

**The Parish Church of St Mary
Hilton with Marston-on-Dove**

October 2018



**NOTICES AND
SERVICES**

Services in October

Tuesday 2nd October

11.00am Holy Communion at Percy Wood Close

Sunday 7th October

11.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

With 'Good News Crew'

Sunday 14th October

9.30am Holy Communion

11.00am Family Service

3.30pm Baptisms

Sunday 21st October

11.00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 28th October

11.00am Family Communion

Future Events:

Sunday 25th November 3.30pm Christingle



Please note new contact details



Vicar: Currently in interregnum – please contact the main number or speak to the churchwardens

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Funerals:

September 6th

Jennifer Tolley

CHURCH NOTICES:



Flowers in Church You would be very welcome to put flowers in Church or give a donation for flowers to remember a special occasion or anniversary. If you would like to do this please speak to Sue Hibbert.

Thank you.

Stamp collection There is a collecting box for used postage stamps in the Church porch for 'Oxfam'.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Next Meeting: Tuesday 13th November 2018 at 7.30pm, in the Schoolroom

PCC Members: Mrs. S. Aiton; Mrs. E. Barber (Churchwarden); Mrs. H. Brown (Hon. Treasurer); Mr. A. Hibbert (Churchwarden); Mr. S. Johnson; Mr. B. Keane; Mrs W. Morris; Mr. J. Murphie (Hon. Secretary); Miss C. Owen; Mrs. L. Rees-Jones; Mrs. P. Roberts; Mrs. H. Stone; Mr. P. Walton-Knight; Mr N Brown

DIY Bible Study

In our DIY Bible Study this month, we look at Harvest thanksgiving. The thoughts and questions are adapted from the book '100 Stand-Alone Bible Studies' by Penelope Wilcock.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Exodus 23: 10-11

“For six years you are to sow your fields and harvest the crops, but during the seventh year let the land lie unploughed and unused. Then the poor among your people may get food from it, and the wild animals may eat what is left. Do the same with your vineyard and your olive grove.”

Exodus 23: 16

“Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the firstfruits of the crops you sow in our field. Celebrate the Festival of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field.”

Leviticus 23: 22 (see also Leviticus 19: 9-10)

“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the Lord your God.”

Galatians 6: 7-10

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

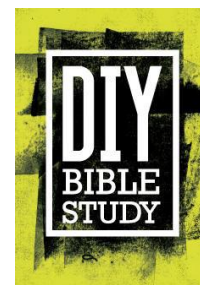
Thinking about it...

In our first passage from Exodus 23, we look at the strong themes of justice and the well-being of creation in the Law. The land, the animals, and the people are all to enjoy a rhythm of Sabbath rest. What is important is not the rigid religious observance of particular days (see Matthew 12:1-12), but the principle of compassion for both animal and human workers who need rest, and allowing the land to rest and recover. We ignore the Sabbath principle at our peril. The second passage from Exodus reminds us of the importance of giving thanks to God, and the passage from Leviticus reminds us to share, and to make space for the poor and needy to better ourselves.

In our New Testament passages we remember that harvest is about how we live our whole lives, not just food, and the true harvest of God is a faithful soul.

A few questions...

- What do you consider your life's main crop?
- What have you gleaned from other people's lives and work?
- How is the principle of the Sabbath expressed in your life?



A prayer

Lord of the harvest, we bring you thanks for the abundant blessing of our lives. Thank you for all that has nourished us – good food, wise words, simple kindness, and love. We acknowledge that all we have comes from you. Help us to live that we ourselves become part of your harvest of love, remembering compassion, justice and kindness in our daily lives, and observing the principle of Sabbath rest in appropriate boundaries so that the rhythm of our lives is attuned to peace. Our prayer we ask in Jesus' holy name; Amen.