



St Paul's, Quarndon, Parish Newsletter

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2017

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.”
2 Corinthians 9:6

It feels that time has passed by so quickly since the licensing service at the beginning of September, and yet it's still early days as I continue to introduce myself as the new vicar to all and sundry. October is a busy month beginning with Harvest, a relative newcomer to the church calendar but with roots in the Jewish festival of Sukkot, or the Feast of Tabernacles, during which people are commanded to rejoice for the blessing of God's provision and care in their lives (Deuteronomy 16:14-15) and to give *tzedakah* (charity) during this time of year. As Christians we too celebrate the goodness of God in providing for our daily needs, “give us this day our daily bread” and to remember those who actually grow and harvest our food. Having grown up as the grand-daughter of a Staffordshire dairy farmer, Harvest was an important time in my home village. Produce from gardens, allotments and fields would be used to decorate the church and then auctioned off at the Harvest Supper later on during the day, sometimes to the person who had donated it in the first place! Pride of place went to the Harvest loaf, produced by the local school with assistance from members of the Mothers' Union; sheaves of corn with the obligatory harvest mouse.

These days with the amount of imported food that we take for granted, it's good to remember those overseas whose produce we use regularly. Having visited both Fairtrade and non-Fairtrade banana plantations in Costa Rica and tea plantations in Sri Lanka, I am perhaps more aware than most of the ways in which a few extra pence can change lives. It really can. Honest.

So it's been quite disconcerting to see over the last few months, that Sainsbury's and other companies are forming their own 'fairly traded' labels and leaving the Fairtrade certification scheme. A statement signed by Oxfam, Cafod, Christian Aid, the Women's Institute and several major ethical trading and co-operative groups together representing millions of consumers, urged it to rethink its plans.

“The Fairtrade mark has become synonymous with ethical trade and quality for UK consumers. Sainsbury's new scheme risks undermining all that has been achieved over the last 25 years. The standards are unclear, and farmers and producers may no longer be able to decide themselves directly how the money raised is spent to help their communities.” (The Guardian 25th June 2017).

We need to give farmers both locally and internationally the chance to sell what they produce at a fair price. That is why I encourage church members to support Fairtrade and LOAF principles – buy Local, Organic, Animal Friendly & Fair-traded. I'm the first to acknowledge that not everything in the vicarage is purchased accordingly, but we try where we can to make that difference. And that's the important thing, we try. We keep trying to make a difference in the lives of our neighbours, be they the local dairy farmers or half way around the world growing our daily cuppas.

October of course is also synonymous with shorter periods of sunlight, and towards the end of the month we pass into a time of remembering, the festivals of All Saints & All Souls (Halloween) which can be quite disconcerting. We give thanks for all those whom we have loved, who have inspired us, encouraged us and prayed for us down the centuries. We also gather together as a broken people, as we invite all those who have recently experienced a bereavement and those who continue to grieve to join a special service, 'In loving memory' which will be held at St Nick's on Sunday 29th Oct at 4pm. You are invited to bring a flower in memory of a loved one and to light a candle if you wish.

Yours in faith,

Revd Becky Mathew



FAMILY OCCASIONS

In their bereavement our prayers are with the families of Revd David Rymer and Leon Seymour.
In Baptism we have welcomed Lucia Grace Poyner.

ST PAUL'S CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR OCT/NOV

Date	Time	Service
1 Oct	10.00 am	Harvest Holy Communion
8 Oct	10.00 am	All Age Worship
	7.00 pm	FOG at St Nick's
15 Oct	10.00 am	Holy Communion (SHINE in hall)
22 Oct	10.00 am	Morning Praise
	4-6pm	Messy Church (in hall)
	7.00 pm	FOG at St Nick's
29 Oct	10.00 am	Holy Communion (joint service with St Nick's at St Paul's)
	4.00 pm	'In loving memory' service at St Nick's
5 Nov	10.00 am	Holy Communion
9 Nov	7.30 pm	PCC
12 Nov	10.00 am	Service of Remembrance
	7.00 pm	FOG at St Nick's
19 Nov	10.00 am	Holy Communion (SHINE in hall)
26 Nov	10.00 am	Morning Praise
	4.00 pm	Christingle
	7.00 pm	FOG at St Nick's

Edward Bear for pre-school children and their carers meets in church on Thursdays in term time from 2.15 to 3.30pm.

SHINE (Sunday School) meets in the lower church hall from 9.45am on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

CHURCH NEWS

Our next **Mini-outing** will be to the Children's Society Coffee Morning at St Nicholas Church, Allestree on Thursday 19th October at 10am. Then on Tuesday 28th November at 2.00pm we shall go to Fairways Garden Centre, Ashbourne to see the Christmas displays and enjoy a festive cuppa in the café. All are welcome and lifts can be arranged if needed – please telephone Jill Reed (see back page) by the day before the outing to arrange a lift.

