

Services & Diary Dates

Monday	28th	0930 Morning Prayer
Tuesday Michael and All Angels	29th	0930 Morning Prayer 1930 Eucharist
Wednesday	30th	0945 Morning Prayer 1030 Eucharist with Dedication to David Buck 2000 Online Prayer (Zoom)
Thursday	1st	0930 Morning Prayer
Friday	2nd	1900 Junior and Mens' Choir Practice
Saturday	3rd	
Sunday	4th	0800 Said Eucharist 0915 Said Parish Communion 10:15 APCM

REMINDERS:

Use hand sanitiser upon arrival

Re-use and bring own copy of the Order of Service

Maintain Social Distancing 2m inside the church and 1m plus outside

Wear face coverings

Do not touch anything you do not need to.

This weekly Pew Sheet and the Order of Service is available online. Click on the button and download a copy, **together with on-going video availability of the Sunday service on the website (from 12noon).**

News

IMPORTANT: Use the QR Code - NHS Test & Trace at the entrance at all times when you enter the church. This is the latest guidance that we should do so since this is now a legal requirement when a church is used for an activity other than worship.

Today's Collection is in aid of The

Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal:

If you can help, please use the labelled yellow 'Harvest' envelopes. If claiming Gift Aid, please complete with full details. Thank you. 'Create a Buzz in Nepal' raises funds to promote/facilitate cottage beekeeping in small communities and on a wider scale maintain the biodiversity, environment and enhance crop production in Nepal.

ELECTORAL ROLL:

Our APCM is to be held on **Sunday 4th Oct** the Electoral Roll is being formally revised, so if you are not already on the Roll and wish to be included, please complete an Application form and place it in the wooden box (both at the back of the Church). The Roll will close today until after the APCM.

The Eucharist on Wed, 30th Sep @10:30am will be dedicated to David Buck. Please join us.

Thank you to the Flower Team for a wonderful Harvest display and to all donors who have contributed funds

Welcome

Sunday 27th September 2020

Harvest Festival

Services Today

10am Family Communion

Coffee in the Hall - SUSPENDED for now.

Youth & Children's Church (YACC)

Today: YACC session for the youngest age group takes place in the Hall within the Govt's COVID-19 guidelines.

Age 2½ to Reception - Hall

(Younger children including babies who are accompanied are very welcome)

In place of a sermon, there will be an All Age Talk.

Music

No Hymns to be sung by the congregation

Congregational setting: Said Gloria
(The Choir will sing the Sanctus and Benedictus)

Choir: For the beauty of the earth
Praise O praise our God and King Darke in F
Greene - Thou visitest the earth

Organ: Prelude Richard Shephard (b.1949)
Marche Triomphale Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

This week we pray for all who live and work in Attimore Close and The Old Drive.

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Collect

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.

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

You will also be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Luke 12: 16-30

Jesus told the people a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly.

And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?"

Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."

But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you - you of little faith!

And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying.

For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.'

Next Readings: Sunday 4 October 2020

Isaiah 5: 1 - 7; Philippians 3: 4b - 14; Matthew 21: 33 - 46