

14th Sunday after Trinity 24th September 2017

Our weather becomes more and more autumnal and our Harvest service is now only 2 weeks away. Please make sure that you have put your name down if you are coming, so we can make sure we have enough space. Please could you also check and confirm what needs to be brought along so we avoid bringing 30 quiches and no salads! Joss Covell is in charge of the list in Felicity's absence.

We will be decorating the church with fresh produce from the garden, so if anyone has marrows, beans, tomatoes those would be welcome, as well as any tins that we can either distribute around the parish or give to Basics Bank to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Work is expected to start on Monday on the re-rendering of the church, with the first batch of lime render delivered last week. Let's keep praying for good weather – not too wet, cold or hot! A good English compromise of halfway house would be good!

A number of our congregation are away at the moment and we wish them safe journeys and a safe return to the fold.

We had a PCC meeting last Monday and the principal decision was that we would apply for a faculty for the removal of a pew in the north transept and install a cupboard to house the choir robes. This will help reduce the congestion in the corridor outside the kitchen and also avoid the health and safety risk of collisions between people carrying heavy trays of hot drinks and choir members trying to get back to disrobe. A curtain screen will be normally separate the choir area from the church but can be swept back when the rear pews are needed for seating. The screen would be similar to that by the organ behind which Leo retreats to play the organ.

We also resolved to apply for consent to install new drainage for the rainwater downpipe at the corner of the north transept and the aisle, to avoid damp and risk of settlement.

As ever in Christ's service

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THIS WEEK: HARVEST 24 September 2017
St Nicholas' Chapel, Pilley: 8.00am Holy Communion
St Mary's South Baddesley: 9.30am Matins BCP
St John's Boldre: 10.30am HARVEST FESTIVAL & Children's Club
St John's Boldre: 6.30pm Choral Evensong

For Prayer This Week

For those who are recovering from operations; For all affected by the hurricanes in the Caribbean
Rest in Peace: Wilf Higgins, Maureen Snellgrove, Richard Fitzwilliam

Activities This Week

Tue 26 Sep - 10.30am Vintage Fitness. Seated exercise to music at St Nicholas' Pilley & refreshment
Wed 27 Sep - 10.30am St Nicholas' Pilley, Communion + Coffee
Thu 28 Sep - 10.30am Vintage Fitness. As on Tuesdays

NEXT WEEK: TRINITY 16 1 October 2017
St Nicholas' Chapel, Pilley: 8.00am Holy Communion
St John's Boldre: 10.30am PET SERVICE
St Mary's South Baddesley: 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Dates for the Diary 2017

Sun 8 Oct - 11am Harvest Festival - followed by Bring & Share Lunch in School Hall
Sun 8 Oct - 3.00pm St Nicholas' Chapel - Sally on Rwanda
Sun 29 Oct - All Souls Service 3pm St Mary's
Sat 11 Nov - 7.00pm Memorial Hall - Benefice Quiz St J v St M
Sun 3 Dec - 3.00pm St Mary's - Ecumenical Advent Service

At the end of October we hope to have an **All Souls service** held at **3pm 29th October** and you are all invited to attend this reflective service to remember and give thanks for someone whom you love, and has died. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in the course of the service and we are hoping to provide tea and cakes for after the service. Please contact me or the Churchwardens if you are hoping to come along, so we can accommodate all who want to come. If you should know anyone outside our congregation who might like to come, please invite them as we seek to offer this service to all who have been bereaved.

More details of **Remembrance Sunday** will be issued in October.

