

HARVEST THANKSGIVING CHORAL MASS

Processional Hymn: 355
Setting: Stanford in C/F

Collect Prayer

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

A reading from Letter of Paul to the Philippians Phil 2.1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: 459

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Matthew Glory to you, O Lord Matthew 21.23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?'

And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 358
Communion Motet: For the beauty of the earth (John Rutter)
Post-Communion Hymn: 363
Voluntary: *Nun danket alle Gott (Marche Triomphale)*
Op. 65. No. 59, (Sigfrid Karg-Elert)

CHORAL EVENSONG

Responses: Sanders
Psalm(s): 120, 123 & 124
First Lesson: Ezekiel 37.15-end
Hymn: 349 (t.ii)
Canticles: Dyson in F
Second Lesson: 1 John 2.22-emd
Anthem: The Heavens are Telling (F Josef Haydn)
Hymn: 378 (t.i)
Voluntary: *Nun danket alle Gott*, BWV 657 (J S Bach)

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 27th September - Harvest Thanksgiving

- For Michaelmas, for those ordained at this time, for this season of fruitfulness and for all the God's goodness to us
- ❖ The Church of Bangladesh

Monday 28th September

- Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Vocations
- ❖ Central Buganda - The Church of Uganda
- Joan Yates; Thomas Watton

Tuesday 29th September - Michael & All Angels

- Diocesan Directors of People & Ministry Development, Human Resources & Wellbeing
- ❖ West Buganda - The Church of Uganda
- George Smith; Edith Bond

Wednesday 30th September - Jerome

- Diocesan Rural Chaplaincy
- ❖ Buhiga - The Anglican Church of Burundi
- Alfred Dain; Ronald Wood; Ian Silcock

Thursday 1st October - Remigius;

Anthony Ashley-Cooper

- tbc
- ❖ Bujumbura - The Anglican Church of Burundi
- Ellen Faulker; John Griffin; Beatrice Topham
Betty Metcalf; Margaret Parker

Friday 2nd October

- tbc
- ❖ Bukavu - The Anglican Church of Congo

Saturday 3rd October - George Bell

- tbc
- ❖ Bukedi - The Church of Uganda
- Ernest Caudwell

- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ❖ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- Year's Mind

Vicar: *The parish is in vacancy*

Clergy Team: Revd Iain Faulkner; Revd John Pinder-Packard; Revd Steven Tricklebank

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Our prayers have been asked for:

Tony Ragan; Ralph Turner; John Nickols; Cathy; Joan Melbourne; Trevor Crane; Elise Wilson; Joshua Wilson; Anthony Duce; Rose Evans; Judith Butler; Gwen Hallam; Philip Webb; Adrian Bradley; Ian Brunton

➤ Elizabeth Marples, RIP

Sunday Coffee

Here is a gentle reminder that continuing to offer refreshments in the Parish Centre after Mass on Sundays is only viable if there are enough willing volunteers and sufficient donations to cover costs!

Christmas Tree Festival 2026

Saturday 14th - Sunday 29th November. The volunteer stewarding rota is now available at the back of church. Please sign up!

Lunchtime Recitals

The next recital is at 12.15pm on Thursday 1st October with Highcliffe Brass Ensemble. Free entry with retiring collection.

Chesterfield Studios - A Night in the West End

Bringing together West End star Ashley Stillburn, Rose Choir, Chesterfield Studios and live orchestra. Saturday 3rd October, 7.30pm. FFI & tickets: www.chesterfieldstudios.co.uk

Other dates for your diary (details to follow):

Candlelight® Concerts - Saturday 24th October
Adam Holmes Concert - Friday 6th November

Next Sunday - 4th October - Dedication Festival

10.30 Choral Mass
Readings: Hebrews 12.18-24
Matthew 21.12-16

18.30 Choral Evensong
Readings: Psalm(s) 132
Jeremiah 7.1-11
1 Corinthians 3.9-17

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Saint Mary & All Saints

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PARISH CHURCH



We may have an excellent ear for music, without being able to perform in any kind;
we may judge well of poetry, without being poets, or possessing the least of a poetic vein;
but we can have no tolerable notion of goodness without being tolerably good.

*Anthony Ashley-Cooper (1801 - 85)
7th Earl of Shaftesbury,
Social Reformer
Commemorated 1st October*

Please note that, during the vacancy, all Services are subject to the availability of visiting clergy.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING (27th September 2026)

09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's)
10.30 Choral Mass
18.30 Choral Evensong

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

*(*Subject to Clergy Availability*)*

Monday Mass 12.15
Tuesday Mass 09.30
Wednesday Holy Communion (1662) 09.30
Thursday Mass 17.30
Friday Mass 12.15
Saturday *Suspended during the vacancy*
Next Sunday *See back page*

*Morning and Evening Prayer Services
are suspended during the vacancy*

*The church is open for private prayer and
for viewing Monday-Saturday 10.00 - 16.00*

*Please note that Sundays are reserved
for Services only (all welcome)*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thursday 1st October
Lunchtime Recital 12.15

Friday 2nd October
Tower Tour 14.30

Saturday 3rd October
Tower Tour 14.30
Chesterfield Studios Concert 19.30

Full details of events can be found at crookedspire.org, on the notices displayed in church, or from the organisers.

**Please respect those who wish to prepare for Mass in quiet prayer;
also those who wish to listen to the closing Organ Voluntary.
Refreshments are offered in the Parish Centre after Sunday Mass.**