

Coffee Mornings

The Methodist Church, in St. Luke's Road, holds a weekly Coffee Morning every Tuesday from 10 am until 12 noon. Please drop in at any time during this two hour slot. For details, please phone Sean Alexander, who regularly attends, on 01753 864979.

50 Club Monthly Draw

The winner for August was Steve Savage.

The 5p coin collection

is still continuing and raising funds towards any church repairs, so please bring your 5p s.

Suggested Readings for October 2017

Sunday 1st October– Harvest Festival

Deuteronomy 8: 7 - 18 2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 15 Luke 12: 16 - 30

Sunday 8th October - 17th Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 5: 1 - 7 Philippians 3: 4b - 14 Matthew 21: 33 - 46

Sunday 15th October - St Luke's Sunday

Acts 16: 6 - 12a 2 Timothy 4: 5 - 17 Luke 10: 1 - 9

Sunday 22nd October - 19th Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 25: 1 – 9 Philippians 4: 1 - 9 Matthew 22: 1 - 14

Sunday 29th October - Bible Sunday

Nehemiah 8: 1 – 12 Colossians 3: 12 - 17 Matthew 24: 30 - 35

REGULAR SERVICES

8 am	9.15 am	11.15 am
St Luke's Church	St Peter's Middle School Hall	Parish Church of St Peter & St Andrew
Said Service of Holy Communion - BCP 3 rd and 5 th Sundays	Worship for all ages, Featuring Jamzone kid's club	Holy Communion Service - Common Worship

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OLD WINDSOR PARISH NEWS

KNOWING GOD TOGETHER AND MAKING HIM KNOWN
A Christian Community at the Heart of Old Windsor

October 2017

They all depend on you God, to give them food as they need it. When you supply it, they gather it. You open your hand to feed them, and they are richly satisfied. (Psalm 104:27 - 28)

It is Harvest Festival, a time to be mindful of God as the source of every blessing and to praise the Creator for His gift of life in our world. It is time to celebrate God's generosity, faithfulness and abundance towards all His creation and to shake off our tendency towards anxiety and fear of scarcity.



If you are able to celebrate God's generosity this year, be joyful that it is a healthy sign and please do not take it for granted. God's generosity is not always good news to everyone; some people find it offensive generosity! In the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 20, Jesus told a parable of the *workers in the vineyard*. It is about those workers who toiled in a landlord's vineyard all day long. The result of that was that they thought of themselves as more worthy of the landlord's blessing than those who did not work the same number of hours. Therefore they were offended by the landlord's generosity towards the less conscientious workers. They even were angry and began to grumble against him, saying, "How dare you make them equal to us!" In other words God's generosity is narrowing the gap between rich and poor, the able and less able, the strong and the weak...as God opens His hands and everyone is satisfied with His blessings.

Let us examine our hearts this harvest. Are we able to celebrate and be joyful with a grateful and thankful heart towards God for all His abundant generosity? Or are we resentful because we think we are more worthy than others for His blessings? For those who look to God and have delight in Him and not just in His rewards, soon they will find out that He Himself is their reward as it is written:

*Delight yourself in the LORD,
and He will give you the desires of your heart. (Psalm 37: 4)*

Have a great harvest celebration this year; and you might want to join us this year on 1st October at 10.30 am in the Parish Church, Old Windsor, so we can celebrate God's generosity together.

Revd Adel Shokralla

The Pastoral Team

consists of several Church members whose role in the Parish is to contact anyone who is unwell, lonely, bereaved or has other needs including bringing Communion to your home if you are housebound. If you, or anyone you know, is in need of some help or would like a visit, contact Mary Hutchinson Tel. 01753 862347.

