

Notices for St. George's Church.

Harvest Festival

7.15am Morning Prayer
 8.00am Said Eucharist
 10.00am Sung All-Age Eucharist and Parade Service

Readings for 10.00am:

Deuteronomy 8 v7-18

Luke 12 v16-30

Hymns:

Introit	705	We plough the fields
Gradual		O what a wonderful world
Offertory	26	All things bright and beautiful
Communion	54	Beauty for brokenness
	221	God whose farm
Recessional	754	You shall go out with joy

Harvest Gifts

This year any fresh produce and monetary gifts will be donated to the **Shrublands Foodbank**. Please remember that St. George's is a collection point for donations to the Shrublands Foodbank



throughout the year and their list of most-wanted items is on the reverse of this pewsheet.

Dry goods will be collected by the **Manna Society** for their work with the homeless and vulnerably housed in Southwark.



This week at St. George's:

PLEASE NOTE THAT LADY CHAPEL IS OUT OF USE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Monday:

10.30–12 noon Pop-In – Church open for private prayer until noon
 8.00pm Bible Reading Group

Tuesday:

Barry's Day Off

Wednesday:

7.45am Morning Prayer
 5.00pm Evening Prayer
 7.30pm Faith Pictures (see panel)

Thursday:

9.00am Morning Prayer
 9.30am Said Eucharist
 5.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday:

9.00am Morning Prayer
 5.00pm Evening Prayer

Saturday:

9.30am Morning Prayer
 (Church then open 10.00 until 12.00 noon)

15th October

10.00am Morning Prayer

Dates for your Diary:

- **Sunday 5th November 4.00pm All Souls Memorial Service** (see list in the porch)
- **Saturday 18th Nov: Christmas Fayre**

Large print versions of this pewsheet etc are available.

General Notices

8th October 2017

Harvest Flowers and Deep Clean – a big thank you to all those who helped in any way yesterday with either or both of the flowers and cleaning. All of your contributions were very much appreciated.

Harvest Supper – a big thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the excellent Harvest Supper last night. A special thanks to Heather Barker for organizing the food, to Steve and Dawn barrett for the table quizzes and to Eric Baldwin-Smith for the dancing. A great evening for everyone who came.

"Faith Pictures is a fresh way to talk about things that matter." Sessions will be held at the home of Ray and Susan Wheeler, 88 Palace View, Shirley at Wed 11 Oct; Wed 25 Oct; Tue 7 Nov; Wed 22 Nov; and Wed 13 Dec. Please speak to Ray or Susan or phone **020 8777 5271** for more details of this free course.



80th Anniversary Celebration

5.00pm: 80th Anniversary Eucharist with +Jonathan followed by a meal + drinks

Please note that there will be no 8am or 10am Eucharist that day – please make every effort to be there to welcome the bishop and other guests

Refreshments following the Anniversary Service will take the form of a Hog Roast and dessert (with Licensed Bar). Donations to help pay for the meal (approximately £10 per person) would be greatly appreciated but please don't let that deter you if you can't make a donation. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Floating Shelter – Shirley Methodist are once again hosting a Floating Shelter on Sunday nights in November/December. For more information and to find how you can offer your support please see the notice in the Porch.

Please remember in your prayers ...
those in acute need, among them: Anne; Mia Keane & Stacey; Brian; Keith Bowler; Casey McGee; Tom; Mark Hare
those whose need is ongoing, among them: Bill Gibson; Alexander Clarke; Melvyn Demmen; Garth Smith; Valerie Hambling; Martin Pitt; Barbara Ramschit; Lindsey Morgan; Elizabeth Smith; Peter Smith; Sarraounia Samuels; Valerie Duncan; Vera Ventham; Christina; Jean; Joshua Dovey; Wendy Hurst & family; Julie; Carol; Elizabeth Lovell
<i>Please let Barry know (barryhengist@gmail.com or 020 8654 8747) of any changes in the prayer needs of those listed above or of new people to be added</i>
any who have died recently:
those whose anniversary of death falls soon: John Kelly; Russell Arthur Hobbs; Edith Violet Nelson; Roger Alan Hepden; Robin Brian Simnett; Sam Ventham; Barabara Dean Coell

SUNDAY

8th October 2017 8.00am

Harvest Festival

COLLECT

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 8 v7-18

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Psalm 65

8.00am only

R. Be joyful in God, all the earth.
Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.
To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;
when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away.
Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there.
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of
your house, even of your holy temple. **R**

With wonders, you will answer us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.
In your strength, you set fast the mountains and are girded about with might.
You still the raging of the seas,
the roaring of their waves and the clamour of the peoples.
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels;
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise. **R**

You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.
The river of God is full of water;
you prepare grain for your people,
for so you provide for the earth.
You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.
You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness
and the hills be girded with joy.
May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep
and the valleys stand so thick with corn that they shall laugh and sing. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 9 v6-15

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'
He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in

every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

GOSPEL

Luke 12 v16-30

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' He 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 clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you — you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

POST COMMUNION

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**