

## The Wykeham Benefice Pewsheets for Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup> 2018

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

#### Collect

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.

#### Joel 2:21-27

Surely he has done great things!

<sup>21</sup> Do not be afraid, land of Judah;  
be glad and rejoice.

Surely the LORD has done great things!

<sup>22</sup> Do not be afraid, you wild animals,  
for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green.

The trees are bearing their fruit;  
the fig tree and the vine yield their riches.

<sup>23</sup> Be glad, people of Zion,  
rejoice in the LORD your God,

for he has given you the autumn rains  
because he is faithful.

He sends you abundant showers,  
both autumn and spring rains, as before.

<sup>24</sup> The threshing floors will be filled with grain;  
the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

<sup>25</sup> "I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—  
the great locust and the young locust,  
the other locusts and the locust swarm<sup>[b]</sup>—

my great army that I sent among you.

<sup>26</sup> You will have plenty to eat, until you are full,  
and you will praise the name of the LORD your God,  
who has worked wonders for you;

never again will my people be shamed.

<sup>27</sup> Then you will know that I am in Israel,  
that I am the LORD your God,  
and that there is no other;

never again will my people be shamed.

## 1 Tim 2: 1-7

2 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—<sup>2</sup> for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, <sup>4</sup> who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. <sup>7</sup> And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

## Matthew 6: 25-33

<sup>25</sup> “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life<sup>[a]</sup>?

<sup>28</sup> “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

## The Week Ahead

Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	9am Morning Prayer in Epwell
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.15 Morning Prayer in Broughton 10am Holy Communion in Tadmarton
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.45am Morning prayer in Sibford 9.30am Holy Communion in Epwell
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ronald’s Day Off 2pm Funeral of Alan Parkin at the crematorium
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	St Matthew 9am Morning Prayer in Swalcliffe 2.20pm Family Service at Bishop Carpenter School 6.30pm Swalcliffe PCC @ Virginia’s
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9am Morning Prayer in Shutford 10am Coffee Morning @ Quince Cottage, Bonds End Lane, Sibford
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am HC @Sibford (BCP) Shutford and 9.45 Epwell 11am Village Service @ Tadmarton, HC@ Broughton 5pm Harvest Festival @ Swalcliffe