



All Saints' Church

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Sunday 20th September

9.45am Morning Worship led by David White

Readings

Jonah 3 v 10 - 4 v 10
Philippians 1 vv 21-end

Hymns

470 Lord for the years
668 Teach me, my God and King
351 In Christ alone
557 Let him to whom we now belong

Thought for the week: Matthew 20 vv 1 – 16

The owner in the parable pays all the workers enough to support their families. In Jesus' day many small farmers were being forced off their land because of debt they incurred to pay Roman taxes. Consequently, large pools of unemployed men gathered each morning, hoping to be hired for the day. They were the displaced, unemployed, and underemployed workers of their day. Those still waiting at five o'clock have little chance of earning enough to buy food for their families that day. Yet the vineyard owner pays even them a full day's wage.

If the vineyard owner represents God, this is a powerful message that in God's kingdom, displaced and unemployed workers find work that meets their needs and the needs of those who depend on them.

Theology of Work Project

Blessings, Caroline

Morning Prayer at 9am and **Eucharist** at 9.30am continue on Tuesday mornings. Evening Prayer is on Fridays at 4pm. All welcome.

“Coffee, Chat and Play”: everyone is welcome to enjoy some fellowship and time together from 10 - 11.30am on Tuesday mornings in the Lower Hall.

Friendship Club is meeting at 2.30pm on **Tuesday 22nd September**. Peter Bryant will be speaking about Community First Responders.

Creation tide: Revd Caroline will be leading a series of study group sessions to celebrate Creation tide on **Thursdays at 2pm** with the next session on **Thursday 24th September**. Please contact Caroline for the Zoom joining link. All welcome.

Zoom Compline: the next Compline service will be on **Thursday 24th September** at 8.45pm. Please contact Chris Billington for the Zoom link.

Our **Harvest Service** will take place on **Sunday 4th October** and we shall be decorating the church on the morning of **Saturday 3rd October** between 10 am and 12noon. `please come and help and raid your gardens and hedgerows or search, on the day, in the church garden. If you are able to contribute but not on that morning/day do let me know. I am sure alternatives can be arranged. Thank you. Sylvia Smith (text/email or in person)

Pastoral Coordinators' Meeting: the next meeting will be on **Thursday 24th September** at 10.30 am in the church.

You may remember that in December we had a request for old candles for Ukraine. Linda Black, one of our circuit stewards, has sent a new request – this time they will be sending **sleeping bags to Ukraine** in early October. If anyone has any unwanted sleeping bags which are still in a good condition, please bring them to church in the next week, and I will arrange collection. Please leave them next to the table at the entrance to the church. Many thanks. David Pain

The **DENS** team extends a heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who kindly donated so generously to last week's DENS food bank collection at Berkhamsted Waitrose which was a great success. Over two days, they received a staggering 987kg of food items, which is enough to provide 2,350 meals for those most in need. 215kg of household and hygiene items were also donated. More details of all the work DENS does is at www.dens.org.uk

Action for Children: a thank you letter from Action for Children is on display in the passageway to the Lower Hall.

The Leprosy Mission: £722 including gift aid was raised at the recent tea party - thank you to everyone who contributed.

Phakamisa: on 25th September Revd Jonathan Gordon is hoping to cycle around the Isle of Wight to raise money to support Phakamisa. If you would like to donate please go to: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jonathan-gordon-5?>
More details of the work of Phakamisa can be found at <https://phakamisa.org/>

Service streaming: the link to watch the service on Sundays is: <https://www.youtube.com/@Allsaintshp4/live>

Prayer Requests

For: Jonathan and Ann Hayes; Terry; James; Doug Billington; Penny; Heather Gifford;

We pray for an end to war and suffering in the Middle East and the other parts of the world where there is ongoing conflict. We pray for peace and respect for the rules of international law among the nations;

We pray for all those affected by recent disasters, and we pray that the changes in our climate will be treated seriously;

We pray for those who find it hard to provide for their families, and for all those who work for a more just society. And we remember all those refugees who are seeking safety and peace in our country, praying for greater understanding of what they have suffered;

We pray for those who are helped by Embrace the Middle East, Karibuni Children; the Leprosy Mission; Phakamisa, DENS; the Way Inn; the Swan Youth Project and for all those who work in these organisations.

We continue to pray for those whose need is ongoing:

Julia Wright; Corinne & William; Gary Andersen; Charlie; Graham Rule; Clare Hancock; Valerie Ruddock; Jenny Wells; Marnie Taylor; Lesley Whittaker; Chris Billington; Mark, Nicola and family; Helen and Sarah; Marion and Julian; Jean Emsall; Ida; Audrey and Paul



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