvest must have been tangible.

When I think of harvest festivals in my lifetime I remember having a cauliflower or a couple of tins of soup thrust urgently in my hand by my mum as we left the house to bring to the front of our church. Harvest done for another year.

As I have got older, I have often wondered that, if Harvest is about God's provision, why we are still usually thankful only for agricultural produce and not the whole array of Divine provision at the work of our hands? I long to have a Harvest Festival that thanks God for nano technology; structural engineering; and biomedical research - all as essential to human life in the 21st century as the humble potato in some ways.

Latterly, harvest for the church, has increasingly been about us recognising our abundance and out of that, giving some to those in very real need. This year, the Anglican churches in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Luton and Barnet are being asked to financially support the work of the Leprosy Mission in Sri Lanka. You can find more details of the appeal and how to give online here: <https://tinyurl.com/5bye48c2>

In the gospels, Jesus does talk about God's generous provision, as in Luke 11:11-18, just as a parent seeks to lovingly provide for their child. But when Jesus does speak about a

harvest specifically, as in Matthew 9:35-38, he isn't speaking of cauliflowers or potatoes. He's reminding his followers, the church, to get out into the community to see what good things are growing and to set to work there. To join is with the good, supportive, caring and life affirming stuff going on.

In recent months, there seems to have been more month than money for far too many, if you know what I mean; and in that context thankfulness can be in short supply.

Joan Chittister OSB writes, "*The fundamental question for a Christian isn't whether there's life after death, but whether there's life before death.*" Living life to the full and for the good of others can build deep within us an attitude in our hearts, at our core, of gratitude; of being satisfied with what we have and that being enough.

I hope this Harvest-tide we can be generous to others out of our abundance both locally and internationally as God is generous to us; as a church we will be beginning to notice where good things are going on in our community - the good, supportive, caring and life affirming stuff - and see where we can join in and partner; but above all I hope that we can learn to really live out of that abundance with an attitude of gratitude in our hearts, being satisfied with what we have, and that being enough.

Blessings!
Simon

Harvest Festival

This year's Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 6th October. Harvest Lunch (12.30) will follow on from our All the Family Service at 10.00.

Donations of food suitable for the Hertford Foodbank welcome along with financial donations to the Bishop of St Alban's Harvest Appeal

The current foodbank shopping list is at <https://buff.ly/3rzYtrl>)

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

All The Family Thanksgiving Service
Sunday 6 October 2024 - 10.00am



HARVEST LUNCH

12.30pm
St John's Hall
Churchfields, Hertford,
Hertfordshire SG13 8AE

Donations for The Bishop's Harvest Appeal : The Leprosy Mission

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Bishop's Harvest Appeal

Thrive: Nutrition and Sustainable Agriculture in Sri Lanka

This year the Bishop's Harvest Appeal is being run in partnership with The Leprosy Mission to support a project in Sri Lanka, which provides those affected by leprosy with the means to grow their own food and raise their standard of living.

Sri Lanka is suffering from the worst economic crisis in its history. Families are struggling with soaring prices and shortages of food and fuel and life is even harder for families affected by leprosy.

This year's Harvest Appeal supports The Leprosy Mission in their work in Sri Lanka, in particular working with Kaveri Kala Manram (KKM), which was founded by Reverend Joshua.

A vital part of KKM's work is making sure that families affected by leprosy have enough

nutritious food to eat and the opportunity to sell surplus fruit and vegetables that they have grown to provide a good income. Rev. Joshua also brings people affected by leprosy together for community meals, where they can learn more about food and nutrition.



Harvest Appeal Prayer

God of abundant life and grace,
whose Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
fed the hungry and healed the sick:
we pray your blessing on the people of Sri Lanka,
on their farmers and those struggling economically,
and particularly on those affected by leprosy.
As we rejoice in the abundance of our harvest,
may our thanks overflow with the joy of giving.
Give us the imagination and generosity
to share our plentiful resources with those in need,
that your Gospel of salvation be life-giving
and life-changing,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

See short video from Bishop Alan at <https://youtu.be/PnK5sNFvn98>

More on the appeal <https://buff.ly/3L1h8m8>

Names for sick list

If you would like someone (possibly yourself) to be included could you please let Simon or Martin P know. Notice sheets are usually drafted on a Thursday and finalised/printed on Fridays.

The easiest way to do this is to email sick@allsaintshertford.org , which will notify them both.

Thank you!

The main organ

There has been an intermittent fault with the wind supply to the organ for some months, resisting all efforts to track it down and fix. During Simon's installation it got suddenly worse and by Friday 6th a key component finally failed completely.

The broken unit will be removed on Monday 30th and taken away for repair/restoration.

We hope to have it back by mid-October.

Bike n Hike 14th Sept

A big thank you to all who took part in this year's event.

We have had a superb year – best ever raising £1376 (with possibly a little more to come!

Kate raised £472.50, her friend Elizabeth's £50, Dorothy raised £507.50, Martin raised £216 and James raised £130.

That means that All Saints will receive over £650.

Dorothy Toyn

Environment Day 21st Sept



Congratulations to all involved in planning, setting up and delivering such a rich and varied programme on 21st. It was good to see so many familiar (and unfamiliar) faces over the course of the day.



ALFS/Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this magnificent effort over the last two and a half years.

