

The ST. JOHN'S HARROW Messenger

Monthly Newsletter of St John the Baptist Church,
Greenhill, Harrow

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Dear Friends,

Barry is currently on holiday so is unable to write for you this month.

The prayers are overleaf as usual and to avoid this page looking blank, I have added some Autumnal Reflections and Celtic Prayers from Lindisfarne for you to enjoy.

Best wishes to you all.

Tina Last
Church Administrator

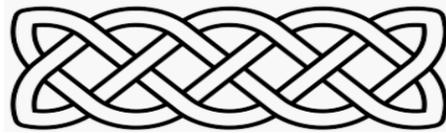


Verses from **“O scared season of autumn”**
by Edward Hays

You are the season of retirement,
of full barns and harvested fields.
The cycle of growth has ceased,
and the busy work of giving life
is now completed.
I sense in you no regrets:
you've had a full life.

May I know the contentment
that allows the totality of my energies
to come to flower.
May I know that like you I am rich beyond
measure.

As you, O autumn, take pleasure in your
great bounty,
let me also take delight
in the abundance of the simple things in life
which are the true source of joy.
With the golden glow of peaceful contentment
may I truly appreciate this autumn day.



“Lord, it is time”
by Rainer Maria Rilke

Lord, it is time. The summer was very big.
Lay thy shadow on the sundials,
and on the meadows let the winds go loose.

Command the last fruits that they shall be full,
give them another two more southerly days,
press them on to fulfilment and drive
the last sweetness into the heavy wine.

Who has no house now,
will build one no more.
Who is alone now, long will so remain,
will wake, read, write long letters
and will in the avenues to and fro
restlessly wander, when the
leaves are blowing.



**“The Bringing Forward of
Symbols of the Harvest”**
Church of England, Times and Seasons

Let us bring forward symbols of the harvest,
gifts that God created and his sun and rain
have nurtured.

Bring forward the harvest of the cornfields,
the oats and the wheat, the rye and the
barley.

Bring forward the harvest of roots,
the swedes and mangolds,
turnips and sugar beet.

Bring forward the harvest of seeds for next
year's crops,
for clover, for hay and for corn.

Bring forward the harvest of vegetables,
peas, potatoes, beans and hops.

Bring forward the harvest of pears and
apples, berries and herbs.

Bring forward the harvest flowers,
the finest blooms from our gardens
and our fields.

Bring forward the grain and the grape,
For our Saviour took bread and wine
to feed us with his body and his blood, given
and shed for the life of the world.
Let us feed on him by faith and thanksgiving.

Pray this month for.....

Date	Daily Readings	Daily Prayers
1st	Col. 1: 1-8 Ps. 34: 11-18 Luke 4: 38-end	We pray for our young people that they may grow up knowing love and hope, valuing life and respecting others.
2nd	Col. 1: 9-14 Ps. 98: 1-5 Luke 5: 1-11	Those who are unemployed or have recently been made redundant.
3rd	Col. 1: 15-20 Ps. 89: 19b-28 Luke 5: 33-end	Pray for Brian and family on the day of Rosemary Lanning's funeral.
4th	Col. 1: 21-23 Ps. 117 Luke 6: 1-5	Help us to respect the beliefs of others even if we do not share them, to celebrate what we have in common and to accept our differences.
Sun 5th	James 2: 1-10, 14-17 Ps. 125 Mark 7: 24-end	All who come into our church today; pray that God may bless their visit. All Christian writers and teachers. All our families and friends.
6th	Col. 1: 24-2: 3 Ps. 62: 1-7 Luke 6: 6-11	We pray for those who have left education and are moving onto the next stage in their lives.
7th	Col. 2: 6-15 Ps. 8 Luke 6: 12-19	Lord, reawaken in us, as a church community, our desire for service, inspire us to work for justice.
8th	Col. 3: 1-11 Ps. 15 Luke 6: 20-26	The work and witness of all Harrow churches, especially Rev. James Power at St Mary's.
9th	Col. 3: 12-17 Ps. 149: 1-5 Luke 6: 27-38	Pray for the new season of Lunchtime Concerts at St John's.
10th	1 Tim. 1: 1-2, 12-14 Ps. 16 Luke 6: 39-42	We pray for people in parts of the world where life is precarious, whether through disaster, poverty, disease, or war.

11th	1 Tim. 1: 15-17 Ps. 113 Luke 6: 43-end	All those who are grieving today over the loss of a loved one.
Sun 12th	James 3: 1-12 Ps. 19 Mark 8: 27-end	People of the Parish. We thank you for the many people, who by their jobs or voluntary work help to make our town a good place to live.
13th	1 Tim. 2: 1-8 Ps. 28 Luke 7: 1-10	We pray for our Earth, for its care and protection and for cautious use of its resources
14th	Numbers 21: 4-9 Ps. 22: 23-28 Phil. 2: 6-11 John 3: 13-17	Holy Cross Day. Pray for all who are called to any office and ministry for Your people; and fill them with the truth of Your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life.
15th	1 Tim. 3: 14-end Ps. 111: 1-5 Luke 7: 31-35	We pray that Your everlasting arms would be a comfort to all of those who in sorrow mourn the loss of a loved one.
16th	1 Tim. 4: 12-end Ps. 111: 6-end Luke 7: 36-end	We pray for those who are sick, especially those with long term illness and demands much patience to bear.
17th	1 Tim. 6: 2b-12 Ps. 49: 1-9 Luke 8: 1-3	We remember before you those who are lonely and depressed. Pray that we may be good listeners when friends and neighbours need us.
18th	1 Tim. 6: 13-16 Ps. 100 Luke 8: 4-15	Lord, give us the right words and help us to know what simple acts of kindness may help someone else.
Sun 19th	James 3: 13-4: 3, 7-8a Ps. 1 Mark 9: 30-37	People of the Parish. The London Chinese Alliance Church; their leaders and congregation who worship at St John's.
20th	Ezra 1: 1-6 Ps. 126 Luke 8: 16-18	All involved in local and national government.

21st	2 Cor. 4: 1-6 Ps. 119: 65-72 Matt. 9: 9-13	St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. The ministry of our parish priest and his assistants.
22nd	Ezra 9: 5-9 Ps. 103: 1-6 Luke 9: 1-6	All who work in industry, commerce and finance that they may deal honestly.
23rd	Haggai 1: 1-8 Ps. 149: 1-5 Luke 9: 7-9	All who work for peace and reconciliation in our world; for those who bring relief to the hungry and homeless.
24th	Haggai 1: 15b-2: 9 Ps. 43 Luke 9: 18-22	Ember Day. Lord, bless the leaders of your Church, that they may be firm in faith, and humble before you.
25th	Zech 2: 1-5, 10-11 Ps. 125 Luke 9: 43b-45	All our young people and their leaders. Cath and Peter, our Church Wardens and all PCC members.
Sun 26th	James 5: 13-end Ps. 124 Mark 9: 38-end	Pray for all who read the Bible in public worship, for all study groups and training courses.
27th	Zech. 8: 1-8 Ps. 102: 12-22 Luke 9: 46-50	We pray for God's world with all its needs and hurts and for ourselves that we may respond to those needs with compassion and generosity.
28th	Zech. 8: 20-end Ps. 87 Luke 9: 51-56	We pray that the time may be hastened when there is peace on earth and goodwill between all men.
29th	Rev 12: 7-12 Ps. 103: 19-end John 1: 47-end	St Michael and All Angels. Pray that God's holy angels may protect and defend us.
30th	Neh. 8: 1-12 Ps. 19: 7-11 Luke 10: 1-12	Police, prison and probation officers; Street Pastors and their chaplains.