

## Prayers

Lord we bring to you our prayers. For those who wait at the gate in poverty, seeking essentials from foodbanks, unable to afford to turn their heating on, walking the streets to save using fuel at home. We pray for all in poverty and need that those who have will see and respond to the needs of those who have not. We especially ask that you bless those who are planning winter warmth projects to provide support for those struggling as a result of spiralling fuel costs.

Lord, we bring to you those who wait at the gate because they have nowhere else to wait for those whose homes have been destroyed by flood; for those whose home has been bombed; for those who cannot afford a home. We pray for all who are homeless or whose homes are insanitary or unsatisfactory. We commend to you those charities that seek to provide aid to those in Pakistan, for those who welcome refugees, for those who provide emergency shelter.

Lord, we pray for all in sadness and grief, for those whose lives have been torn apart by the death of a loved one, for those who struggle to cope, for those who can't find a way to fit in. We pray for all those for whom the recent period of national mourning has brought to the surface grief they were seeking to ignore that they may find the comfort and strength that your presence offers.

Lord, we pray for those who have been rejected, for those who fear they will be turned away, for those who don't know how to access your strength and love. We pray that our churches may be inviting places of welcome where no-one is turned away and all are helped to experience the grace and peace that you offer.

As we enter the gate of our homes, our churches, our lives, give us eyes to see those in need and hearts to respond in the name of our Saviour  
**Jesus. Amen.**

## Weekly Notices

Rector: Rev. Jonathan Gordon 01442 871547  
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Curate: Rev. Miranda Seldon  
Readers: Peggy Sear and David White

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Services for September 25th  
15th Sunday after Trinity  
**8am Holy Communion BCP**  
**10am Parish Eucharist**  
**Hymns:** 99, 242, 172, 354

**Readings:**  
Jeremiah 32: 1-3, 6-15  
1 Timothy 6: 6-19  
Luke 16: 19 –end

**6pm** Harvest Festival service at  
the Chapel

October 2nd  
16th Sunday after Trinity  
**8am Holy Communion BCP**  
**10am Parish Eucharist**  
**Hymns:** 128, 53, 380, 13

**Readings:**  
Lamentations 1: 1-6  
2 Timothy 1: 1-14  
Luke 17: 5-10

**6pm** Evening Prayer  
Psalm 142  
Nehemiah 5: 1-13  
John 9

## The prayer that brings us all together

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Collect Prayer for Peace

*Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

## Forthcoming Events

**Gill's Cooking** For all your homemade cakes. Delicious!!  
phone to order: 01494 758594

### Open air Theatre

We are once again hoping to have the theatre Group return in either **November/December to perform the Nutcracker.**  
More details of date to follow in the next couple of weeks.

### Messy Church

Come along and join us for Messy Church on Saturday 1st. October from 9am to 11am. including breakfast  
We are starting to make a tree with plaster of Paris to hang our prayers and thoughts on to.

### Church repair work

During the week of 10th. October, scaffolding will be erected at the front of the church so that remedial work to the tower can be effected.

### French Classes

From October 10th through to December, on Monday and Thursday mornings, French classes will be going on in the church room.

### Wine Classes

From Thursday 6th. October 8pm through to December, wine classes will be going on in the church room. If you would like to join phone 01442823273

**Church website.** Check out the website regularly for updates and news of services etc.

## Messy Church on the 1st. Saturday of each month.

Breakfast for the children from 9am followed by crafts and story time. Come along and join us!!!



**Harvest Festival in Church Sunday 2nd October 10am.** All fresh produce donated will be going to The Hospice of St. Francis

### PET SERVICE.

October 23rd 10am.  
Join us for this wonderful service where we give thanks for our pets and all God's creatures. Come along with your pet(s) no matter how big or small, and join us!!

