



Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul, Olney

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**Today's Services – Harvest**



8.30am Holy Communion Service  
10.00am Harvest – Everyone Together

**Welcome and notices**

**Reading:** Deuteronomy 8: 7-18  
2 Corinthians 9: 6-end (8.30m only)

**Gospel:** Luke 12: 16-30

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup>:** Galatians 5: 18-end  
Luke 11: 42-46

**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. Amen.

**Intercessions:** We pray to God for the life of the world and for all people. We ask that in Your providence and care that Your will may be done according to your wise and loving purposes. We pray for all through whom we receive substance and life; for all farming families who work so hard, often in adverse conditions, to provide us with our food and look after our countryside; for packers, processors, distributors and retailers. We pray for young people in farming, for Young Farmers Clubs, for those studying at agricultural colleges and for the next generation of farmers as they bring new skills, energy and vision to the care of the countryside and the production of food in sustainable ways.

We pray for farmers and their families who are under stress as they face uncertainty and unpredictability in global food markets, and who struggle with increasing regulation and requirements; for those who want to leave farming or retire, especially those who are tenants, but do not have the wherewithal to do so. We pray for a just and fair relationship between farmers and retailers.

We pray for leaders and governments to honour and support those who work so hard to produce and provide all the good things that we all receive from them, from Your creation and ultimately from You.

**We pray blessing and healing for those who are sick:** *Toby O'Grady, Kevin, Keith, Cyril, Rene Tourle, Pat Major, Gail, Martin, Hannah, Rena Partridge, Phill Stocking, Rosemary, Eliza, Bar, Georgina, Philip Ramos, Michael Seabrook, Debbie and Coralie.*

**We remember the recently departed and pray for comfort for their families and friends.** Helen Dilley

**We remember and give thanks for those whose Yearmind is now. Amen.**

**Eucharistic Prayer:**

**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.

**Listening Ear:** Please email [prayer@olney.church](mailto:prayer@olney.church) for prayers.

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**Harvest.** This year we are going to collect the following goods for Olney is Kind. Washing up liquid, hand soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gel plus food (with a long use by date) for example cereal, soup, pasta, rice, tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce, lentils, beans and pulses, tinned meat, tinned vegetables' tea/coffee, tinned fruit, biscuits, UHT milk and fruit juice. We will collect this week, and on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>. Alternatively, you could donate directly to Olney is Kind (OIK) This year OIK plan (with help from Pat and Ashley Pankhurst and volunteers) to cook and deliver Christmas Lunches on 25<sup>th</sup> December and to hand out food parcels and gifts. Naomi and her team do such a wonderful job all year round. Here is their link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/olney-is-kind>.

Around the world the harvest will not always be so plentiful as ours and as a result many people will suffer. So why not consider a donation to Christian Aid too, go to: <https://e-offering.christianaid.org.uk/e-offering/eyJlb2ZmZXJpbmciOjI5MDYwLCAiY2hhbm5lbCI6ImNvcHkifQ>.

**Harvest Service.** After 8.30am communion, at our service Harvest Together at 10am this Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>, we are going to experiment by playing a few Harvest Hymns. Sadly, we cannot sing along or hum, so we need you to be good and follow the rules please. Our hymns this week are "Praise and thanksgiving" and "We plough the fields and scatter", plus a choral version of Look at the World by John Rutter <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDa-Mab4SoU>

**Heating.** We have received guidance from the Diocese of Oxford, and they have advised that we can now close our doors during services, as long as everyone gels their hands immediately on entry. We will continue to keep you informed. Meanwhile we will heat up the building to a reasonable level, but wrap up in case you want to chat outside afterwards. God Bless, *Susan Bailey Churchwarden*

**APCM.** This will be at 11am on 18<sup>th</sup> October. As there will also be a church service preceding this at 10am, you will need to book for either or both, so when you call or email please state 10am, 11am or both. There are 4 vacancies on the PCC and the Deanery Synod members will need to be re-elected for a further 3 years. There is also a need for another warden, but subject to a resolution being passed at the APCM, Susan Bailey could continue. Here is the link to the Annual Accounts and Report for 2019: <http://olney.church/media/>. We are able to supply a paper copies on request. *Standing Committee.*

**All Souls.** This year the All Souls service of Thanksgiving will be a virtual one on Zoom. This will be held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 6.30pm. You can download Zoom on your computer or smartphone. To join the service go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83544332321> or log in to Zoom and enter the following meeting ID 835 4433 2321. If you would rather listen to the service over the telephone, please dial 0203 901 7895. If you wish to have a loved one remembered, please contact the Church Office. Can all names be submitted by the 29<sup>th</sup> October please to ensure that there is sufficient time for everyone to be included? *Andrew+ and Katie*