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The Parish Magazine for the parishes of
St Catherine and **Holy Trinity** Ventnor and **St Boniface** Bonchurch



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Tuesday at 9.30am at Holy Trinity

Wednesday at 9.30am at St Catherine's

Thursday at 9.15am at Holy Trinity

Friday at 9.00am St Boniface Parish Church

All Welcome

Sunday Services

Please see inside Link for details of Sunday Services

Midweek Services

St Catherine's - Wednesday - 10.30am Holy Communion

Holy Trinity - Thursday - 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

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This month will give me the opportunity to spend some time again in Ghana. It is always a joy to share with the vibrant resourcefulness of the Ghanaian church; “doing a lot with a little” is one of their principles.

Ghanaian communities, especially in the north, live very much on the edge. Christians are not exempt from the pressures and poverty of daily life. When they pray “give us this day our daily bread”, the reality is that there is often nothing left in the cupboard from yesterday. Often there is no cupboard.

They have limited hope of educational and medical facilities, and they live without so much that we would take for granted.

Earlier in the year, Tamale Cathedral could not afford light bulbs.

But against this background, we shall enjoy the friendship of a cheerful, outgoing, generous bunch of Christians. “We're not poor, we just don't have any money”!

I shall be travelling with Debbie, my daughter-in-law, and we shall be in Ghana at the same time as a group from Ryde School who will be visiting Nako School in Wa, and working with Moses.

We shall be based in Tamale, and will have ample opportunity to update ourselves on the progress of Hope Academy. During the summer a toilet block has been built (yep – flush toilets).

The next development needs to be a dining pavilion. This sounds grand but is actually just a concrete floor, with a low wall around it, and a roof supported on pillars. The daily meal is an important part of the school's provision.

It will be interesting to see how the teaching is developing, especially with regard to children with special needs. Debbie is hoping to use her expertise and do some teaching in the school.

Graham Morris will be travelling with the Ryde School group, and on Sunday 29th October we should be worshiping together in Tamale Cathedral, each in our Canon's stall (what a privilege that is).

My plan will be to spend a couple of nights at least in Wenchi. The St Catherine's link there has gone quiet; the new minister there, Rev Samuel,

is a lovely man but not a good communicator. I hope we can revive the situation, maybe with another correspondent at the Wenchi end.

We shall leave Heathrow on Saturday 21st October, and be back in time for the fireworks. Please pray for us – for safe travel, sound health, good contacts, blessing for us and our hosts. I will provide an itinerary for our visit, so that you can know what we're up to, and pray us around the country.

Thank you in advance for your prayers. **David**

PRAYER OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYBODY

Wednesdays at 2:30pm in the Hub.

Your prayer is important and necessary as we seek God's guidance for our life as a Church family in the community.

Do come when you can.



Inner Wheel Quiz



October 7th

6.30pm for 7pm

at the Masonic Hall, Ventnor

£7.50 to include Soup and Sweet

In aid of 'Aquabox'

For information speak to

Ann Radcliffe 731142

THE CHERUB.

As the days begin to shorten signs of winter start to show,
Cherub Billy. Is prepared as cold winds start to blow.
The harvest has been gathered in, with thankfulness and song,
We begin a brand new season, the nights are rather long.

Snuggle by the fire side, read stories, play some games
there a there are always lots of things to do, let us satisfy our aims.
The children are excited to begin a new school term,
They were looking forward to new things to see and learn..

September is a lovely month with freshness in the air,
we are looking forward too, time to love and time to share.
This autumn will bring happiness, think positive, be sure,
September in its glory, the start of autumn's great allure.

October days much colder, Jack Frost will be around,
Icy cold conditions with freezing, solid ground.
The pond has frozen over, not very thick just yet,
a sign of future glories to prepare us to get set.

Jack Frost has been quite busy painting window panes,
he paints pretty pictures, we know about his games.
He goes about so silently usually at night's
creating lovely pictures, very wintry sights.

All these things are wonderful, autumn has begun,
winter is not far away, we see less of the sun.
Nice warm clothing is the thing prepare to face the cold,
with scarf and gloves and woolly hat all colourful and bold.
Ted.

