

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

St John's: A place of worship where all are welcome

## Services in October

### 7th October:

- 9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.30am All-Age Harvest Festival
- 6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

### 14th October:

- 9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.30am Holy Communion (CW)

### 21st October:

- 9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.30pm Morning Worship (CW)

### 28th October:

- 9.00am Matins (BCP)
- 10.30am Holy Communion (CW)

BCP - Book of Common Prayer  
 CW - Common Worship (Modern Language)

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## A View from the Vicarage

September is typically a time of new beginnings. After the Summer holidays, September often marks the start of something new – a new term at school or college, a new role at work and so on. That has certainly been the case for myself and my family this year. A new home and two new jobs in the space of a fortnight is not for the faint-hearted!

Helen, James (9), Alice (7) and myself are extremely grateful for the warm welcome we have received since we arrived in Ashton Hayes at the start of September. The Vicarage and the village have already begun to feel like home, and we look forward to getting to know many more of you over the coming weeks.

Having spent the last five years leading St. Michael's Church in Gidea Park, Essex, I'm excited about the new challenge of leading St. John's ministry in Ashton Hayes and Mouldsworth. My vision is for our church to grow spiritually and numerically, not least by investing in good Bible teaching, quality children's work and reordering our church building.

As well as serving as vicar of St. John's, half of my time will be spent teaching and training future clergy at St. Mellitus College in Liverpool. St. Mellitus is the Church of England's fastest growing theological college, with over five hundred students at four centres across the country, including over a hundred here in the North West. I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to help educate and equip a new generation of Christian leaders in our region.

In fact, the Christian faith is all about new beginnings. Whatever our age or stage of life, God offers forgiveness and a fresh start to everyone who puts their faith in Jesus. So do join us at St. John's this Autumn as we seek to grow in faith together!

With every blessing,  
 Phil Weston and family



## Welcome to Phil and Helen



'Hi. I'm here to install the new vicar.'

## CENTENARY OF THE END OF WWI

The Parish Council would like to invite the whole community to be involved in marking this important anniversary. There will be a workshop in the Village Hall on Sunday October 14th between 2.00 and 4.00 pm to make poppies of various kinds to use during the celebration and for display in the village. This activity is for all ages and will be a chance to meet old and new friends and learn some new skills. Everyone is welcome — and there will be cake and conversation to aid the creativity. We are also intending to hold a special all age celebration on November 11th from 2.00 - 4.00 pm in the Village Hall. For further information contact margaretpapworth@icloud.com.

In addition, we are seeking other ideas and expressions of interest from village organisations and individuals for ways to mark the occasion. There is some information on the church website [www.ashtonhayes.church](http://www.ashtonhayes.church) under Parish History about the war memorial and a list of the names of those who died. If anyone has any information about those individuals we would be grateful to receive it. Any other memories about people who were involved in this war in any way are also welcome. We plan to have a display in the church of photos, paintings, letters, poems, stories etc. Please contact Barbara Craven at [spyhill4@hotmail.com](mailto:spyhill4@hotmail.com) if you can help in any way

### 100 Club

The winning numbers in August's draw were  
 48 12 25 1



**Pause for Thought**

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**He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate – bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens human hearts, oil to make their faces shine, and bread that sustains their hearts.**  
*Psalm 104:14-15*

It's that time of year when we celebrate the Harvest and the abundance of food on our supermarket shelves. However, it is also a time when we should give thanks for our farmers who are outside in all weathers and battling against a multiplicity of odds — snow, rain and drought.

But let's also remember that in the midst of our good fortune there are those who have no, or very little, food to sustain them. There are places in our world where the harvests have failed and people starve and, closer to home, there may be food on the shelves in our shops but, many have insufficient funds to buy it and so rely on Food Banks and the good will of others.

Even in the bad years, there is sufficient food globally for everyone — God has provided — but only if we share. It's sad that whilst obesity is fast becoming the scourge of the West there are still those throughout our world who are starving and dying. So, give thanks for what we have and show our generosity to others.

**The Cheesy Quiz**

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 Thank you to everyone who bought a quiz sheet — we made £120 for the church's building fund. The names that went into the hat were David Parry, Rob and Samantha Walker, Shirley and Guy Saville, Kate and Martin Slack, Philip and Alan Goodall, Marjorie Moss, Diana Riley and the Meara family. Philip and Alan Goodall were the lucky winners of the champagne.

Thanks,  
 Lesley

**Reminders**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL & HARVEST LUNCH**  
**7th October**

Our annual Harvest Festival will take place in church at 10.30 am in church and will be followed by our "Bring and Share" Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall.

Bring along your harvest gifts for *Save the Family* (tins and packets with at least a three month shelf life) and a plate of food to share with your friends and neighbours.

**CHURCHYARD TIDY UP**  
**20th October**

If you can spare a couple of hours to help us tidy up the churchyard, come and join us on Saturday, 20th October. We shall be working from 10am until 12.30pm but tea, coffee and cake will be provided.

Please bring your own tools!

**Looking Forward**

**World War 1 Remembrance**  
**11th November**

The Service of Remembrance to mark the centenary of the end of WW1 will take place in church at 10.45 am but there will also be a gathering in the Village Hall between 2pm and 4pm for a village celebration.

**"Waldeck"**

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**Young People at St John's**

**Sunday Club**

Takes place on the second Sunday of the month (10:15-11:45am) in the Village Hall. It is for all ages with creativity helping us to think about the world and what we should be doing in it.

**Breakfast Film Club**

We meet on the fourth Sunday of the month (10-12) at the lovely Brook House, Gongar Lane. It is a chance to settle down with a bacon buttie and a good flick, picked to encourage conversation about society and how we react to it.

Nominally for Key stage 2 and upwards but we will give out titles and warn in advance if a film may be too 'challenging' for younger children.

**Midweek Club**

The Mid-Week Club meets every Wednesday during term time from 6-7pm at the village hall. There'll be crafts, games, stories & activities.

**Youth Café**

We are thinking of organising a teenage café for anyone between the ages of 12 and 16 but ideas are still in the early planning stage.

If you are interested follow the St John's Facebook or Twitter pages or drop us a line at [stjohn@ashtonhayes.church](mailto:stjohn@ashtonhayes.church).



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