



All Saints' Church

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Sunday 4th October

9.45am All Age Harvest Thanksgiving led by Revd Caroline Wickens

Readings

Genesis 2: vv 4b - 9, 15

Matthew 6: vv 25 - 33

Hymns

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| 130 | We plough the fields, and scatter |
| 125 | Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer |
| 122 | God, whose farm is all creation |
| 123 | Come, ye thankful people, come |

Thought for the week: Harvest

Not so safely gathered in, in recent years. Climate change, floods and disease have taken their toll.

As we sing the joyful hymns and admire the harvest display, give us compassion and understanding which moves beyond our dismay at the increased prices in our shops, into prayer and active concern for those whose livelihood depends on the harvest in all its forms.

Carolyn Morris, in Acorns and Archangels, Wild Goose

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 will be a Harvest Festival.

This Sunday (4th October) is our **Harvest Thanksgiving Service**, which will be All Age Morning Worship. Our harvest gifts will go to DENS, who are particularly looking for tinned food such as baked beans, tomatoes, vegetables, chickpeas and sweetcorn. Also, long-life milk, rice, squash, biscuits and tea bags. Our monetary gifts will be shared between **USPG** - their Smart Waste We Care programme is helping create healthier, more sustainable communities in Madagascar and the **All We Can Harvest Appeal** – striving for a world where every community has the power, dignity, and resources to lead their own future, creating just societies. More details of both appeals can be found at [USPG Harvest Appeal](#) and [All We Can Harvest Appeal](#). The Red Bucket will be out on Sunday, but where possible monetary donations should be made through online banking into the All Saints' CAF Bank account: sort code 40-52-40, account number 00021409, account name “All Saints Church Berkhamsted”. Please quote **Harvest** and your **surname** as the reference. For those without online banking, a cheque made payable to “All Saints Church Berkhamsted” (with a note saying Harvest Appeal) can be given to the Church Treasurer: Michael Robinson, 36 Trevelyan Way, Berkhamsted, Herts HP4 1JH.

Whichever way you donate, we will add 25% to your donation by claiming Gift Aid on it where we hold a declaration from you. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Zoom Compline: the next Compline service will be on **Thursday 8th October** at 8.45pm. Everyone welcome and please contact Chris Billington for the Zoom link.

Can someone stand in to make coffee at All Saints on Sunday 18th October, please?
I am at a wedding on 18th October and cannot make coffee at All Saints. If someone can stand in for me please can you let me know? Thank you. Heather Wignall

On **Sunday 1st November**, All Saints Day, very appropriately we shall have a special service to welcome several people in our congregation into membership at All Saints'. It will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in the Lower Hall. All are welcome to join us for lunch.

Circuit Vacancies: The West Herts & Borders Circuit is seeking to make three key appointments to its staff team:

- Circuit Administrator (17.5 hours per week)
- Circuit Safeguarding Officer (10 hours per week)
- Circuit Property Officer (10 hours per week)

These are permanent posts at a salary of £36,000 per annum FTE (£19.78 per hour) Applicants are welcome to apply for one or more of these posts. Closing date is Friday 16th October. For a job description, person specification and application form, please contact office@highstreet.church

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; Joshua Pryce

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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