Messy Church meets for the last time this year on **Sunday 22nd October** in the church hall from 4 till 6pm when we'll be thinking about the story of Zacchaeus. Messy church is not just for children – it's for the whole church family. All are welcome, with children or on your own, but all children must be accompanied by an adult please.

The next meeting of the **PCC** will be on Thursday 9th November at 7.30pm in the church.

St Paul's is once again joining in the **Operation Christmas Child** appeal to send shoeboxes filled with gifts to needy children in other countries this Christmas. Leaflets explaining how this works are available at the back of church, together with a few covered shoeboxes (first come, first served). A donation of £5 per box is requested to cover transportation costs. Please return your filled boxes to church by **Sunday 5th November**. If you would like to contribute to the appeal but don't feel you could fill a box, contributions of either money or small items to go in a box may be given to Mary Connell.





Our **Christingle** service this year is on **Sunday 26th November** at 4pm. All donations given at this service will go to support the work of The Children's Society.

On Thursday 19th October there will be a **Coffee Morning**, also in aid of the Children's Society, at St Nicholas' church hall, Allestree from 10 to 11.30am. Admission £1 including tea/coffee and a biscuit. There will also be stalls with Christmas cards, crafts, cakes, plants, gifts, books and bric-a-brac. All welcome.



Christmas Tree Festival
in St Paul's Church, Quarndon
Fri 8th – Sun 10th December,
in aid of the church restoration appeal.



Sponsor forms for our Christmas tree festival are now available in church. If you, or someone you know, would like to sponsor a tree (minimum donation £25) please pick up a form or speak to one of the churchwardens. Sponsors can decorate their tree on a theme of their choice or, if they prefer, we can find someone else to decorate it. There will be a prize for the best dressed tree (judged by our visitors).

COMMUNITY NEWS

You are invited to a **QUIZ NIGHT** with an African theme on Friday 13th October in Quarndon church hall from 6.45 to 9pm. Light refreshments and soft drinks will be served. Tickets: £3.50 (£10 for a family ticket) from Peter and Liz Lunn or at the door, but please let them know you are coming. All proceeds will go to the Good Samaritan School, Kirembo, Kagando (the link school to Curzon School). Tel: 01332 550144 Email: peterlunn@doctors.org.uk

QUARNDON CRICKET CLUB

QCC NEWS: It is now the end of a successful cricket season but the doors to the cricket club will not be closed. We continue to hold events throughout winter months, so do visit us. We start on 24th Sept and 8th Oct with our Car Boots. This is the perfect chance to have a declutter before Christmas or a chance to raise funds for your club, school, or just yourself. Contact Kate Dumelow for details 01332 862666.

A very special couple of hours at the club will be on **13th Oct.** Famous, high profile cricketers and sporting celebrities are taking part in the Tom Maynard Trust charity bike ride. Tom died 3years ago under sad and difficult circumstances and the cricketing community nationally raises a lot of money to help other young cricketers. They are riding from Edgbaston to Sheffield and are calling at QCC between 12 and 2. If you can, please come along and watch around 150 cyclists riding for charity. It is an honour to be asked to allow them to refresh at the club.

10th Dec we have another special guest calling at the club after 5pm to meet the children. This is the night of QCC Christmas prize draw. Hope to see you during the winter. Look out for Quizzes etc and other forthcoming events

THIS MAN is a modern oratorio, written by local composer Anne de Waal and directed by Dana de Waal. It tells the Easter story as you have never heard it before.

THIS MAN will be performed on 14th October 2017 at St Peter's Church, Belper at 7.30pm.

Booking online: thismantickets.co.uk

Box office: 01332 832537

MONTHLY ORGANISATIONS

Quarndon Friendship Group

Thursday 12th October 2.30pm we welcome Denise Copen who will tell us all about the Dwarf Games in Canada and how many medals Britain has won.

Thursday 26th October 2.30pm our guest is David Bell The Plague Doctor.

Thursday 9th November 2.30pm we will have a Social Afternoon to finalise plans for our "Fund Raising" afternoon in December.

Thursday 23rd November 2.30pm we welcome Pat Hall for an afternoon of entertainment.

Women's Institute

We meet on the first Thursday of most months. Most meetings are currently held in Members' houses. Please 'phone 550478 for details.

Ecclesbourne Barn Dance Club meets fortnightly on Tuesdays 7.30pm at Quarndon church hall. A fun and friendly way of keeping fit. New members, including beginners, assured of a warm welcome. Enquiries to Rene Dobson 558908 or Peter Parkin 558571.

Church Hall bookings

The church hall is available for private or group hire and this can now be done through our church website. Just visit www.stpaulsquarndon.org.uk and click on 'Hall Hire' to complete an online booking form. Alternatively you can telephone or email Pat Glover (see below).

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The deadline for copy for the newsletter is the 16th of the previous month, so copy for the Dec/Jan edition must be with the editor no later than **16th November**, please.