

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick: Shelagh Almond, Pauline Baker, Harry Banks, Polly Barclay, Charlie Bartlett, Mary Bartlett, Emma Brindle, Karen Brown, Harley Byrne, Diane, Frankie Cooper, Rhiannon Crick, Mandy Daly, Debbie, Win Dennis, Gary Downes, Eric Edwin, Sam Fathers, Ed Freeman, Ed Fuller, Emma Hayward, Laura Hearne, Heidi, Gill Hynes, Enid Ingle, Julie, Margaret Keech, Helen Macabe, Victoria Martin, Jackie O'Shea, Susan Pearson, Donna Prior, June Simmonds, Heid Simon, Darren Smith, Robin Stokoe, Hazel Suffolk, Carol Vanner, Gary Williamson, Hilary Wilson and Sarah Wilson
The Prosper family.

The departed:

We endeavour to keep this list up-to-date; if you have any questions, please speak to Beverley, Liz or one of the readers.

The years mind 29th John Lodyngton, Margaret Lodyngton
30th Constance Farmer, Emma Hawthorn, Ivy Taylor, Ellen Wildman
1st Edith Peck
2nd Richard Harlow, Winifred Moxham, Rose Vincent
3rd Louise Desborough, Joseph Milner, Laura Radwell, Heinz Schwartz, Michael Warner,
4th Nancy Robinson
5th Hubertine Andreff

NOTICES

BIBLE STUDY meets each Wednesday at 7pm on Zoom. If you would like to join us, please contact David Young on 01525 404947 or dryoungl@btinternet.com Each meeting is independent and you can join as many, or as few, as suits you.

MACMILLAN POSH COFFEE Monday 30th September 10.30 to 12.30. Posh coffee/tea, decadent cakes, good company. Come and bring all friends and neighbours, everyone welcome. All proceeds to Macmillan Cancer Support. If anyone is able to help by making a cake, we would be very grateful. Thank you

PHOTOGRAPHS PLEASE For the Benefice Profile recent photographs of church events and activities are needed as soon as possible. Please ensure you have permission from anyone appearing in them. Please send to bennettsl@btinternet.com

ART EXHIBITION NEXT WEEKEND- Please help to make this a big success. We need cakes for refreshments, raffle prizes and volunteers to serve refreshments, sell raffle tickets and steward in the church. Can you spare an hour or so? Please sign up on the rotas in the church porch or see Beverley. Please spread the word to encourage people to come along Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 11am-4pm.

Sunday afternoon 4.30pm (Please note the time) come to Harvest Praise followed by a Harvest Buffet. ALL WELCOME

Please ensure that notices are with Beverley by Wednesday for inclusion in the next pew sheet.

ST ANDREW'S | AMPHILL

WITH ST MICHAEL'S, MILLBROOK, AND ST LAWRENCE'S, STEPPINGLEY

THIS SUNDAY

Sunday 29th September

8.00am Morning Prayer
9.30am Harvest Festival

18th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrew's, Ampthill Pippa Kilgour
St Andrew's, Ampthill Rev'd Guy Buckler

Hymns: 289 – Come ye thankful people, 415 – Praise and thanksgiving, 104 – For the beauty of the earth, 290 – We plough the fields and scatter

Anthem: Thou visitest the earth - Greene

Recessional: Pastorale -Simper

11.15am Morning Praise St Lawrence's, Steppingley Stella Brooks
11.15am Said Eucharist St Michael's, Millbrook Rev'd Guy Buckler
4.30p.m Harvest Praise St Andrew's, Ampthill Pippa Kilgour

DURING THE WEEK

Monday 30th 10.30am -12.30pm Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Chapter House
Tuesday 1st 9.15am-11.00am Little Stars in the Chapter House
2.30pm Visiting bell-ringers Quarter Peal
7.30pm Preservation Society in the Chapter House
Wednesday 2nd 10.15am-11.30am Mum and Baby Yoga in the Chapter House
1.00pm -3.00pm Tai Chi in the Chapter House
Thursday 3rd 10.00am Said Eucharist at St Andrew's Rev'd Andy Jefferson
10.15am-11.30am Mum and Baby Yoga in the Chapter House
7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice at St Andrew's
Friday 4th 7.30pm Art Exhibition Preview (invite only)
Saturday 5th 10.00am – 5.00pm Art Exhibition
Sunday 6th 11.00am – 4.00pm Art Exhibition

Morning Prayer is said at 9am each weekday at St Andrew's.

NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday 6th October

8.00am Said Eucharist
9.30am Parish Eucharist
11.15am Worship Together
11.15am Harvest Festival

19th Sunday after Trinity

St Andrew's, Ampthill Rev'd Anne Barker
St Andrew's, Ampthill Rev'd Anne Barker
St Lawrence's, Steppingley Stella Brooks
St Michael's, Millbrook Rev'd Anne Barker

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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.**

READINGS

A reading from the book of the prophet Joel

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

This is the word of the Lord.

Joel 2. 21-27

Thanks be to God

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to Timothy

⁶There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: ²⁵Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Matthew 6: 25-33

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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**