
NEWSLETTER

ALL SAINTS, SCRAPTOFT & NETHERHALL - October 2019

BEING A THANKFUL PEOPLE...

It seems to me that each year, as we celebrate and give thanks for the harvest, it is becoming more and more important to use this as an opportunity for us to deepen our understanding of the world around us and our need to protect it.

Yes, food is important to us for our survival, but we need to be constantly reminded where it comes from, how it arrives in our shops and the toll its production makes on the earth. It is all too easy to take for granted the rich variety of almost anything we want on our supermarket shelves, especially as very few of us actually grow very much of what we eat. And certainly here in the West, we don't suffer directly when drought or floods kill crops (unlike many in the global south). In fact, for generation after generation, we have become increasingly separated from food production, and therefore from other aspects of nature. Our Harvest Thanksgiving is the perfect time to address this.



What we cannot ignore if we even have a cursory look at the international news, is that the actions of humanity are taking a devastating toll on the natural world and on its peoples. And natural disasters appear to be getting more common and worse - whether they be record hurricanes in the Caribbean or increasing periods of drought in various parts of the world.

As the Archbishop of Canterbury, and others, have recently reminded us, part of Christian discipleship is to care for the creation we have been given - and this doesn't just mean once a year in the autumn!

Part of the response to God's gift of creation and his call to discipleship has been the growth of churches who have joined the Eco Church movement as part of their witness and as an expression of their faith and on-going thankfulness. There are now more than 1000 churches in the UK who have joined and I believe we need to seriously consider this here at All Saints.

So I ask you to think and pray about this - do a bit of 'googling' if you want to know more about Eco Church - and help us address our own carbon footprint and our growth together, trying to do our part to grow the Kingdom of God in this place.

With every blessing

Father Mark

Calendar - October

2nd	The Holy Guardian Angels	7.30pm Eucharist
3rd	6.30pm	Wedding Rehearsal
5th	1.00pm	Wedding
6th	TRINITY 16	10.00am Sung Eucharist
9th	John Henry Newman	1.30pm SVS Year 2 visit Church 7.30pm Eucharist
10th	11.00am	Aaron Court Communion
12th	10.30am	Messy Church
13th	TRINITY 17	10.00am Sung Eucharist
16th	7.30pm	NO Eucharist
19th	10.30am	Coffee Stop
20th	TRINITY 18	10.00am Sung Eucharist
21st	7.00pm	Standing Committee
23rd	7.30pm	Eucharist
26th	10.00am	Flower Group
27th	LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	10.00am Sung Eucharist
28th	7.30pm	Licensing of Fr Andrew Lee at St Hugh, Eyres Monsell
30th	7.30pm	Eucharist

'For where your treasure is there your heart will be also.' Matthew 6:21

Liberating God, standing on a mountainside, you spoke words of challenge and freedom.

With the attention of the gathered then we listen to you now beckoning us to recognise real treasure. To untangle our hearts from the slavery of desire from having more, yet never enough.

Help us to value the things of Earth with the perspective of heaven.

To stand with you on the mountainside and see the wealth of creation, the worth of all people, and to invest in a flourishing future to the glory of God,

Amen.

Daily Inspirational Bible Readings

“Read, mark, learn and inwardly digest.”

1st	Matthew 5:11-12
2nd	Proverbs 29:25
3rd	1 Peter 1:3
4th	Proverbs 27:1
5th	Isaiah 55:6
6th	Isaiah 26:4
7th	Psalms 63:1
8th	Isaiah 43:11-12
9th	Deuteronomy 13:4
10th	Proverbs 19:20-21
11th	Psalms 62:1
12th	Proverbs 1:8-9
13th	Jeremiah 29:11
14th	Romans 12:2
15th	2 Samuel 7:22
16th	Psalms 19:14
17th	Psalms 25:14-15
18th	Psalms 27:14
19th	Psalms 37:4
20th	Psalms 51:12
21st	Psalms 40:8
22nd	Proverbs 15:23
23rd	Galatians 6:2
24th	Proverbs 9:10
25th	Ephesians 5:19-20
26th	2 Timothy 3:16-17
27th	Hebrews 4:12
28th	1 Peter 1:24-25
29th	Romans 12:1
30th	Ephesians 2:8-9
31st	1 Peter 5:8-9