

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023

A very warm welcome to everyone joining in worship today.

If you are a visitor, or new to the area, please make yourself known to the worship leader, duty elder, or sidespersons and write in the Visitor's Book on the table at the back of the church.

Tea and coffee will be served in The Oasis after the service – please join us for a time of fellowship if you are able to.



SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER:

11.00 a.m. Morning Service & Holy Communion led by John Miller.

Readings: Genesis 50:15-21 (p.57) & Matthew 18:21-35 (p.985)

Reader - Patricia Potter

We invite all who trust in Jesus as Saviour and Lord to receive the bread and wine at Holy Communion. If you prefer, you may allow the bread and wine to pass by you, when served by the elders, and receive a blessing

Duty Elder: Pat Smith Communion Servers – Pat & Pauline

COFFEE SHOP IN THE OASIS open Monday to Friday 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER:

2.00 – 3.30 p.m. **Drop In** for the bereaved at St. Giles' Church Hall.

TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER:

2.30 p.m. Elders' Meeting in the Hardwick Room.

WEDNESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER:

2.00 p.m. **Monthly Prayer Meeting** in the Hardwick Room. All are welcome – see notice overleaf.

SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER:

11.00 a.m. Morning Service led by Revd. John Mackerness.

Duty Elder: Peter Williams

12.30 p.m. Church Meeting following the service.

Tea & coffee will be served before the meeting.

Copies of NIV Bibles are available for you to use during the service.

Please collect one from the shelves at the back of the church and return them,
along with your hymn books, at the end of the service

Meeting for prayer before the service, from 10.40 for 10 minutes in the Hardwick room. Anyone is most welcome to join in.

Pauline Woodham will usually be available after the service for anyone who would like to chat about concerns or worries and would like someone to pray with them.

Celia Miller would like to thank church friends for all their cards, kind thoughts, messages and prayers following her recent knee replacement surgery. Good progress is being made so far.

Contributions to the Offertory to support the work and Worship of the Church may be made by cash or cheque in the bag during the Service or by bank transfer.

Gift aid envelopes are available to use, if appropriate. All donations are gratefully received and will be dedicated during the service. Further details from the Elders if required.

Do to others as you would have them do to you Luke 6 v.31

THE MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING resumes on Wednesday 20th September at 2.00 p.m. in the Hardwick Room. We will be considering 'How to pray for our community'. Please do come and join in.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – Church Meeting will be held next Sunday, **24**th **September**, after the morning service. Please attend if possible. Church Members should send apologies if unable to attend.

FORECOURT SALE - SATURDAY 9TH **SEPTEMBER** – thank you very much to all involved in helping with the Forecourt Sale, to those who provided goods to sell, and to all who came along to support it. The total raised was *£643*.

FOOD BANK - HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE 1st OCTOBER

Once again we are donating our Harvest festival gifts to the Food Bank at St Gregory's church in South Ruislip. Please start shopping now - items other than pasta, bread or cereals. Foods which can be used without too much cooking are requested. Tinned meats, fish, vegetables and fruit are always welcome. Perhaps biscuits or crisps as treats. All donations in recognition of God's continuing love for us all.

HARVEST FESTIVAL LUNCH – SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

We have had staffing problems with organising this event, so the Elders have agreed that we now turn it into a **Bring a picnic and share our fellowship event.**

Please bring your own preferred drinks along with your picnic. Tea, Coffee and Squash will be available. We will gather in The Oasis and share our meal together and the fellowship of our members and our friends Anne and Dennis Dove. Revd. Anne Dove is leading our Harvest Festival service that day.

THE CHURCH CHOIR - Our church has a long tradition of having a Church Choir to help lead the music in our worship. It is time to look at how we can build and increase numbers in the Choir so we are looking for new singers. We meet on a Sunday morning at 10.00 for a rehearsal and look forward to once again contributing a choir piece during most services. If you've been toying with the idea of adding your voice to our Choir this will be an excellent moment to 'take the plunge'! All ages welcome.

Rehearsals begin again on **Sunday 10th September**. For more information speak to or call Peter Williams our Organist and Choirmaster on 07956 990555.

A message from SylvianeMy next door neighbour, Rosemary, who plants up a lot of plants for the URC sales, needs more plastic pots. Ones that are 5 to 6 inches across the top are needed. Could Those who can give pots can bring them to me and I can put them in my garage.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY & FOR THE WORLD

We hold our friend Daphne Warden in thought and prayer at this time as she is still in Hillingdon Hospital, having recently had a fall and broken her hip and wrist.

Also please continue to pray for Celia Miller as she recovers from recent knee surgery.

We pray for people of Libya, recently affected by devastating floods and for the people of Morocco, where there have been serious earthquakes.

Our earnest and heartfelt prayers continue for the end of the war in Ukraine and other war-torn areas.