

St. Andrew's Church Woodside 26th September 2021

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

The church is open for public worship on Sundays

Please refer to the Diary on the back page for week by week details.

For those not with us in church, the 10.30 service will be available live,

Zoom meeting 878 5926 2657, passcode 664663 or click on

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859262657?pwd=dTdada291VDk2anA5aGtmdnFCN3kzQT09>

Zoom Fellowship follows the service

Table service refreshments will be available

Collect for Harvest

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

Message from Julie

Bible reading: James 5:13-20

This week concludes our short sermon series on James' epistle. The reading is James 5: 13-20 with an emphasis on praying in all seasons. There is power in prayer and there is power in sharing testimony about answered prayers of intercession because it acts as an encouragement to others. James tells us to give prayers of thanksgiving and praise to God. Harvest is the perfect time to do this as we remember all his good gifts to us.

James also points out that we need to pray prayers of confession for our own sins and draw each other back on to the right path if we fall into sin. This is obviously done in love. It works at the personal and societal level. One of the areas where this is especially relevant is regarding social injustice, including injustice arising from the effects of the climate emergency.

James' letter is all about practical theology. He expects us to put our faith into action. The Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal is an opportunity to do just that.

The 2021 Harvest Appeal is called "Water is Life". Its purpose is to bring clean safe water to communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

For many in the DRC life is hard. Inconsistent rainfall and increasingly high temperatures mean the country feels significant impact from the global climate crisis. An estimated 5 million people are at risk of cholera every year due to using unsafe water.

Working in partnership with Tearfund, "Water is Life" will resource local churches in the DRC, equipping them to bring safe clean water to the communities they serve, transforming daily lives and giving hope for the future.

Please give all you can.

Creationtide

This year we have marked the church festival of Creationtide in our liturgy. The season culminates in the Harvest Praise service when our church will be decorated by our talented Flower Team with floral decoration and produce donated by the school and the church family.

"Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad, let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them. Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; they will sing before the Lord." (Psalm 96:11-13)

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We are here as God's family, to draw closer to God, to live out our faith and welcome all into the love of God.

Practical help for the Community

Help Wanted

All Saints in Bury Park: supporting refugees and asylum seekers, urgently need men's T-shirts, *new* underwear and socks, in small & medium sizes. Alternatively, you can give donations direct to 'All Saints with Saint Peter PCC, sort code 20-53-97, account number 40121010, marked 'refugees'.

Holiday Fun Day: Friday 29th October 10am-3pm. Thank you to those who have already volunteered. Please think about helping as we need more numbers for this to be viable, especially with refreshments.

We are currently without a **Disclosure & Barring Service Administrator** (previously the criminal records bureau) to process the checks that are submitted to the Diocesan checking agency, essentially an administration task. The Administrator needs to complete Diocesan training so will be fully supported in their role. Please speak to Julie (who is Parish Safeguarding Officer) if this is something you feel God is calling you to do.

Azalea 

*If you can help **Azalea**, please call Joan Duncombe on 01582 404988 to enquire about particular food needs. Joan extends thanks to those who leaving food on her doorstep.*

**luton
Foodbank** 

Luton Food Bank expresses grateful thanks for our substantial offering last week! Your ongoing support provides aid to adults & children who are in need. Our next scheduled date for dropping of is 20th October.

 **NOAH**

Noah provides for about 50 people daily! Fruit, crisps, biscuits & cake bars are requested for packed lunch items. Items may be dropped off at Nikki West's home, 43 Summer Street.

Church Diary - September

Sunday 26th	10.30am	Harvest Praise
Monday 27th		Harvest distribution
Tuesday 28th	2.00pm	Craft & Co in the Family Room
Wednesday 29th	10.30am	Little Stars
Thursday 30th	9.30am	Bible Study in the Family Room

October

Friday 1st	7.30pm	World Day of Prayer service
Sunday 3rd	10.30am	Informal Communion
Wednesday 6th	10.30am 7.30pm	Little Stars Monthly Prayer
Thursday 7th	9.30am	Bible Study in the Family Room
Sunday 10th	10.30am	Morning Praise
Tuesday 12th	2.00pm	Craft & Co in the Family Room
Wednesday 13th	10.30am	Little Stars



Sharing what God is doing in your life

Testimonies in the church service are back. Think about how you could share how God works in your life with the church family. Not brave enough yet to share from the front? Talk to Nick or Julie about how we can share on your behalf.

Bible Study Thursdays at 9.30 am in the Family Room

The Bible study sessions resumed last week. They consist of 45 minutes discussion of the Scripture from the previous Sunday, with no need to have attended the Sunday service.