

# Sue's News

## Services

Still going well and we now have the choir singing which is lovely and nearly normal—please let me know if you wish to attend

## Harvest

We will celebrate Harvest Festival on Sunday, 4 October 20 and the hymns will reflect this. Harvest gifts will be given to the Diocese “Family Support Work” and can be tins, packets or a financial donation placed in an envelope marked “Harvest Giving” and put in the collection plate at the back of church (cheques made payable to Family Support Work).

## APCM

The Diocese have informed us we must hold the delayed (from April/May) APCM before the end of October. We have selected the date of Wednesday, 14 October 2020. This would not be our usual night of the week but this is to allow 72 hours from Sunday. The meeting will be at 7pm and we do not yet know whether this will be in Church-with a maximum of 30 people (we never usually have that many ) or by zoom.

Before the date I will circulate papers electronically to as many as possible and Val and I will try and deliver hard copies to those not on emails.

If you wish to be nominated to the PCC please let me know-ensuring you let me have the names and contact details for your proposer and seconder. If you wish to propose someone make sure you have their permission first.

We have 5 vacancies this year although 3 of those standing down (end of three year tenure) have indicated they will stand again.

It is also the year for electing new Deanery Synod reps-we are entitled to 3 and they stand for 3 years so if you would like to consider this the role means you would be a member of the PCC and attend those meetings (approx. 6 per year) plus Deanery Synod meetings (I think 4 per year).

Currently all PCC meetings are by Zoom.

Please give me a ring or an email if there is anything you wish to discuss further

## Church Opening

The Church will be open during the week on **WEDNESDAYS from 2-5pm** and **Sundays for Services at 9.45 a.m** -if you have any questions drop me a line and do let me know if you plan to attend on Sunday

## Your own Notes

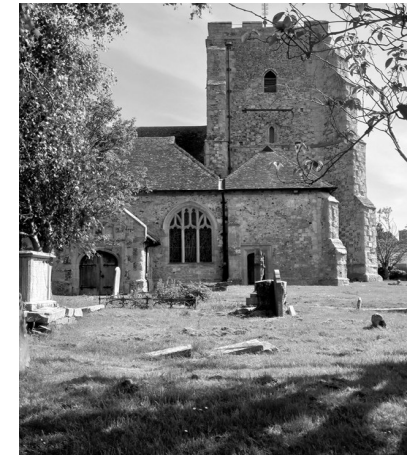
Final date for copy for the November newsletter:  
Monday 19th October

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**If you would be happy to receive this by email,  
please let me know**

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**ST MARY'S CHURCH  
WESTHAM  
OCTOBER 2020**



Verses for harvest:

**Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.**

*James 1:17*

**The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.**

*Psalms 85:12*

# Sunday services for October

## Sunday 4th \*

9.45 am Service with Holy Communion  
Readings; Isaiah 5:1-8 [Psalm 80:9-17](#)  
Phil 3:4b-14 Matt 21:33-end

## Sunday 11th \*

9.45 am Service with Holy Communion  
Readings: Isaiah 25:1-9 [Psalm 23](#)  
Phil 4:1-9 Matt 22:1-14  
Readings for Evensong  
Prov 3:1-18 33-44 [Psalm 139: 1-18](#)  
1 John 3:1-15 *Gospel*: Mark 10: 17-31

## Sunday 18th: \*

9.45 am Service with Holy Communion  
Readings Isaiah 35: 3-6 [Psalm 147:1-7](#)  
2 Tim 4: 5-17 Luke 10:1-9

## Sunday 25th: (Bible Sunday) \*

9.45 am Service with Holy Communion  
Readings: Lev 19:1,2:15-18 [Psalm 1](#)  
1 Thess 2:1-8 Matt 22:34-end

### Bible Sunday Readings:

Neh 8:1-4a,8-12 [Psalm 119:9-16](#)  
Col 3:12-17 Matt24:30-35

\* please be aware that things may change and make sure you let Sue Davies know if you plan to attend



All good gifts around us  
Are sent from heaven above  
Then thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord  
For all His love.

For the fruits of His creation  
Thanks be to God  
For His gifts to every nation  
Thanks be to God

For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping;  
Future needs in earth's safe keeping  
Thanks be to God.

God of all ages and Lord for all time,  
Creator of all things in perfect design:  
For fields ripe for harvest, for rich golden  
grain,  
For beauty in nature we thank You again.

## Prayer and Praise

### A harvest prayer:

Father in heaven, all good gifts come from you. You send the sunshine and the rain, and it is through your love and care that we can enjoy harvest time. Thank you for providing so richly for our needs, and help us to share the good things we have with those who have little or nothing.

Lord in your mercy

Dear Lord we ask you to protect all who worship at St Mary's. We are so grateful for the support of Frances and our visiting Vicars and all those who support the Church. We pray that we will soon have a new Vicar to lead us forward in love and praise of you

Lord in your mercy

Loving Father we continue to pray for all our young people returning to school, college or university. We ask that you support their teachers in helping them to settle in and overcome any fears or worries they or their families may have. We pray for the safety and protection of all.

Lord in your mercy

We especially bring to you in Prayer Dennis and Elizabeth, Janet and George, Sue and Andrew, Michael and Kay, Joyce and Dennis, Terry, Freda, Doreen, Angela, Daphne, Geraldine, Kathy Carter, Gill and Cynthia, Yvonne and Martin, Jenny and Julia.

We ask that you bring your love and special blessing on Sue Clark, Sandra Johnson, Elizabeth and the Morley family, and Mathew and Ellie, Bruce Richard and family, Julia and Jenny as they mourn the loss of family and friends, Colin and Amanda and the Jakes family as they mourn the loss of Amanda's 13 year old nephew and to others known to us

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.