

St Mary's Church News



Harvest Festival

October is full of an explosion of oranges, reds and yellows. It brings the joy of harvest festivals, marking how thankful we are for all we have and showing our appreciation by sharing our blessings with others. In our local community many share what they have in different ways at harvest and throughout the year, for example, by supporting the work of the Welton Larder, which gives not only food and basic essentials, but peace of mind to those in need.

This year especially, I'm taking the time of harvest festival to reflect on how we care for the natural world that we all depend on so much. Many scientists and charities warn that climate change is having a devastating impact on natural habitats and human communities around the globe. The past five years have been the hottest on record since 1850. A very recent UN scientific report conducted by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a group of scientists whose findings are endorsed by the world's governments, warns of increasingly extreme heatwaves and that some parts of the world will experience more droughts or flooding. It found that the recent rate of sea level rise has nearly tripled compared with 1901-1971. The IPCC also predicts that the oceans will continue to warm and become more acidic and mountain and polar glaciers will continue melting. This report has been released ahead of the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow, in November, where it's hoped that many of the countries of the world will commit to huge cuts in carbon emissions.

Many in our local community are doing what they can to care for the environment. We could use this harvest festival time to take the next step in whatever context we're in, such as by reducing the amount of single-use plastic we use, cutting our food waste or switching to greener energy. As more and more activities re-open, many community groups are making plans for the future. Can we put caring for the natural world at the very heart of our plans? I hope that our children's children will be able to look back in pride at the steps we made to ensure that they and all future generations around the world are able to continue to enjoy the oranges, reds and yellows and all the gifts that the natural world offers.

Revd Jane Foster-Smith

Assistant Curate

Readings for October				
Date	Sunday	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
3rd	18th Sunday after Trinity	Job 1.1 2. 1-10	Hebrews 1 1-4 2. 5-12	Mark 10 2-16
10th	19th Sunday after Trinity	Job 23 1-9, 16-end	Hebrews 4 12-end	Mark 10 17-31
17th	20th Sunday after Trinity	Job 38 1-7 [34-end]	Hebrews 5 1-10	Mark 10 35-45
24th	Bible Sunday	Isaiah 55 1-11	2 Timothy 3 14-4.5	John 5 36b-end
31st	4th Sunday before Advent	Deuteronomy 6 1-9	Hebrews 9 11-14	Mark 12 28-34

Services and Prayers

Services

Because we respond to changes in the government's 'roadmap' and in accordance with Church of England guidance, please visit our website and Facebook page for up-to-date information on our services, both online and in person, or call Revd Adam on 01673 565244.

Planned services in October are as follows, but these may change due to the availability of clergy:

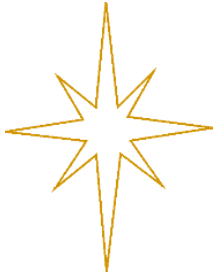
- 3rd11am Holy Communion
- 10th11am Holy Communion
- 17th.....11am Holy Communion
- 24th.....11am Holy Communion
- 31st Benefice service

Private Prayer at St Mary's

10am to 12 noon every Monday. There is no need to book in advance, just turn up wearing a face covering.

Morning Prayers

Please visit our website (<https://www.weltondunholmescothernchurches.com>) if you would like to join our morning prayer service, offered Tuesday to Friday at 9.30am.



Light Up St Mary's

St Mary's church was floodlit specially on Wednesday 1st September by Niel and Margaret Dallas, who returned to this village briefly on that day as they celebrated their diamond (60th) wedding anniversary. Our warmest congratulations to them.

Do you have a special occasion that you might like to mark by sponsoring the floodlighting of your beautiful church?

As we move steadily towards the *season of goodwill*, now might be a great time to sponsor the star that shines on top of the tower. If you have a star student in your family, why not light up the star just for them? Or perhaps you know someone who is about to celebrate a special birthday. What a perfect gift it would be to have the star lit especially for them.

All it takes is a donation of £10, which will go towards the upkeep of your precious building. Application forms can be found at the back of the church that explain how to go about it. Or you can contact Peter Everett on 861253 or drop the details through the door at 33 Musgraves Orchard, Welton, and we will do the rest. (If paying by cheque, make the cheque payable to Welton PCC.) If you let us have your message before the 15th of the preceding month, the message will be included in the Welton **NEWS**.

Thank you and God bless!

Threechurchspray

During January, St Mary's, St Chad's and St Germain's churches in our benefice will be praying for Welton streets as follows: Prebend Lane, Stonecliff Park and Moncé Close.

If you would like to join us as prayer triplets or would like to know a bit more before you make up your mind, please contact Glyn on 861907 or Dave on 860986.

From the Registers

We share in the sadness of those who mourn the death of a loved one, remembering those whose funeral has taken place or whose cremated remains have been laid to rest recently:

31st August: Patricia Owen (burial of ashes)
1st September: Frank Webber
5th September: John Shaw (burial of ashes)
6th September: Freda Graves
10th September: Joan Chaffer

We share in the joy of those recently married in the church:

11th September: Edward Houston and Sophie Bell