

**ST GILES CHURCH**  
KINDNESS COMPASSION COMMUNITY  
IN CHRIST'S LOVE

**Sunday, October 1st, 2023**

**HARVEST OFFERINGS - A REMINDER!**

This year we're having a good old-fashioned Harvest Festival display inside the church, with the congregation bringing offerings a week or so in advance. Whatever you feel you could spare or are happy donating (the usual tins, packets, jars, UHT milk, etc) will be gratefully received.

All donations will be taken by the churchwarden team to the Halo Centre in Coventry, which is home to the Coventry Foodbank main office and warehouse, providing emergency food parcels to 12 foodbanks across the city.

Thank you in advance for anything you donate. Any questions please contact Andy Clark or anyone on the Churchwardens' team.

In addition to the above, it would be great to have some fresh produce to enhance the harvest decorations in the church. If you have anything you can offer, be it home-grown or shop bought, will be welcomed.

Please bring contributions to the church on:

Friday 6th October between 7.00 pm and 8.00 pm

or

Saturday 7th October between 9.30 am and 10.30 am

*If you can stay and help with the decorating – even better!*

*And don't forget ... our Ploughman's Harvest Supper next Saturday, October 7th, at 7pm. See Tina Watkins or Kathryn Unsworth for tickets and more details*

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## **Thank you for your generosity this year**

Funds raised for Tearfund £315

Funds raised for Christians Against Poverty £105

Both organisations have emailed this week to thank our wonderful congregation for our generosity and all money will go directly towards the vital work they do.

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Bedworth Life Church is making its final trip of the year to Ukraine to help people there prepare for winter. They have particularly requested:

- Sleeping bags and sleeping mats
- Aspirin, Paracetamol, Ibuprofen
- Cough medicines and cold remedies

If you can donate anything, please drop it off at the office or bring it to church by *Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>* at the latest.

Thank you



If you have been knitting or crocheting poppies for our **Remembrance Day** display, please can you drop them into the office or bring them to church by **Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup>**.

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## Services this Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion

11.30 All Age Worship

5pm Evening Prayer

## What's on this week

## Tuesday October 3rd at 7pm

Compline followed by small group study *Wonder* in church

## Wednesday October 4th at 10.30am

Holy Communion in church

*no craft club this week*

## Saturday October 7th at 7pm

Ploughman's Harvest Supper and Barn Dance in the main hall

## Services next Sunday, October 8th

8am Quiet Communion

9.30am Holy Communion

11.30am All Age Worship

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## Keeping us safe on Remembrance Sunday

Our annual Act of Remembrance around the war memorial in Exhall is an important and valued opportunity to gather as a community to remember those who gave their lives for the freedoms we enjoy today.

Road closures are essential in order for us to hold this event safely and these cost over £600 each year. These costs are not automatically covered by the Council so we rely on donations to cover them. Any donation you could make to ensure the event can continue to go ahead would be greatly appreciated.

A donation box is available in Church and can also be handed in to the Church Office. Cheques should be made payable to Exhall PCC but please put 'Remembrance Road Closures' on the

back. If you are giving cash, again please put 'Remembrance Road Closure' on the envelope.

BACs transfer details are:

Acct name: Parochial Church Council of Exhall

Acct No.: 78802609

Sort Code: 09 01 54

Ref: Rem23

*Thank you for your generous support and we look forward to seeing you at the event on November 12th at 10.45 am*

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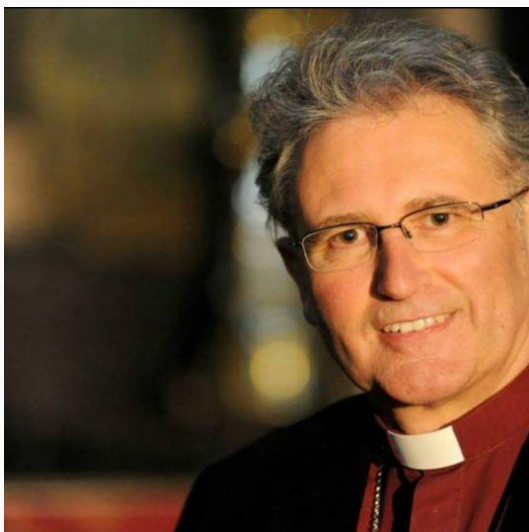
**HALF-TERM  
ALL HALLOWS FAMILY PARTY**

TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER  
4 - 5.30PM  
ST GILES CHURCH, MAIN HALL

**Whole family fun!  
Crafts, games,  
competitions,  
hot dog and a drink**

To book your place please contact  
St Giles Church Office  
02476 368008  
[office@stgileschurhexhall.info](mailto:office@stgileschurhexhall.info)

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### **An invitation to Bishop Christopher's farewell service**

A farewell service is being planned for Bishop Christopher following his appointment as the next Dean of Windsor which takes place at Coventry Cathedral on Saturday 4th November at 2.00pm. It would mean a great deal to Bishop Christopher if representatives from all parishes could attend. To help with our practical arrangements on the

day, please [click on this link](#) to confirm numbers.

## Bible readings for this week



### 2 Corinthians 9: 6 – 14

Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

As it is written:

‘They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;  
their righteousness endures for ever.’

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.

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### **Luke 12: 16 – 30**

And he told them this parable: ‘The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, “What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.”

‘Then he said, “This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”

‘But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?” ‘This is how it will be with whoever stores up



things for themselves but is not rich towards God.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: they do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them.

And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

'Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them.



Prayers for our church, our parish and our world

Pray that we may be more thankful for what we have.

Pray that we may be willing givers of our time, talents and money.

Pray for those in financial need.

Pray for the ill and bereaved known to us.

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above.  
Then thank the Lord O thank the Lord  
for all his love.  
Matthias Claudius.*

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#### **PRAYERS and HOME COMMUNION**

To add a name the prayer list or arrange Home Communion please contact Penny in the parish office 024 7636 8008.

#### **The PRAYER CHAIN**

If you or anyone you know, needs prayer urgently call Chris on 07717 523512 who will pass your request through the chain.

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## **Collect for this week**

Gracious God,  
you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief  
and banish our anxieties

with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**Please keep in touch**

We'd love to know what you're up to and if there's anything you would like adding to the newsletter

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