

A message from Si, our vicar:

Dear St John's,

This Sunday is our Harvest Service. When I look at the variety and quality of the food on the shelves in our supermarkets, I realise how blessed we are compared to much of the world's population. We know also that there is food poverty among people in our community. That's why it is so good we can help internationally by supporting the Bishop's Harvest Appeal and locally by bringing items to church for Food Bank. Let's thank the Lord for the resources we have and give generously.

This Week's Bible Reading:

Genesis 3:1-24 'You will be like God' and Psalm 135: 5-12

The Collect:

God,  
who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit  
upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
Grant that your people may be fervent  
in the fellowship of the gospel;  
that, always abiding in you,  
they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### What's On This Week:

**Sunday 28th 9.00am: Holy Communion Service** (& refreshments in the lounge afterwards)

**Sunday 28th 11.00am: All age Harvest Service** (& refreshments in the hall afterwards) Children are welcome to stay in the service and there is also a relay in the lounge for parents to take their child to if desired.

**Sunday 28th 8.30pm Zoom Prayer Meeting** for half an hour. Everyone is welcome to join us for this; there is no pressure to pray out loud. The zoom meeting link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85963653180>

Midweek Home Bible Study Groups - See Karl Turner for details

Monday 29th 6.30pm CYFA

Tuesday 30th 6.15pm Explorers and 7.30pm Pathfinders

Wednesday 1st 10.30am: Mums bible study

#### Catch Up:

If you miss the Sunday sermon, you can watch a video of it on the St Johns YouTube Channel. It's usually uploaded on a Monday.

### Dates for your Diary:

12th October 1-3pm. All are welcome to an open house at the vicarage. Please RSVP to Mim at [mr.and.mrs.walker@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mr.and.mrs.walker@hotmail.co.uk).

11th October: Keekle Mission celebrating 150 years. Tea and cake in the hall 2-4pm with a display of photographs.

15th November: Women's Day, St John's Church Hall. The day will commence at 10am and close at 1pm with picnic lunch after.

22nd November 3pm: Winter Concert at St Mary's, Westfield

### News:

- Donations to the bishops harvest appeal can be made by bank transfer (please use reference Harvest) or via the card reader at the back of church (please select the option "Harvest 2025"). See the screenshot [here](#). Simply select Harvest and you'll be able to give in multiples of £5 or select your own amount. See screenshot [here](#)
- Jema and Donny send their thanks for the gifts that were given for them to take to Argentina. They are now with the Walkers in Argentina and are hoping to support and encourage them.
- An annual update from UFM has been received, along with a letter of thanks for our continued support. You can find the report on the mission board at the back of church.

### Volunteering Opportunities:

1 Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. We have boards in the church hall that list some of the many opportunities available and we encourage you to prayerfully consider where you could use your gifts to serve others. Have a chat with Sue in the office to explore some different options . A chat doesn't commit you to anything.

**We have a current desperate need for midweek youth leaders.**

### Please pray for:

- David Maudling, Christopher Vaughan, Sam Ford-Powell, Sophie Murfitt, Phil Holland. Emily Lane
- Val Curran and her family as they mourn the loss of Brian.
- The churches in our mission community

### Praise God for:

- Our mid week youth groups are continuing to grow and thrive. At Pathfinders this week, we had twenty seven 11-14 year olds - the noise, fun and laughter during the games was really loud, but when it came to the talk, you could hear a pin drop. Praise God for engaged and listening hearts.
- Answered prayer. We keep seeing and hearing about God's answer to persistent prayer. From small things to huge things, praise God that He knows what we need and when we need it.

### Pastoral Visiting:

Si and the pastoral visiting team are available to visit you at home, or elsewhere if you prefer. Pastoral care is very important to us, so please don't be afraid to ask for a visit. To organise a visit, please get in touch with Sue on 07563473620 or [office@stjohnshensingham.org.uk](mailto:office@stjohnshensingham.org.uk)