The Hub Shop

Please order your Christmas Cards early
to avoid disappointment.

Most orders are in within a week to ten days.
Speak to Ann Radcliffe or leave her an order or message
in the Hub

Come and have a coffee and a browse.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

I recently took my Grand-daughter to church for the first time. Although she and the family had called into Holy Trinity back in the summer last year (during a choir practice) she had never been to a service before. Since I was staying with them in Keswick for the weekend, I decided to go to the local parish church (St John's) for the Eucharist service, and Grace announced that she would like to come too. I felt very privileged to be able to accompany her for her first experience of a church service, and she was as good as gold. She also asked whether we could go again, which was very gratifying and - indicated that it had not been too much for her. The congregation were very friendly and welcoming, making sure we knew how to get to the children's area if we needed to, and supplying Grace with the juice and biscuit she had been looking forward to! Grace was due to start school the following day, and I discovered that the school (a CofE school nearby but with a different dedication) was going to be invited to take part later this month in the Harvest Festival service, so I hope she will get the chance to go again, even if I am not there to take her.

It made me realise again how important the friendliness of the congregation is, when welcoming visitors old and young alike. Gill Chaloner mentioned in a recent sermon how lucky we were at Holy Trinity that we had a relatively small congregation, and that consequently we usually all get along together quite well - fewer people to fall out with! For those visitors who come, or potential new parishioners, Holy Trinity always seems to manage to extend a very warm welcome and we always like to see our 'holiday' visitors who return on subsequent visits to Ventnor. The size of the congregation also allows Holy Trinity to feel very much like a church family and to offer support to each other when needed.

That is not to say, of course, that a larger congregation would not be a good thing. Apart from anything else it would help to share the burden of the necessary tasks required to keep a church building and community going. And the Church of England certainly knows how to keep its volunteers busy with bureaucracy and administration!

I always feel very fortunate to be part of the wider family of the three churches in the benefice (four if one includes the Old Church) and the opportunities it offers to take part in differing services and events, with a

wide variety of people. This of course also extends to being able to provide choral support for all three congregations. Joint choirs often provide support at weddings, and the regular joint services allow the choir to benefit from having a full four parts (not usually possible at Holy Trinity unfortunately).

I know that it stretches our ministry team to provide the leadership required in a multi-parish benefice, and we should not forget the efforts that they have to go to. Gill noted at a recent Morning Worship service that it was the first full service she had been at for some weeks. It has become a regular occurrence that she quietly slips out of the choir at some point, to depart for another church to start the service for someone else. Not necessarily the most conducive way for her to obtain her own spiritual comfort. So we should give thanks to Hugh and the ministry team for juggling things around to provide the services the respective congregations need.

I think we are very lucky in Ventnor to have this variety, and to have a ministry team and congregations who are willing to share their experiences and services in such a friendly manner. Long may it continue.

Helen Slade

PS. An apology that last month's offering seemed to include rather a chunk of unintended text! The perils of writing whilst not at home, and trying to edit on a tiny screen!!

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH - AUTUMN FAIR

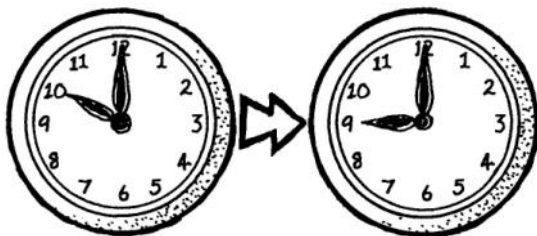
SATURDAY November 18th - 10.00am -2.00pm

Soup & bread lunch - tea coffee & cake,

Stalls - Christmas goods - gifts

Tombola and raffle - bargains galore, Entrance free

29th OCTOBER - Clocks go BACK



A MODERN PRODIGAL SON, (this story is based on fact)

There was once a father and mother who deeply loved their three sons and one daughter. They were not wealthy financially their great love for each other and their family was paramount and made up for all the money in the world.

The two older sons continued the family love, found wives and settled down happily nearby, the youngest son could not find a suitable partner with which to share his life and so he became frustrated.

He left his family to seek his fortune elsewhere.

His parents were very unhappy about his decision, however they wished him well and gave him their blessing.

