S. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE

NEWSLETTER FOR OCTOBER 2017

From the Priest in Charge Dear Friends,

The months of October and November are about remembering and saying *thank you* for

- God's bounty (Harvest Festival on 1st October),
- for the witness and example of the Saints (All Saints Day on 1st November),
- for our own loved ones and past worshippers and benefactors (All Souls Day on 2nd November),
- and for all those who gave their lives in World Wars and conflicts since (Remembrance Sunday on 11th November) that we may enjoy the freedoms and liberties we have today.

Remembering and saying *thank you* to God, let alone to one another, is something we do not do often enough. We tend to take so much for granted either because we don't see God's Providence as the source of our wellbeing, forget easily about people outside of ourselves or live our lives cocooned from the world around us.

I hope that the particular opportunities which the Church gives at this time will be a catalyst for remembering and thanking more often, both in our prayers and in our daily living. The Prayer of General Thanksgiving provides what we need:

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Yours in Christ Stephen.

Looking ahead

Sunday 15th October – Confirmation. Bp Rowan Williams has kindly agreed to Confirm Finn Jarvis when he visits S. Botolph's as our Celebrant and Preacher at the 11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist. The Prayer Book rite will be followed throughout. Please make a special effort to come and support Finn on this special day for him; and to welcome Bp Rowan back to S. Botolph's.

Wednesday 1st November – All Saints' Day. Holy Communion (said) at 10.30 a.m. (hymns that anticipate the festival on the previous Sunday).

Thursday 2nd November - All Souls' Day. Sung Eucharist at 6 p.m. This year we shall keep All Souls with a Sung Eucharist at the experimental time of 6 p.m. During the service, we shall pray for the departed by name. Please sign the list when it appears in church if you would like to have a loved one prayed for – but better still, spare an hour to remember and pray for those you have known and loved by coming to the service in person.

Sunday 11th November – Remembrance Sunday. The Service of Remembrance and Holy Communion begins at 10.55 a.m. with the Act of Remembrance, including the Silence for all who gave their lives in two World Wars and conflicts since.

Stephen.

CALENDAR

TRINITY XVI Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday 1st October8.00 a.m. Holy Communion11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist; Epistle, Mrs. BarkerHarvest Lunch after the service

4.15 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 4th October Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 8th October 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Mattins

1. II Samuel 1, Dr Lindsay; 2. I Peter 4, Mr Hodson

Preacher: Dr Jonathan Holmes, Fellow of Queens'

12 noon Holy Communion

4.15 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 11th Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 15th October

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist (B.C.P.) with Confirmation

Epistle, Titus 3.3-7, Mrs. Irvine; Gospel, St John 3.1-8

Preacher: Bishop Rowan Williams

4.15 p.m. Evensong

Tuesday 17th Parochial Church Council 8.00 p.m

Wednesday 18th St Luke, Evangelist Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 22nd

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Mattins

1. II Samuel 12.1-23, Mr Barker; 2. Colossians 1.21-2.7, Mrs. Durham

Preacher: The Revd Patrick Cotton

12 noon Holy Communion

4.15 p.m. Evensong

Wednesday 25th Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

Summer Time ends before services on Sunday 29th

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 29th October

Reformation Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Epistle, Mrs. Horbury

Preacher: the Priest-in-charge

4.15 p.m. Evensong

All Saints' Day

Wednesday 1st November Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.

All Souls' Day

Thursday 2nd November Sung Eucharist 6.00 p.m.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 5th November

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

Epistle, Dr Hunter; Refreshments, Irvine

4.15 p.m. Evensong

S. Botolph's, Cambridge

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