

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL 1ST OCTOBER 2017**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL:** Today we celebrate Harvest Festival. Thanks to all who have decorated the church and helped to make it look so beautiful. Thank you for all the donations of dry goods displayed in the church today which will be taken to St. Marks Foodbank during the week.

**CHORAL EVENSONG:** Today at 5.30pm. A termly service with choral singing.

**POP-UP HOBBIES:** This Tuesday, 3rd October. This informal group meets on the first and third Tuesday morning of each month in church together from 11:00-12:30pm. If you have a hobby or craft that you enjoy doing bring it along with you. It is an opportunity to share your enthusiasms, no matter what they are, with others or just come along and have a chat and a coffee further information please speak to Debbie Partridge (07951 826309).

**PARISH OFFICE:** We welcome Debbie Partridge who is joining the Parish Office and working as a Parish Administrator alongside Penny. Debbie will be working on Monday (1:30-4:30pm), Thursday (10:30-1:30pm) and Friday (1.30-4.30pm) This is in addition to the normal office hours, Tues & Thurs 10:00am-4:00pm and Wed, 10:30am-1:30pm..

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE:** In their revised Local Plan, Waverley Borough Council (WBC) has increased Witley Parish's allocation of homes to be built by 2032 from 380 to 480. There will be a public meeting to be arranged later in the year. To find out more about the increased allocation go to [www.waverley.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.waverley.gov.uk/localplan) or see poster in the porch.

**WOMENS' AND MENS' GROUPS:** These informal groups have been running on the 2nd and 3rd Monday of the month respectively, meeting in the Star and the White Hart. If you are interested in joining these groups or have ideas on how they might be improved please see Ann.

**YOUNG SAINTS:** We are very short of leaders and helpers for Young Saints, if anyone can help in any way please do talk to Elvie. The format is quite simple and we have a syllabus to follow, we are always looking for new and exciting ways to guide the children so any ideas will be welcomed.

**HELP NEEDED:** Please think about volunteering to help with the following jobs on a rota basis.;

- Little Saints on Fridays, serving tea, coffee and toast from 8.30 – 10.30
- Washing, starching and ironing the white cloths used at communion and the altar cloths from time to time  
Attending and helping at Baptisms – 11.45 – 12.30. Baptisms are usually on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday so duties only come once or twice a year if enough people are willing to help
  - Serving at 9.45 services – training is givenIf you would like to know more about any of these jobs or to volunteer, please speak to Ann, Elvie or Brenda.

**CARER'S AFTERNOON TEA & EVENSONG:** Thursday, 12th October 2017 at 3:30pm followed by Evensong in the Cathedral at 5:30pm. Please see flyers at the back for more information or email: [emma.beswick@coeguildford.org.uk](mailto:emma.beswick@coeguildford.org.uk) for tickets.

**A FUTURE AND A HOPE:** Ladies you are invited to a Springs evening on Thursday, 19th October, 7:30 Wine & Cheese 8:00 start at St. Christopher's Church, Haslemere. Springs is a small group of women from different churches in Haslemere. For further information please see flyers at the back of the church or contact [jill.soar@clear-skies.com](mailto:jill.soar@clear-skies.com)

**TUESDAY COMMUNION:** Every Tuesday at 10.00am there is a said communion service at St. John's Milford which some of us attend regularly. Everyone is welcome to this half hour service with tea or coffee as an optional extra

afterwards. This is a haven of peace in a busy week and an excellent opportunity to share the heart of our faith with our near neighbours in the church where our Area Dean is Vicar.

**WINTERSHALL:** Please see flyers at the back of the church for this year's performance of the Nativity during December..

**DIARY FOR THE WEEK:**

Mon, 2nd	12:00pm	Funeral of Martha Cresswell followed by burial
Tues, 3rd	9:45am	Pop-up coffee
	11:00am	Pop-up hobbies
	8:00pm	Band practice
Wed, 4th	10:30am	Open the book at Witley Infants
	10:15am-1:30am	CAMEO
Thurs, 5th	9:30am	Open the Book at Chandler
Fri 6th	9:00-10:30am	Little Saints
	11:00am	Holy Communion
	6:15-8:30pm	Choir Practice
Sun, 8th	8:00am	Holy Communion
	9:45am	Parish Communion followed by coffee

**FORTHCOMING:**

**ALL SOULS DAY – SATURDAY, 4th November, 2 :30pm**

**ALL SAINTS DAY-SUNDAY 5th November Gift Day**

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 12th November, 9:45am**