



Whittlesey, Pondersbridge & Coates

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As this article is being written the combine harvesters are chugging across the fields. Farmers and their employees are working long hours to gather in the corn, to provide part of our staple diet and to them we give thanks.

It is so important to recognise and acknowledge the importance of Harvest. It reminds us of God's presence and the wonder of Creation, also the gifts which God has given to us. In our four churches we celebrate harvest at a special service called 'Harvest Festival'. We come together to thank God for the gifts He has created and His sun and rain have nurtured. There are the harvests of the land, sea, underground and other countries.

At Harvest we also try to help others less fortunate than ourselves by supporting food/farm related charities. This year we will be giving foodstuffs (dried, tinned or in a packet) to the Whittlesey Emergency Food Aid project and money to WaterAid. The funds raised from the WaterAid Harvest 2015 Appeal will be used to bring safe water and a chance to grow crops (a reliable source of income) to people living in poor, remote villages in Madagascar and around the world. At present they are unable to grow as many crops as they would like as they don't have enough water – they don't even have enough for drinking. At our services there will be an opportunity, for those who wish to do so, to bring forward either food or money and we will ask God's blessing on all who provided, and those who will benefit from, these gifts.

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival in our churches on Sunday, 4th October. The service will include hymns, Bible readings, a talk and prayers. A warm welcome awaits all. The services are: 9.30 a.m. at Holy Trinity, Coates and St Andrew's, Whittlesey and 11.00 a.m. at St Mary's, Whittlesey and St Thomas', Pondersbridge.

At Harvest we are also encouraged to look at our relationship with God and to go out and sow seeds of faith. Through Jesus we come to know God and to recognise God's Spirit working in us to produce a harvest of love, joy, patience, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

As we think about Harvest and God's gifts we may like to say this prayer:

"O Lord, open our eyes to see what is beautiful, our minds to know what is true, and our hearts to love what is good; for Jesus' sake. Amen."

With every blessing

Gill and Nigel

Full details of Sundays and other services inside.

You are welcome to join us at our services:

Sunday 6th September – 14th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m. St Andrew's	- BCP Said Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. St Andrew's	- Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity	- Morning Service
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	- No Morning Service, but Outdoor Service for Whittlesey Festival
11.00 a.m. St Thomas'	- Holy Communion

Readings:
Isaiah 35: 4-7a
James 2: 1-17
Mark 7: 24 - 37

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 6th Lillian Newman, 7th George Herbert Fletcher, 10th Ken Blunt, 12th Pamela Jean Mundy

St Andrew's: 6th Francis Edward Redhead, 7th John Gray, 8th Bertha Maria Harris, 11th Joseph Clarke Harrison

St Mary's: 7th Cedric Theodore Nottingham, 11th Mary Palmer

St Thomas': 4th Jane Margaret Wade, 5th Eileen Wilmer

Sunday 13th September – Holy Cross Day (transferred from September 14th)

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's	- Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity	- Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	- Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Thomas'	- Morning Service

Readings:
Numbers 21: 4-9
Philippians 2: 6-11
John 3: 13-17

Anniversaries of Death:

St Andrew's: 18th Arthur Herbert Neal, 19th Alfred Henry Wyatt

St Mary's: 18th Charles Kenneth Edwards, Harry Garner, 19th Bertram Harry Bull, Alfred Henry Wyatt

Sunday 20th September – Feast of St Matthew (transferred from September 21st)

8.00 a.m. St Andrew's	- BCP Said Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. St Andrew's	- Morning Service
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity	- Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	- Holy Communion
6.00 p.m. St Thomas'	- Holy Communion followed by PCC meeting

Readings:	Proverbs 3: 13-18
	2 Corinthians 4: 1-6
	Matthew 9: 9-13

Anniversaries of Death:

St Andrew's: 24th Arthur Henry Johnson, 25th Norah Joyce Koutson

St Mary's: 20th John Keith Gill, 21st Charles Frederick Wright,

23rd James Arthur Barrs, 25th Arthur Edey,

26th Lorna Josephine Nicholas, James William Nicholas

St Thomas': 23rd George Edward Dean

Sunday 27th September – 17th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 a.m. St Andrew's	- Holy Communion
9.30 a.m. Holy Trinity	- Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. St Mary's	- Holy Communion
6.00 p.m. St Thomas'	- Evening Service

Readings:	Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29
	James 5: 13 - 20
	Mark 9: 38 - 50

Anniversaries of Death:

Holy Trinity: 29th Thomas Ralph Butcher, 30th Irene Joan Jackson, George William Henry Ping, Doris Ada Lowe, October 2nd Doris May Jackson

St Andrew's: 29th Francis Harold Newman, October 1st Lorna Joan Spires, 2nd Olive Francis Turner, Ruth Mabel Dickinson

St Mary's: October 1st Greta Prokopczuk

Events around the Team in September:

- 1st 7.30 p.m. Pilgrim Faith Group at Pondersbridge
- 2nd 10.00 a.m. Pilgrim Faith Group at 11, North Green, Coates
- 3rd 7.30 p.m. Deanery Synod meeting at St Peter's, Wimblington
- 6th Whittlesey Town Festival 10 a.m. until 4.30 p.m.
- 7th 7.30 p.m. Team Council meeting in St Andrew's Hall
- 8th 6 p.m. Ministry Team meeting at 8 The Grove
- 8th 7 p.m. Friends of St Mary's meeting at Mill Road
- 11th – 14th Team visit to Wyk, Germany
- 12th 6pm for 6.30pm Family Bingo at St Andrew's Hall proceeds to Friends of St Andrew's
- 14th 7.30 p.m. Churchwardens & Treasurers meeting at The Rectory
- 15th 2.00 p.m. St Andrew's PCC meeting in St Andrew's Hall
- 15th 7.30 p.m. St Mary's PCC meeting at 8 The Grove
- 16th 7.30 p.m. Holy Trinity PCC meeting in church
- 19th 1.30 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. St Andrew's Car boot Sale at St Andrew's Hall
- 22nd 7.30 p.m. Churches Together meeting at St Jude's
- 24th 7.30 p.m. Pilgrim Prayer Group at 8 The Grove
- 25th 6.30 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. Friends of St Andrew's Pamper Night in St Andrew's Hall
- 25th 7.30 p.m. Deanery Confirmation at March St Wendreda's Church
- 26th 2 p.m. until 3.30 p.m. Harvest Messy church at Holy Trinity
- 28th 2.30 p.m. Harvest Service at Aliwal Manor
- 28th 7.00 p.m. Friends of Holy Trinity meeting in church
- 28th Friends of St Andrew's meeting at The Rectory
- 29th 2 p.m. Harvest Service at Keneydon House
- 30th 2.30 p.m. Harvest Praise at The Hermitage

Regular Weekday Services:

- Monday:** 8.00am Morning Prayer at St Mary's
- Tuesday:** 9.15am Holy Communion at St Andrew's
- Wednesday:** 9.15am Holy Communion at Holy Trinity
- Thursday:** 9.15am Holy Communion at St Mary's
- Friday:** 8.00am Morning Prayer at St Andrew's,
12 noon Midday Prayer at St Mary's

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