

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4.4–9

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

When they found Jesus on the other side of the sea, the crowd said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' 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. 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.' Then they said to Jesus, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' 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? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." 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. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' 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.'

John 6.25–35



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SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2022

HARVEST THANKSGIVING



Collect

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion

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.**

Green / World Prayer

O Lord our creator God we look around and the world is still beautiful. Spring is coming with its green shoots and fat bracts. You are so good to us even though we truly don't deserve it. Man that you have made is destroying this beautiful gift with greed, wickedness and apathy. Forgive us Lord and show us the way to stop the rape of this planet. Help us to be true servants and to do what you so clearly told us to do in Genesis 2:15 and take care of the earth. As individuals but as your church as well. Let us work together to protect this small and vulnerable blue stone hanging in space and so fulfil the will of God. **Amen.**

SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER

READINGS

Philippians 4.4-9; John 6.25-35

8am Said Holy Communion (BCP)

**10am Harvest Thanksgiving followed by
Brownies Cake Sale**

HYMNS: 705, 186, 121, 736

SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER

11.15am Confirmation Group

6.30pm Sung Evening Prayer

READINGS

Nehemiah 5.1-13; John 9

HYMNS: 254, 704, 624

Psalm 142

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill or in need: Simon Kimber; Wendy Rafferty; George Greenshields.

Those whose anniversary falls at this time: Peter Clark (2002)

Link Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Barham Green, Zimbabwe.

THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 5th OCTOBER

9.15am Toddler Group in hall

12 noon Churches Together Ministers in church

SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER – TRINITY 17

8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

with Junior/Senior Church

11.15am Confirmation Group

6.30pm Sung Evensong (BCP)

CREATIONTIDE 2022: Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's display. Please do add a prayer leaf to our prayer tree.

HARVEST FESTIVAL takes place today, followed by Brownies cake stall in church. Please bring gifts of food to the service. Collection money will go to A Rocha Kenya. See separate flier.

HARVEST QUIZ: How long till its gone? Please complete the quiz before the service starts. Answers will be given during the sermon.

THANK YOU to the Revd Bruce Rickards for looking after the church during my recent holiday. I was travelling up the A11 to Norfolk when I heard the news that evening of the death of the Queen. You were all much in my thoughts each Sunday as you observed the period of mourning—with thanks to the Wardens, Readers, Sara Taylor, Tom Theakston, the bell ringers and others who helped the church congregation and local community during this sad time. *Michael Burns*

ECO CHURCH CONGREGATION TRAVEL-TO-CHURCH SURVEY: TODAY, members of the Eco Church group will be asking everyone coming to any of the Sunday services about their travel to church. We have the rare distinction of a Silver Eco Church Award and this survey will help us go for Gold and do better with our care for Creation.

Please help us – it's very brief.

We'd like information from everyone, even if you're a visitor.

- ◆ Your name so we don't duplicate records
- ◆ Your postcode to work out the distance to church
- ◆ How many times in a typical month you do a return trip to church for any reason.
- ◆ This includes services, meetings, Toddler Group, gardening, cleaning, KFH, opening up the hall, etc.
- ◆ Your type of transport (can be more than one type in a month)
- ◆ If you travel with others by car we just need the details from one of you and the number of passengers

Please start thinking about how often you come to church in a typical month. The total miles travelled by all of us in the different modes of transport for a typical month will be entered into the 360° Carbon tool to measure our extended carbon footprint for 2022 from different activities including energy, travel, food, waste, water & other expenditure.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME: We would like to thank those who have joined the parish giving scheme (PGS). At the end of August the report shows that around one third of existing donors had changed to the scheme. We hope more have joined this month. We do ask those who have not yet joined to sign up as it helps our cash flow and reduces the workload on Lynda Coleman. Please be aware that within 10 working days of joining you will receive a letter confirming the date of your first gift. Please do not cancel any existing donations until you first payment has been collected. If you have any queries please do speak to Lynda Coleman.

SYRIAN FAMILY UPDATE: Our Syrian family have now been with us for 3 months. Your parish support team have all been working hard to help them to settle. And, indeed, they are doing just that. Bariaa had a baby boy on Thursday 20 September. The family will now be adjusting to the new member of their family and their third child. Taim (aged 8) is settling into Poplar School and enjoying being there. Team members have spent a lot of time sorting out medical appointments and accompanying family members. We could not have done without our 3 volunteer interpreters. Helping the family to sort out their finances and benefits has been very hard work. I am delighted to say that we have now been able to hand this over entirely to the family, so they manage their own bank account and payments etc. Learning English quickly is obviously a number one priority. I am pleased to say we have a volunteer from the parish for Mohammad and for Bariaa and they will help and guide them. They have a weekly tuition session from a volunteer from the Merton Language Support Unit, and we hope soon they will be able to start more regular formal sessions. Mohammad & Bariaa regularly express to us their gratitude. Please keep them in your prayers, especially at this time of the new arrival in the family. *Chris Larkman (Resettlement Project Co-ordinator)*

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