

# WHEATHILL PRIORY BENEFICE

*“Jesus Lives: Follow Him”*

*Sunday 19 September 2021 Harvest*

We come this weekend to sing of the God who gives the harvest:

We wait the plants that grow from the seed,

But it's God who gives the harvest.

Walks around our villages, drives along the road have all reinforced to us that it is harvest time. We've heard the noise as combine harvesters have sought to bring in the grain in good time, dodging all that the weather has thrown in recent weeks. Farmers, tractor drivers, machinery and much more has been worked to the limit and now, 'all is safely gathered in', or maybe not quite given the vagaries of the weather!

But what does harvest mean?

- Provision of grain, meal, food for human and beast
- An awareness of our relationship with fields and soil around us
- In homes and gardens dealing with gluts in beans/courgette/tomatoes or other produce
- Apples on walls and at gates and more

So we come to give thanks and to remember that everything we have is a gift from God and his grace and goodness towards us.

So how are we going to cultivate an attitude of thankfulness? Maybe we can ensure that each day includes 'thank you' maybe to God, and others, like those who help us, to our family and our friends.

Maybe too we can think about how we use the food we have in our fridges, store cupboards and on our plates, ensuring that we use it well and wisely. 'Meat free Monday' is one possibility. Asking about where our vegetables, meat or fish come from is another. Harvest is a reminder and an encouragement to us to be mindful in our approach.

Finally let's pray for and support the farmers in our community and encourage them.

## **Bible Readings**

### **Sunday 12 September Psalm**

**8:30 am Holy Communion Barton St David**

**11:00am Harvest Thanksgiving Keinton Mandeville**

Monday Psalm 44, 2 Chronicles 2:1-16, Mark 12:28-34

### **9am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville**

Tuesday Psalm 49, 1 Kings 19:15-end, 2 Timothy 3:14-end **St Matthew's Day**

Wednesday Psalm 119:57-80, 2 Chronicles 5, Mark 13:1-13

Thursday Psalm 57, 2 Chronicles 6:1-21, Mark 13:14-23

### **9am Morning Prayer in Lydford Church and on Zoom**

Friday Psalm 51, 2 Chronicles 6:22-end, Mark 13:24-31

Saturday Psalm 68 2 Chronicles 7, Mark 13:32-end

### **Sunday 26 September 8:30am Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse**

**10:30am Morning Prayer Barton St David**

**4pm Faith 'n Fun Keinton Mandeville Churchyard**

Our guidelines for how we're gathering for worship for the next month accompany this email but headlines are:

- We're recommencing singing
- We will continue to film and livestream/record & post to YouTube
- We're encouraging the wearing of masks
- We continue to take details of who is present for track and trace
- You can either sit in close proximity with someone or be distanced (if you want to be distanced please take a notice and put it on the pew beside you)
- Communion continues to be administered in pews and in one kind only

The Benefice Council discussed these guidelines this week recently and have decided to continue as we are at this time

**Morning Prayer has restarted in Lydford Church at 9am on Thursday 9 September, we will be using Zoom so that those in other parishes can also join in. It will restart in Barton St David once the Living in Love and Faith Course has ended.**

## Phone Church

We have set up a phone line that you can use (for the cost of a local call so probably free for most) to listen to a reading, the reflection and prayers of intercession for the week. The phone number is **01458 552155**. The service will be available from Monday morning.

There is also the Church of England Daily Hope phone line, which has hymns, prayers and reflection



## YouTube

Our weekly worship continues to be available on YouTube, we hope to livestream the services as they happen, so from 10:30am. If that fails we will upload them after the service. You can find the service here:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9tB\\_kpGA8SZwwyE9AmKvmg/videos?view=57](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9tB_kpGA8SZwwyE9AmKvmg/videos?view=57)

## Forthcoming worship

26/9/21 8:30am Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse

10:30am Morning Prayer Barton St David

4pm Faith 'n Fun Keinton Mandeville Churchyard

3/10/21 8:30am Morning Prayer Keinton Mandeville

10:30am Holy Communion Lydford on Fosse

10/10/21 Benefice Service Kingweston Guest Preacher from Safe Families

**Zoom Details:****Topic: Morning Prayer****Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8750238874?pwd=dkpVVnNoZnhvcUJCeVNsYTdJRHZOZz09>

Meeting ID: 875 0238 8874

Passcode: 115224

**Living in Love and Faith Course**

Tuesday evenings on Zoom on 28 September, 5, 12, 19 October, 2, 9 November  
7:00 – 9:00pm on Zoom

Wednesday mornings onsite in St John's Glastonbury on 29 September, 6, 13,  
20 October, 3, 10 November 10:00am – 12:00pm

To book please email: <mailto:llf.glastonbury@gmail.com>

If you'd like more information then please speak to Jane

**Bible Book Club**

Bible Book club is reading the Book of Jonah and next meets on 6 October  
7:30pm in Lydford Chancel. Why not come along & see what happens?