He travelled many lonely miles praying for an answer....

His true faith and great love of God took over his life completely, he was shown where to go and what was best for him to do under the circumstances.

Eventually, certain people young and old recognised the deep love instilled into him by his parents and he began to recognise these blessings too.

He found work, improved his education and used his skills to help other people in as many ways as he could, forgetting his own frustrations.

Suddenly he saw the girl of his dreams. He knew at once that this young lady was to be the great love of his life: The blessing waiting for him alone, and what is more, she was enthralled with him; this was indeed mutual love at first sight.

Within a year the son returned home along with his fiancé they were made very welcome into the old family home with much rejoicing.

The son and his fiancé were married in the village church of All Saints. His Sister was the bridesmaid.

There was a large family gathering and local people joined in the celebrations. The bride had no family; she was an orphan, that was an even greater reason for making her feel so loved.

This story illustrates the various ways God values us and loves us, unconditionally. Love is so important.

We are His children, forever searching and learning, - age is irrelevant, experience is good for us all. ...Ted.



At St Catherine's Church on **5th November** we will be welcoming a speaker from **Tearfund**. Her name is Sue Parsons, and she will be speaking to us about Tearfunds latest project. This is about the help needed in Malawi, where drought is gripping the country, and the people are unable to grow the food that their families require.

We will hear about 2 families in particular, and the effect that drought has had on them. Then we will find out how the Church has been able to help them out of poverty, and into health and able to work to provide for their children. This has also strengthened the faith of the people, and they thank God for the help of the church.

We are part of that Church - Come and hear what we can do to help Tearfund continue God's work.

Please make every effort to come on 5th November, to support our speaker and to support the work of Tearfund.

Envelopes will be available on the day for your gift. Please return it to St. Catherine's Church the following week or two.

Many thanks, in His service.

Barbara Glover.



Articles for the **NOVEMBER Magazine** should be handed in by **OCTOBER 11th** please. You can hand it in at the Hub or email it to Joan Garlick at **ventnorcofe@hotmail.co.uk** Hand written reports/articles are accepted if you **do not** have access to a computer.

ST BONIFACE AND BONCHURCH

Bonchurch Sewing Bee.

Erika, from P.A.T.C.H. to whom we donate our tea money, will be giving a workshop on patchwork quilting on Tuesday November 21st from 2pm - 4pm in Bonchurch Parish Church. Do come along and give it a try.

Bonchurch Dates for your diary.

Tuesday November 7th Coffee Morning 10am-noon

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2nd 10am - 12 noon BONCHURCH
BUMPER CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

To be held in Bonchurch Parish Church, Bonchurch Shute
(between the Bonchurch Inn and the Pond)

Tuesday December 5th Coffee Morning 10am – noon

A service of Nine lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday
December 10th in the Parish Church at 3.00pm

Carols by the Pond with the Shanklin Brass Band will be
on Saturday December 16th at 6.30pm.

Tuesday December 19th Sewing Bee 2-4pm



HOME GROUPS

Monday Evening 7.45pm

Contact Jenny Holder 852575

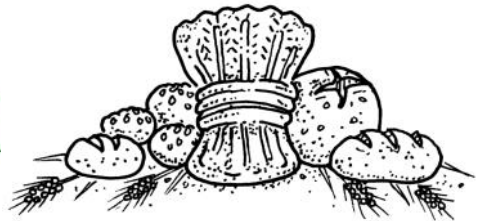
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**Wednesday Evening - 8.00pm**

At Mick and Nava Young's

St Andrews, Belgrave Road. 852680

**St Boniface and Holy Trinity will be  
collecting for the Foodbank at their  
Harvest Festival services on  
1st OCTOBER**



## **The Church Wardens**

Churches stand in ev'ry parish  
Of this green and pleasant land  
Some are small, yet so historic  
Some are large, ornate, and grand.

Some have roofs that need repairing  
Some have other wear and tear  
Some have beetles, rot, or woodworm  
But they all need loving care!

Thousands, then, of ancient churches  
Being kept up to their prime  
In the care of all those wardens  
Giving freely of their time.

