



Christian Life

The Parish Magazine of St Mary's & St Luke's

October 2021

Including the readings for Sunday 03 October

Harvest 2021



All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above,
let us thank the Lord, for all His love.

Worship & Prayer In Church & Online this month

**You will find the Readings for Sunday 03 October
on the centre pages 4 & 5.**

Sundays this Month	
03 October Harvest Junior Church	9am at St Luke's: a service of Morning Prayer
	10:40am at St Mary's: a service of Holy Communion
	<i>Readings: 1 Timothy 2.1-7 & Matthew 6.25-33</i>
10 October Trinity 19	9am at St Luke's: a service of Holy Communion
	10:40am at St Mary's: All Age Worship
	<i>Readings: Hebrews 4.12-16 & Mark 10.17-31</i>
17 October Trinity 20	9am at St Luke's: a service of Morning Prayer
	10:40am at St Mary's: a service of Holy Communion
	<i>Readings: Hebrews 5.1-10 & Mark 10.35-45</i>
24 October Bible Sunday Last Sunday after Trinity	9am at St Luke's: a service of Holy Communion
	10:40am at St Mary's: All Age Worship
	<i>Readings: 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5 & John 5.36b-47</i>
31 October All Saints	As it's a 5 th Sunday so there's no service at St Luke's
	10:40am at St Mary's: a service of Holy Communion
	<i>Readings: Revelation 21.1-6a & John 11.32-44</i>
Other Services this Month	
Every Wednesday at St Mary's	10am BCP Holy Communion at St Mary's

Online

Every Sunday @ 10:40 am Live Streamed Worship from St Mary's



(stream begins at 10:30am)



YouTube: bit.ly/youtubestmarys1 & Facebook: bit.ly/facebookstmarys

You can also join in by phone: just before 10:40am Call: 0203 051 2874

**Meeting ID: 838 7878 9259 Participant ID (if asked): # Passcode:
567119**

Morning Prayer on Zoom, 9:30am (usually) Mon, Tues & Thurs

bit.ly/930mp or by phone: 0203 051 2874 Meeting ID: 850 2058 1307

Passcode: 914961

Revd Mike writes...

Dear friends,

Over the past few weeks, we have begun to see shortages in the supermarkets with spaces appearing on the shelves where food would normally be. It's quite surprising when you see it as we are so used to seeing full shelves all the time. We have become accustomed to having food from all around the world, available all the time, in season and out. Perhaps the shortages we are experiencing are a timely reminder that, although we often like to feel we are in control of everything, we're not. The pandemic, and the ongoing crisis following it, are a witness to that.

Harvest Time, in years past, when a village relied upon what was gathered in to sustain them through coming year, was a time of celebration or concern. If the harvest was good, life would be

good for the coming year, if it wasn't, then there would be shortages. For some people around the world there is still a real and tangible reliance upon what is gathered in at Harvest Time. For some, if the harvest fails, there is no Plan B, famine and starvation will follow, lives will be lost.

No wonder a successful harvest leads to a celebration, a celebration that continues today, a time to thank God, a celebration that should remind us of how fortunate we are and to remember others who are suffering at this time.

The gifts of food given this year will be shared between the local Food Banks, St Luke's Hospice and other local charities.

Yours in Christ.
Revd Mike



For the well-being of all in church we request that

- Sanitiser is used on entry and exit.
- Face Coverings are worn whilst in church, especially whilst entering and leaving and whilst singing.
- You respect other people's wishes and allow them to continue to distance if they wish.
- You leave the church promptly at the end of a service.

First Reading: 1 Timothy 2.1-7

A reading from the First Epistle to Timothy.

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle – I am telling the truth, I am not lying – and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 6.25-33

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you O Lord.

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?’

‘And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

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The Collect for Harvest

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around
and within us,
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with
reverence,
and know your peace
at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered
thanksgiving
for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and
the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a
reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise
stewards of the good things we
enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Beryl Spencer's funeral is on Monday 11 October, 1pm, at St Mary's. Beryl and her husband Bert are longstanding and faithful members of our St Luke's congregation. Please keep Bert and the family in your prayers. Her service will be livestreamed and we will share the link to it on the Weekly Sheet when we have it.



Welcome Service for the Bishop of Stockport

An opportunity to praise, pray and offer thanks for the ministry of Sam Corley, Bishop of Stockport, as he begins his ministry amongst us. The service is at St George's Stockport and, due to Covid restrictions, to attend you will need to register: bit.ly/welcomeBPStockport

The service will be online and we will post the details on the Weekly Sheet when it is available.



Mothers' Union News

The following meetings have been arranged to the end of the year, all meetings commence at 2:15 pm and are in the Howe Room unless otherwise stated, all welcome to join us.

Branch Meetings on 20 October & 17 November

On 8 December at St Mary's we have our annual Carol Service with the Ladies Afternoon Group followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.

Jenny

Ladies Afternoon Group

We all enjoyed a talk by Karen Grimwood on her work as a Guide Dog Puppy Raiser. It is heartening to listen to people who voluntarily give so much of their time for the good of others. Eva the friendly puppy, behaved impeccably and hopefully will soon become the vital support of a visually impaired person.

On 28th. October Frances Latham, one of our Committee members, will lead us in some gentle exercise suitable and helpful to our age group. Participation is encouraged but not compulsory! Audrey and Marian.

Global Images of Christ: Challenging Perceptions

opened to invited guests at a special event held at Chester Cathedral on Thursday 23 September.

The exhibition, made up of over 50 paintings, African and Chinese sculptures, and orthodox icons, aims to challenge the Western depiction of Jesus Christ and his followers. It opens to the public on Saturday 25 September and runs until the end of October.

The central piece in the exhibition is Lorna May Wadsworth's depiction of the Last Supper, the final meal that Jesus shared with his apostles in Jerusalem before his crucifixion. Wadsworth portrays Jesus as a black man and worked with Jamaican-born fashion model, Tafari Hinds who modelled for the representation. Her composition is based on the late 15th-century mural painting by Italian artist Leonardo da Vinci.



Diocesan Inclusion Officer, the Revd Vanessa Layfield says: "The Last Supper image of a black Christ may be shocking to some, but why? One might argue that an image of a white Christ is just as dishonest as an image of a black Christ, for Christ was neither black nor white, but a brown Middle Eastern Jew."

Global Images of Christ: Challenging Perceptions is open Monday – Saturday 10am – 6pm, Sunday 12 Noon – 5pm from Saturday 25 September to Saturday 30 October.

More details on this and other events can found at chester.anglican.org

From the Church Registers

Baptisms – *we pray for these children as they continue their Christian journey*

05 September: Dorothy Irene MADDOCKS

12 September: Zia Arielle VENABLES

Oliver Eric KEANE

26 September: Madison Terence JONES

Weddings – *none this month*

Funerals – *may they rest in peace and rise in glory*

17 August 2021 Kay McBARRON 62

09 September 2021 Stanley John CRITCHLOW 92

Chester Diocesan News & the Magazine

The Chester Diocesan News can be viewed/downloaded from the Diocesan Website each month and we will put a link on our Blog when it's available.

We would like your articles for the November Magazine. You can submit an article on the [Blog](#) through the Magazine Menu and click on 'Submit an Item', email it to: magazine@stmaryswistaston.blog or drop it to the Church Office or the Rectory **by Monday 25 October.**

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