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ST PETER'S PRESTBURY NEWS

October 10th News and Worship

Welcome

It's an exciting Sunday as we celebrate Harvest across all our congregations.

At St Peter's for the 10.30am Family Service, we will be joined by our friends from Prestbury Methodist Church; at the Church of the Resurrection it will be Harvest Holy Communion and Harvest at St John's Adlington will include the blessing of a tractor and prayer for the local farmers.

It's good news that we are able to have special Harvest services at all our worship centres.



Vicar's Thoughts

There was something amazingly wonderful about last Sunday morning's worship. Why was it so wonderful?...

- Perhaps it was because Young Church were meeting for the first in eighteen months (*they last met before Mothering Sunday last year*) and it felt like, at last, the whole Church family was back together. It was great to see the children feeling they were back in a familiar and special place.
- It might have been because the *Behold the Lamb* Communion service has always been a favourite for many, and particularly after all those months of no communion, every service of Communion feels extra-special.
- Or perhaps it was because after-service coffee and biscuits were back: the conversations were buzzing and the children had successfully located the chocolate biscuits.
- Was it that new families had come along with babies and bigger ones seeking Baptism forms?

- Or that plans were being made, issues discussed, news caught up on, care given and the love of God, lived out?
- Or maybe simply that Church was back, in it's house and it was **GOOD!**



Something else may have slipped by unnoticed, because numbers at services are down due to some people not returning to worship yet, some people moving to other services and other people preferring to engage on-line. There has been one exciting development over the last few weeks - and it is that new worshippers are joining us both for the morning and the afternoon services at St Peter's, and also at the Church of the Resurrection and at St John's. Do look out for new people or those returning to church after time away, and help them to feel loved and included.

This week we celebrate Harvest, where we give thanks for God's provision and blessing. It's good to remember that God's gifts, rather like chocolate biscuits, come in many shapes and sizes and all are good.

Church Family News

Sunflowers

At Wild Church many months ago we planted sunflower seeds in pots and took them home. It now seems our green fingered wild worshippers have grown some amazing sunflowers - pictures of which are included in this newsletter. Well done to everyone!



Hooray - Coffee is Back!!!

- biscuits and other drinks are also available...

Coffee is being served in St Peter's Rooms after both the Wednesday Holy Communion and the Sunday 10.30am services. This is after a lapse of 20 months, so of course is most welcome. Coffee is already going well on Wednesdays - it felt a little quiet on Sunday but with plenty of ventilation it also felt very safe, and it was so lovely to catch up with people over a hot drink again.

Of course this means we need volunteers to make and serve drinks every Sunday so do look out for the rota on a red clipboard at the back of church and sign up.

Mothers' Union next Monday 11th October at 2pm

St Peter's Rooms

Our Mothers' Union meetings are OPEN meetings - we welcome all-comers, women and men. If you've never tried MU before why not give it a go. You don't need to join as a member, we will ask for a £2 donation each time you come.

It will feel a bit different until things settle...

- We will meet in the larger room
- We will sit around tables
- We will need to have all the windows open (wear a warm woolly!)
- Some people may feel they wish to wear a mask



But it will feel the same...

- We will worship God together in song and prayer
- We will meet our old friends and make new ones
- We will be able to talk freely about what bothers us, what cheers us up and how we can help each other and the wider world
- We will build a community of love and care
- We will drink tea and eat biscuits
- We will laugh together and enjoy each other's company

**If you are not sure about coming or have any questions do please ask me.
Anne Stirling 07999 862 035**

Rest in Peace

This week Alan, Diane and Audrey - three much loved and faithful congregation members - died. They will be sadly missed and we pray for their families, friends and all who mourn them. It's good at such sad times to remember at the heart of our Christian faith is the confident knowledge that nothing can separate us from the love of God and it is that love which triumphed over death on the first Easter morning. As we say, *may they rest in peace*, for Alan and Diane and Audrey, we also declare full of Easter faith, *and rise in glory!*

Pram Service

There will be a Pram Service this week at St Peter's, on the pink carpet, at 10.15am in Church. Pram Service is a short, fun and highly interactive Service for small children, babies and their grown ups. We share together in lighting a candle, ringing a bell, singing and sharing together in telling God's very special story. No one is too wriggly, too loud or too small to join in. There will be toys to play with, refreshments to enjoy and people to put the world to rights with in St Peter's rooms afterwards. We will finish around 11.30 in time for those who need to get to nursery. For further information contact Beverley on: 07779516048 or Beverley.angier@btinternet.com

Families' Light, Craft & Procession

October 31st is our annual children and families Service of Light with the Methodists. We start at 2pm with crafts and activities at St Peter's and then there is a light procession to the Methodist Church for worship and refreshments. More details in the weeks ahead. Helpers welcome.



This Week's Worship

Sunday 8.30am Holy Communion, St Peter's
Sunday 10.00am Harvest Communion, CoRe
Sunday 10.30am Harvest Family Service, St Peter's
Sunday 11.00am Harvest Festival, St John's
Sunday 4.30pm Sung Evensong, St Peter's

Wednesday 10.30am Holy Communion, St Peter's
Thursday 10.15am Pram Service, St Peter's

This Week's Diary

The Church Office is open from Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12noon

Tuesdays

9.00am **Morning Prayer** Zoom Code 503 346 024, Password 793684

Wednesday

10.30am **Holy Communion**, St Peter's

Thursday

9.00am **Morning Prayer**, Zoom Code 859 930 994
10.15am **Pram Service**, St Peter's
11.30am **Holy Dusters**, St Peter's (please note the new time)
3.00pm **Voice children's choir** St Peter's Rooms

Fridays

7.45pm **Choir practice**

Looking Ahead

Next Week Breakfast Church



Worship Resources

Harvest Festival Sunday
Worship Services for Sunday 10th October



	Service Leader	Preacher	Lesson Readers	Intercessor
Holy Communion 8.30am St Peter's	Patrick	Patrick		Patrick
Harvest Communion 10.00am CoRe	Avril	Avril		
Holy Communion 10.30am St Peter's	Patrick	Patrick		Helen B
Harvest Festival 11.00am St John's	Tbc	Tbc	Liz Arthur	Arthur
Choral Evensong 4.30pm St Peter's	Patrick	Steve	Pat Jennifer	Steve

Sunday 10th October Bible Readings

For use with *Worship at Home* booklet and reflection.

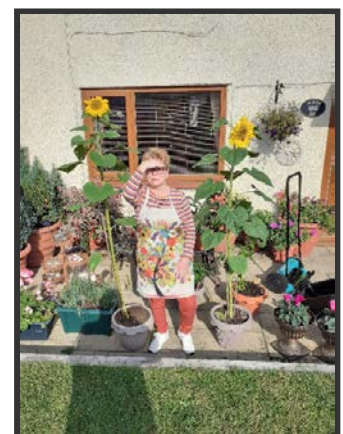
Isaiah 41:17-20

John 4:3-15

Psalms 22:1-15

Collects for Harvest

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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.



(or)



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.

Prayers

Prayer focus this week

As we celebrate Harvest we pray for our local farmers and farming families for their well being socially, economically and spiritually.

We pray for all organisations working with and supporting farming communities particularly the Agricultural Chaplaincy.

Those who have asked for prayer

Ian Northcott
Sheila Griffiths
Margaret Brown
Tony Mackenzie
Graham Lewis

Those who have died

Audrey Bradshaw
Alan Hayward
Diane Papadopoulos

