



## All Saints' Church

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## Sunday 27th September

### 9.45am Holy Communion led by Revd Caroline Wickens

#### Readings

Philippians 2 vv 1 – 13  
Matthew 21 vv 23 – 32

#### Hymns

99 All creatures of our God and King  
317 At the name of Jesus  
595 Lord, we have come at your own invitation  
449 Lord of creation, to you be all praise!

#### Thought for the week: Matthew 21 vv 23 – 32

Jesus tells a story of obedience, disobedience and two sons. I imagine the sons as rebellious teenagers, each challenging their father's authority in their own way. The second son is skilled in subversion, countering his father's instruction with honeyed words that lead nowhere. The first is blunt in his refusal: "I don't want to".

Which one does right? The one who is able to acknowledge that he has made a mistake and acted wrongly – the one who has the humility to get over his pique and get on with the task in hand.

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 Toddlers”**: everyone is welcome to enjoy some fellowship and time together from 10 - 11.30am on Tuesday mornings in the Lower Hall.

**Friendship Club** meets at 2.30pm on Tuesday afternoons in the Lower Hall. This week Karen and David from Ley Hill will be bringing songs and poems for the season.

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

Our **Harvest Thanksgiving Service**, which will be All Age Morning Worship is **next 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).

**Bike 'n Hike** on 12th September: thank you to everyone who donated or helped on the day. A total of £675 was raised with 50% returning to All Saints. John and Heather Wignall

Does anyone know of a 4-wheel walker which is no longer needed? St Martha's have been asked if we can find one to send to Ghana. If you do, please let Rosemary Berdinner know - 01442 822305 - so she can arrange to pick it up and pass it on. Many thanks.

The **Way Inn** is so much more than a Post Office, it is a Christian presence on our High Street. Over the coming weeks we will be welcoming our Christmas stock so why not pop in to pick up an Advent Calendar, choose your Christmas cards or select a gift? There will also be some Christmas books at bargain prices and local produce.

The Way Inn is run by a Christian Charity which is looking for some new trustees. Is this something you or someone you know might be able to do? Please pray about it and speak to The Way Inn to find out more.

**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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