This week the final lorry load of humanitarian aid left for Ukraine.

In future Tina Banks will continue to raise funds for them but no longer ship goods. Most things they need can now be bought far more cheaply in Poland or other neighbouring countries.

Doing this means all the money raised will go directly to Ukraine rather pay for fuel, warehouse hire etc.

Fiona Earle

Soundbites

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Soundbites A Term-Time Series of Concerts on Wednesday
(Light Lunches served from 12noon for Concerts at 1.00pm)

<p>Wednesday 2 October 2024</p> <p>Javier Montanana (Violin) Neil Crossland (Piano)</p> <p>His dynamic voice and piano duo, embarked on their collaboration earlier this year, bringing fresh energy and creativity to the classical music scene. Inspired from regions of diverse repertoire that span from medieval masterpieces to contemporary compositions, offering audiences a rich and varied musical experience. Their duo is characterised by a strong musical synergy and a shared passion for pushing the boundaries of traditional chamber music.</p> <p>Music: Violin Sonata in A major Op. 300 - Beethoven Violin Sonata No 2 Op. 49 "Aurora" - Haydn And Cello</p>	<p>Wednesday 9 October 2024</p> <p>Catherine Wild (Oboe and Recorder) Kirstin Johnson (Violin and cello) Phillip Mountford (Piano and Organ)</p> <p>Catherine Wild and Phillip Mountford are both Musicians in Residence at All Saints Church. Phillip Mountford is a pianist and organist who has performed with the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden and the Royal College of Music. Catherine Wild is a violinist and oboist who has performed with the Royal College of Music, the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden and the Royal College of Music.</p> <p>Music: Sonata for treble Recorder BWV 1079 - Handel Recorder Op. 22 for Oboe, Cello and Piano - Theophile Lalet Exception - Domenico Zipoli</p>	<p>Wednesday 16 October 2024</p> <p>Thomas Dillely (Organ)</p> <p>Thomas studied at The Queen's College, Oxford and the Royal Conservatoire, Cambridge, and has performed at the Royal College of Music, St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Dunstons, St. Andrew's, St. George's, St. James's, St. John's, St. Luke's, St. Mark's, St. Mary's, St. Nicholas, St. Peter's, St. Stephen's, St. Vincent's, St. Wilfrid's, St. Zeno's, St. Andrew's, St. George's, St. James's, St. John's, St. Luke's, St. Mark's, St. Mary's, St. Nicholas, St. Peter's, St. Stephen's, St. Vincent's, St. Wilfrid's, St. Zeno's.</p> <p>Music: Easter for pedal piano Op. 56 - Schumann Pavane for Violin and Piano in C minor BWV 987 - J.S. Bach</p>	<p>Wednesday 23 October 2024</p> <p>Christopher Weston (Piano)</p> <p>Christopher Weston is a concert pianist, composer and arranger. A graduate of the Royal College of Music, he has performed with the BBC, the Royal College of Music, the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden and the Royal College of Music.</p> <p>Music: To be Confirmed</p>
<p>Wednesday 30 October 2024</p> <p>A10 Strings with Choir 18</p> <p>Musical Director - David Boarder</p> <p>Music: World, Requiem, Gloria, Howard Goodell and Eric Whitacre</p>			

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The Autumn season continues throughout October.

Full details at <https://www.allsaintshertford.org/concerts.php>

Parish Diary October 2024

Tuesday 1st (Remegius)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.45 am Morgans Harvest
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Weds 2nd

8.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites
Javier Montana - Violin
Neil Crossland - Piano
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 3rd (George Bell)

11.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 4th (Francis of Assisi)

5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 5th

9.30 am Morning Prayer
10.00 am Coffee Morning

Sunday 6th Harvest

10.00 am All the Family Service
12.30 Harvest Lunch
6.30 pm Parish Communion

Monday 7th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 8th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
9.50 am Simon Balle Harvest
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Weds 9th (Denys)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites
Catherine Wild, Kristin Johnson,
Philip Mountford
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 10th (Paulinus)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
11.00 am Holy Communion
2.30 pm Abel Smith Harvest
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 11th (Ethelburga)

12.30 pm Wedding
5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 12th (Wilfrid)

9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 13th Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Monday 14th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 15th (Teresa of Avila)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Weds 16th (Ridley & Latimer)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites
Thomas Dilley - Organ
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 17th (Ignatius)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
11.00 am Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 18th (Luke)

5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 19th (Henry Martyn)

9.00 onwards Work Party
9.30 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Family Eucharist
6.30 pm Choral Compline

Monday 21st

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 22nd

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Weds 23rd

8.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites
Christopher Weston - Piano
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 24th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
11.00 am Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

Friday 25th (Crispin & Crispian)

8.00 am onwards HRC
Graduation Ceremonies
5.30 pm Choir Practices

Saturday 26th (Alfred)

9.30 Morning Prayer
7.00 pm Concert by HCS

Sunday 27th Last Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Monday 28th (Simon & Jude)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 29th (J Hannington)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Weds 30th

8.00 am Morning Prayer
12.00 for 1.00 pm Soundbites
A10 Strings/Choir 18
5.00 pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 31st (Martin Luther)

8.00 am Morning Prayer
11.00 am Holy Communion
5.00 pm Evening Prayer
7.30 pm All Saints Art

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