Yet much more than just the buildings  
Occupy these sterling folk!  
Rotas, meetings, service duties  
Yet you'll hear them laugh and joke!

So, to all these lovely people  
Who have so much work to do  
And do it all without complaining  
From our hearts, we say "Thank you!"

By Nigel Beeton

**Don't forget to pick up your free copy of  
The Pompey Chimes**

# FRIENDS OF ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH

Autumn Film Musical Season.

Friday night.

## "High Society"

27th October @ 7:00pm

Ticket £5 at the door.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Future Events at St Catherine's Church

4th November @ 7:30 A Keyboard Extravaganza - Piano, Organ and Harpsichord. "Potts, Brock, Wilkins"

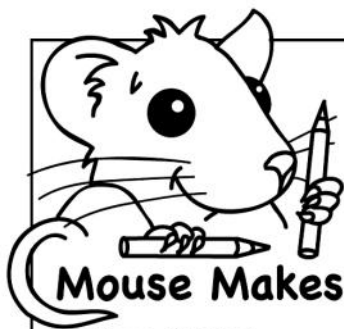
24th November @ 7:00 "South Pacific" Film

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1st December - St Catherine's Christmas Fayre

15th December. - Undercliff Singers Christmas Concert





## Mouse Makes

Where did God ask Jonah to go?

Read Jonah 1-4



What did Jesus tell his disciples *not* to take with them on their journey?

Read Matthew 10:9-10



Who spoke to Saul on his journey to Damascus?

Read Acts 9:3-8



What animal took Balaam to Moab?

Read Numbers 22:22



How did God guide the Israelites on their journey through the wilderness?

Read Exodus 13:21



Who did Abram take with him on his journey to Canaan?

and

Read Genesis 12:4-5

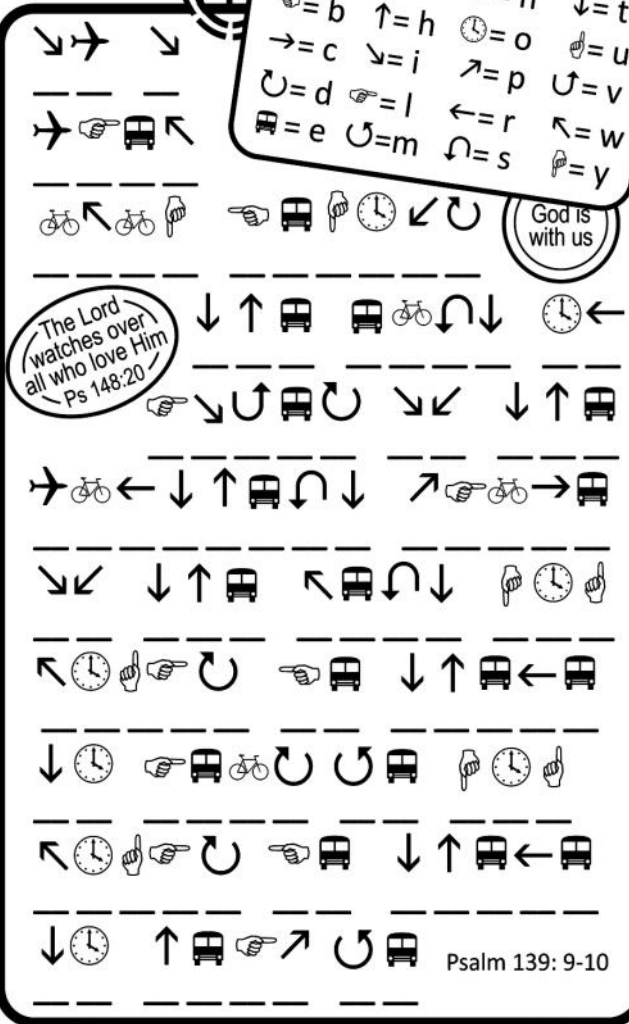
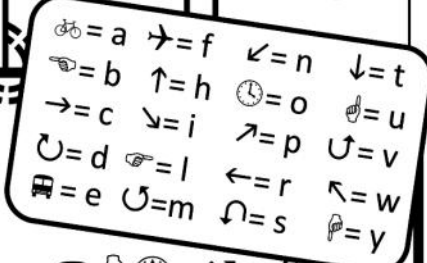


Have you ever been on a long journey?  
Where did you go?

