



WELLOW & SHERFIELD ENGLISH

Parish Newsletter

September 2023



Letter from our Vicar, Rector and Area Dean

September marks the 'end of Summer' (although there may be some Summer Weather!). It is the time when people return to School, or start at a new School. Some others start at College, or University, or start a new job. It may also be that you haven't been to Church in a while and are thinking of going back for the first time.

We hope that, if you come to one of the services, you will be made welcome – we are all quite friendly! Harvest Celebrations start soon – do look out for Harvest Services and Harvest Suppers.

Yours, James

Rev'd James Pitkin - romseyareadean@gmail.com

Letters from Churchwardens

St Margaret's, East with West Wellow

As we move into September we can possibly be forgiven for asking "where did summer go?"

Our Autumn will be busy, starting with the Amaryllis Concert at the beginning of September – then Harvest Supper and Harvest Festival, moving on to All Souls and Remembrance Sunday and before we know it Christmas will be beckoning.

I hope we will get good news soon, with worthy applicants for the post of House for Duty Priest.

In conclusion I place on record the PCC's appreciation to John Henderson for his sterling work as our Treasurer, as well as Sheila's earlier service as a Churchwarden. John, you have done an excellent job over such a long period, and we wish you and Sheila well as you retire and move to Salisbury.

Roy Perry, St Margaret's Churchwarden

Messages from Peter Castle [Methodist Local Lay Pastor, Landford, Wellow and Canada Common area] :

Last Thursday of the month "Reflections" services at the Methodist Chapel (Canada Common, West Wellow SO51 6DH – all at 1 p.m.) over the next three months will address the subject of "Incarnation":

28th September: "Incarnation the need"

26th October: "Incarnation the promise"

30th November: "Incarnation the reality"

On Saturday 23rd September, Tim Cosby from the Bible Society will talk about the Society's work in Ukraine and elsewhere at two local venues as follows:

Landford Methodist Church Hall, Lyndhurst Road, Landford, SP5 2AF at 10.30 a.m.

Canada Common Chapel (as above) at 2.00 p.m.

Tim will also take questions on "Open the Book" and any other topics participants may wish to ask about.

Questions and answers, refreshments, donations, etc. Any large groups, please book in advance!

Contact pandccastle@hotmail.co.uk for further info.

St Leonard's, Sherfield English

I doubt if I'm alone in hoping for a late summer as we head into September. August, at least, has got the hang of the better weather as I write this. Our Songs of Praise family service – which has recently become an August tradition – got a summery twist and became 'Hymns and Pimms'. A small glass of that most British of beverages whetted everyone's whistle for the myriad of favourite hymns chosen in advance by several members of the congregation. With over thirty in attendance, it had a real celebratory feel as we spilled out into the sunshine afterwards.

17th September will bring our Harvest Festival, and a Ploughman's Lunch will be served afterwards. As always, everyone is welcome but (if you can) please let one of the churchwardens know in advance if you will be coming. There are worse things than running out of cheese, but I do not know of many. The Reverend Nick Grew and his wife, Christine, have been invited as guests to that service and I'm delighted that they are able to come. Nick became our first port of call for important services during the vacancy (where James was already committed to Thorngate) and this will be our chance to thank him for everything that he did.

On 11th September I am picking up a brand-new card reader for the church. This – at the request of some of our younger members – will allow people to use a credit or debit card for the service collection, informal donation, or payments at the regular coffee mornings or other events. We have been granted the reader by Winchester Diocese at a hugely reduced cost, but we will have to give it back if it doesn't get used. It may seem an odd concept in a traditional world, but with an increasingly cashless society I'm sure it will soon prove its worth.

Finally, we have three baptisms in September – possibly a record for the month! We have already had a good number this year, and it is always a pleasure to welcome families into St Leonard's. Long may it continue!

Clare Durham, St Leonard's Churchwarden

St Margaret's Services and Events

St Margaret's Services, Readers and Sidespersons for September 2023

September 2023		Reader 1	Reader 2	Sidesperson
3rd	Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Lesley Mackay	Ann Jarrett	Ann Jarrett
10th	Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	John Parr	Mel King	John Parr
17th	Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Gael Clemett	Debbie Waldron	Margery Thomas
24th	Holy Communion (said) 8.15 a.m. Matins 9.15 a.m.	Paul Newby	Naomi Shrimpton	Paul Newby
1st October Harvest Festival	Holy Communion 9.15 a.m.	Sheila Scott	Carl Donnelly	Sheila Scott

Sunday 3rd September, 4.00 p.m.: "Amaryllis" Concert at St Margaret's Church in aid of roof restoration and other repairs.

Amaryllis (Singers) and Keith Tomkinson (Organist): Madrigals to modern songs.

Tickets £10 (including refreshments afterwards in the Church Rooms) from Sue Harder (01794 322874)

Saturday 30th September, Harvest Supper in Wellow Village Hall; details available soon from Lesley Mackay (01794 322570)

Saturday 25th November, Christmas Market. If you wish to book a table, please contact Lesley (as above).

Meanwhile, every week in the Church Rooms : (Transport can be arranged if needed)

Seasonal Lunch, Tuesday from 12 noon;

Coffee and Chat, Thursday from 10.30 a.m.

St Leonard's Services and Events

3rd September – Holy Communion (Revd James Pitkin)

10th September – Modern Morning Prayer (Clare Durham)

17th September – Harvest Festival followed by Ploughman's Lunch (Revd James Pitkin)

24th September – Modern Morning Prayer (Clare Durham)

1st October – Holy Communion (Revd James Pitkin)

8th October – Modern Morning Prayer (Julia Noble)

[All services are in St Leonard's at 11.00 a.m.]

The following events also take place in St Leonard's Church:

Saturday 2nd September, 10.30 a.m. – Coffee Morning

Saturday 7th October, 10.30 a.m. – Coffee Morning

Lectionary Listings for use in both Churches

Date	Sunday	Old Testament Reading	Psalm	New Testament	Gospel Reading
3 Sep	Trinity 13	Jeremiah 15.15-21	Psalm 26.1-8	Romans 12.9-21	Matthew 16.21-28
10 Sep	Trinity 14	Ezekiel 33.7-11	Psalm 119.33-40	Romans 13.8-14	Matthew 18.15-20
17 Sep	Trinity 15	Genesis 50.15-21	Psalm 103.[1-7]8-13*	Romans 14.1-12	Matthew 18.21-35
24 Sep	Trinity 16	Jonah 3.10 – 4.11	Psalm 145.1-8	Philippians 1.21-30	Matthew 20.1-16
1 Oct	Trinity 17	Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32	Psalm 25.1-8	Philippians 2.1-13	Matthew 21.23-32
8 Oct	Trinity 18	Isaiah 5.1-7	Psalm 80.9-17	Philippians 3.4b-14	Matthew 21.33-46

In case of ambiguity, Readers should not hesitate to consult the Celebrant to check which variant is required.

St Margaret's Church, East with West Wellow and St Leonard's Church, Sherfield English

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