SERVICES

1st October - Harvest Festival

10.30 am at the Parish Church *[please note changed time]*

8th October - 17th Sunday after Trinity

9.15 am at St. Peter's Middle School Hall, Crimp Hill

11.15 am at the Parish Church

6.00 pm at the Parish Church – Harvest Evensong

15th October - St Luke's Sunday

8 am Holy Communion at St. Luke's Church which is said worship

9.15 am at **the PARISH CHURCH** *[please note change of venue]*

11.15 am at the Parish Church

22nd October - 19th Sunday after Trinity

9.15 am at St. Peter's Middle School Hall, Crimp Hill

11.15 am at the Parish Church

29th October - Bible Sunday

8 am Holy Communion at St. Luke's Church which is said worship

9.15 am at St. Peter's Middle School Hall, Crimp Hill

11.15 am at the Parish Church

1st October - Harvest Sunday 10.30 am

*Will be a joint service for all the family, followed by **Fun Family Activities**. Please bring your own lunch and maybe something to **share**. Cake will be provided! Come for some or all of our day. The Harvest Collection will go to **Windsor Foodshare** (TINNED fruit, vegetables, puddings, tea and coffee plus other non-perishable foods). If you are unable to attend the service, donations may be taken to the Vicarage.*

Harvest Evensong

will be held in the Parish Church on Sunday October 8th at 6 pm. There will be a big choir singing beautiful Harvest music in a much loved service.

St Luke's Sunday

is an all age worship celebration at the Parish Church on 15th October at 9.15 am. There will also be the usual 11.15 am service.

Bible Sunday

"Finding our place in God's Story" is on Sunday October 29th.

Light Party

will be held on Tuesday 31st October from 6 – 8 pm at the Vicarage, Church Road.

All Saints Sunday

is on Sunday 5th November with usual 9.15 and 11.15 am services.

Remembrance Sunday

*is on Sunday 12th November at **10.45 am** in the Parish Church.*

Annual Memorial Service

will be held in the Parish Church on Sunday November 5th at 3 pm. Forms for the names of dear ones to be remembered, can be obtained from Peter Warner.

Around the Bible

Our Bible Study sessions under the title 'Seeing the Spirit at work' continue weekly on Mondays at 1.30 pm and Fridays at 7.30 pm. You are very welcome to join either group at the Vicarage, Church Road.

Manor Care Home Service

held every second Sunday of the month by the United Churches group, will be held at 3 pm on 8th October. Everyone is invited to attend.

Day Centre Communion Service

There is a Service of Holy Communion in the Day Centre on the second Friday of every month at 11 am to which ALL parishioners are invited. It lasts for about 30 minutes. The next Service will be on October 13th at 11 am.

House Group

meets this month on Wednesday 11th October at Antony and Ursula Wood's house, Lane End House, 1 Newton Lane, Old Windsor, at 8 pm. Ursula Wood is facilitator. For further details please contact Antony Wood Tel: 01753 855344.

Facing Depression Together Awareness Day

is an opportunity to learn about depression and how to support those living with depression. The day will include a clinical, a personal and a pastoral perspective of depression, a dramatic perspective to challenge stigma and an introduction to the work of PeerTalk, a charity underpinned by the Methodist Church. This free event takes place on Saturday 14th October 2017, 10 am to 3.30 pm, at the Holiday Inn, Egerton Road, Guildford. Lunch is provided. Booking is essential. More details at www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/events or contact admin@peertalk.org.uk

Old Windsor United Churches

will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday 16th October at 10 am, in the Methodist Church.

Windsor Foodshare

is now under the charity Windsor Christian Action who also look after the Homeless project and Street Angels. Regulation of recipients is very robust so we may donate with confidence. Demand is great for coffee especially and squash is always needed. Foodshare welcomes tinned meat, vegetables, baked beans, tinned pasta (spaghetti hoops and similar), UHT milk, sugar, rice and deserts (e.g. tinned custard or rice pudding). Please maintain regular support for this cause.

PCC – October Meeting

will be held on Monday October 2nd at 7.45 pm in St Luke's Church. The September meeting discussed Partnership for Missional Church, calling cards for the Pastoral Team, arrangements for use of St Peter's Middle School and a Youth Retreat weekend. Church tidying sessions will be held during October.