

St Chad's Church Tushingham

Newsletter

Services for September 2018.

Sunday 2 nd September	6.30pm	Evening Prayer at Old St. Chad's Church Celtic Prayer
Sunday 9 th September	9.00am	Holy Communion B.C.P.
Sunday 16 th September	9.00am	Holy Communion C.W..
Sunday 23 rd September	6.30pm	Deanery Songs of Praise at Cholmondeley Chapel
Sunday 30 th September	11.00am	Harvest Thanksgiving United Benefice Service

Sidespersons Rota

Reader

2 nd Sept.	Mr A. Dawson	Mr H. Probin
9 th Sept.	Mr P Moore Dutton	Mrs V. Moore Dutton
16 th Sept.	Mr J. Probin	Mrs R. Clare
23 rd Sept.	at Cholmondeley Chapel	
30 th Sept.	Mr M. Voisey	Mrs D. Nichols

Flower Rota

2 nd Sept.	Mrs V. Moore Dutton
9 th Sept.	Mrs E. Darlington
16 th Sept.	Mrs J. Williams
30 th Sept.	Mrs C. Walley

Brass Rota

September	Miss J. Peake
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Coffee Hostesses

30 th Sept.	Miss L. Mountford Miss J. Peake
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The Alpha Course starts on Tuesday 4th September at The Cheshire Wildlife Centre at Bickley Hall Farm. For more information please contact our Vicar.

Vicar's Letter

September 2018

It's almost Harvest Festival time again!

But do you know that the Festival as we celebrate it today was 'invented' as recently as the 1840's?

Although part of the church calendar since medieval times, it had gradually been forgotten until Robert Stephen Hawker, the Vicar of Morwentstow in Cornwall, decided to change things...

To call Reverend Hawker an eccentric would almost be an understatement, for his behaviour was as colourful as his 'non-clerical' clothes. He talked to the birds, excommunicated his cat for mousing on Sundays, and kept a large pig as a pet!

He was, however, also greatly loved by his parishioners so when, on October 1st 1843, he invited them to a new kind of harvest festival they were happy to approve his efforts, which had included decking the church from top to toe with vegetables, flowers, fruit and bread. Indeed so popular was Revd. Hawker's version of Harvest Festival that it soon became accepted everywhere.

This year's theme for our Harvest is 'Gathering'. There are many ways we can use this word to inspire and encourage: the gathering of crops, fruit and vegetables, the gathering of people, the gathering of our thanks to the God who provides, and the gathering of gifts for others who are in need...

There is something within our human nature that wills us to gather or bring together, something that roots us in community; 'a rolling stone' may 'gather no moss' but is that always a good thing?

Isaiah the prophet reminds us that God tends his flock like a shepherd, gathering lambs tenderly and lovingly in his arms...

Harvest is just one of the many reasons for 'gathering', so as we come together over the weeks and months for various events in our communities, enriching the lives of one another, let us give thanks to a God who values us all enough to bring us together as one...

Yours as ever....

Veronica. X

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 4th Sept. Pop Up Shop & Chat, with Tea and Coffee. 10.00am - noon.
We hope to continue the meeting and coffee element of this, on the first Tuesday of the month during winter.

Friday 28th Sept. Fashion Show 7.00pm in Church. A fun evening with fabulous clothes. Only £2.50 with a drink and nibbles.
All are welcome.

Sunday 30th Sept. Tushingam Harvest Thanksgiving Service 11.00am

Monday 1st October Tushingam Harvest Social and Sale at Cholmondeley Coronation Hall at 7.30pm. Mr Mike Hearn will be our auctioneer for the evening. £2.50 including supper.
Again all are welcome.

Tuesday 2nd October Macefen, Tushingam and Bradley Parish Meeting in Tushingam Church at 7.00pm.

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NB: Please try to avoid contacting Veronica on Mondays

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