



St Mary's Monthly Missive **October 2026**



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Notices

Harvest Festival – Sunday 4th October

9.30 Family Communion. Donations of dried and tinned goods, and houseplants for those at home.

Farewell to Sally and Kelvin – Sunday 4th October 3pm

Come and join us to say farewell to Sally and Kelvin as they retire to Winchester. Speeches and presentation 3.15pm. Light refreshments and drinks to follow.

Litter Picking – Saturday 10th October 10.30am-12noon

Come and help with litter picking in the local area. Equipment supplied but do bring gloves.

Little Lunch – Monday 12th October

If you would like to get involved, we are looking for drivers and helpers on the day. Please contact Sallyann Boschetti 07779 3875573

Simply Worship - Sunday 18th October 4.30pm

This service is particularly suitable for families and involves crafts as part of the worship. The theme this month is Jonah the Groaner.

Tuesday Afternoon Group – 27th October 2.30pm

Jeff Phillips will be talking to us about The Harpenden Society.

Morning Prayer

There will be no services of morning prayer during October. We will advise in the Missive and also the pew leaflet when the services will recommence.

Hymn of the Month

For the Beauty of the Earth. This hymn reminds us of the blessings of life we take for granted. In this season of Harvest we celebrate as 'all is safely gathered in'.

The author, Folliot S Pierpoint, begins by reminding us of hill and vale, tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light. Living in Bath, as he did, with the River Avon winding its way through the countryside, it was perhaps natural to be overcome by the beauty of his surroundings.

He reminds us too of the social joys of friends and family, with brother sister, parent, child, giving wide dimension to our lives.

Folliot Pierpoint was educated in Cambridge, and spent most of his life in Somerset, teaching Classics and writing poetry and hymns, his most long-lasting being this hymn. Christine Hordern

St. Mary's Christmas Choir

Our service of 9 lessons and carols this year will be at 6pm on Sunday 20th December

The Christmas Choir practices at church at 8pm on Wednesday evenings.

Dates this year: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November, 2nd, 9th, and 16th December. Would you like to join us? If you don't read music, don't worry, practice tracks will be available.

We learn 4 pieces to sing between the readings and congregational carols

If you enjoy singing this is for you!!

Speak to Jenny Goulding for more information: jennygouldingmt@gmail.com

Faith and Light Tea at St John's Church, Southdown - Sunday 1st Nov 4:15 pm

Faith and Light is an ecumenical worship group for adults with learning disabilities and their families, carers and friends. It is St Mary's turn to provide tea for the group on Sunday 1 November 2026. We need volunteers to provide food, and/or also to help on the day. We are catering for about 20 people, and they now have a dishwasher!! Please contact Carolyn McNicoll, 01582 763398 or email carolynmcnicoll@hotmail.com . Thank you.

October Eco-tips

Greening your home this Autumn. Tackle climate change and reduce your heating bills by finding and reducing the draughts in your home. Find the gaps that let cold air in and warm air out - keyholes, letterboxes and gaps around windows, doors, loft hatches and floorboards for example. Do what you can to fix these gaps - there are lots of tutorials on how to do this online. It's also a good time to prepare for winter by putting radiator reflector foil or baking foil behind the radiator. This will reflect heat back into your room.

WANTED

A small fan heater for the vestry. The current one has gone to meet its maker! If you have one surplus to requirements we would be very pleased to rehome it.

We Are Online.....

St. Mary's has its own **Facebook** page (simply search for 'St. Mary's Kinsbourne Green'). We use this to publicise both upcoming and past events. To help us reach a wider audience we'd love you to 'like' and 'share' our page.

There is also a **Parish website**. If you haven't visited it, we would encourage you to go and have a look at parishofharpenden.org. There you can access the latest pew leaflet, articles, our monthly Missive and so much more.

Holy Communion - 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 10am

A short, quiet BCP service with coffee afterwards. **All welcome**

This Month Please Pray For....

- The work of Mission Direct, in Kumi, Uganda. Recently visited by Jenny and Nick Goulding, we pray particularly for the work of the medical centre with an urgent need for more equipment, that fundraising may be able to meet that need.
- The work of the Noah Enterprise in Luton who receive Harvest goods from St Mary's, to provide meals in the welfare centre for rough sleepers and others in need.
- All who are lonely as the days get shorter and the evenings get darker; may we remember our neighbours and keep in contact with all who may be lonely.

Future Dates

- **DCC meeting** - Monday 2nd November
- **Little Lunch** – Monday 9th November
- **Simply Worship** – Sunday 15th November
- **Afternoon Group** – Tuesday 24th November

St Mary's Services: October 2026

Sunday 4th October – Harvest Thanksgiving

9.30am Family Communion - Revd Sally Goodson

Tuesday 6th October 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Revd Nick Goulding, followed by coffee

Sunday 11th October – 19th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Family Communion – Revd Nick Goulding

Sunday 18th October – 20th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Family Communion – Revd Patrick Moriarty

4.30pm Simply Worship – Revd Patrick Moriarty and Rachel Beagent

Tuesday 20th October 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Revd Patrick Moriarty, followed by coffee

Sunday 25th October – 21st Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Family Communion – Archdeacon Charles Hudson

Sunday 1st November – All Saints' Day

9.30am First Sunday – Revd Nick Goulding and Jenny Goulding

Next Month

Please send submissions for November's Missive by 16th October to missive@stmarysharpenden.org or speak to Jenny Clark