How long did it take you to get there?



The Bible reminds us that wherever we travel and wherever we go, God is with us!



Can you decipher the verse on the suitcase?

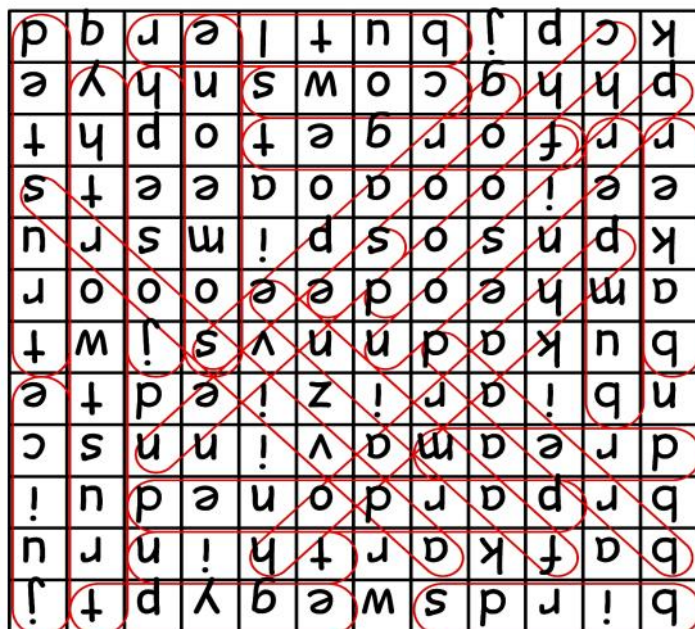
# Messy Church

28th OCTOBER 3pm - 5pm

St Francis School - Upper Ventnor

"Come and share a meal with us"

Children must be accompanied by a parent/  
guardian or carer. Do please tell any families you  
know about this event.



# "Mens Breakfast"



"St Catherine's Church"

A warm welcome  
to breakfast and a friendly chat.  
First Thursday of the month, 9am.

For further information  
**Dave 856925 or Steve 856953**

**Ventnor Townswomen's Guild**

**October 18th - 2.15pm**

**“ Lighten our darkness”**

**A brief history of St Catherine’s Lighthouse**

**Francis Quinn**

Common Room at Knights Court, High Street, Ventnor.

Secretary - Mrs J Walters - 855892



# **Julian Group Meeting 13th October - 2pm**

“Come and be refreshed by the Joy of silence”.

Listening for God's word,  
feeling his presence beside you.

Helping us to let go of our fears and anxieties.

## **Julian Meetings**

are normally held on the 2nd Friday of the month, 2pm, in the Hub at St Catherine's Church. For more information contact Hilary Davis at St Catherine's Church or on 855797



## **Ventnor Townswomen's Guild**

**Social Studies Group**

**2nd OCTOBER - 2.15pm**

**"Nineteen Moves of a Wandering Military Wife"**

**Speaker - Mary Groves**

Held in the Resident's lounge at Byrnhill Grove, Park Avenue  
For more information contact Mrs Barbara Joyner - 651577

# The Secret Closet

Where do you think of going, when you pray, to be alone with God? Is it a place where you can sit quietly, to read, meditate on Scripture and look upon the glory of God's creation? Is it a bench in the park, on the Downs, the beach, a cliff, a peaceful church and its grounds, or a certain room in your house? There are many places one can go to, or be, to commune with the Lord, and they are all very viable and good places to go, but when Jesus, (in **Matt 6:6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you**) talks about this, He meant using a **Tallit**, which His listeners would have understood:

**The Tallit (prayer shawl) as a 'closet'**

**Outer garment was the Tallit (prayer shawl) it was heavier weight.**

**Psalms 61:4 Let me dwell in your tent forever! Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings! Selah**

**Greek word for closet is (*tameion*), which means "an inner chamber, or a secret room." The closeting of oneself in the covering of the Tallit (prayer shawl) was a symbolic separation from the world around the Jewish man. ([www.step-by-step.org/prayershawl-tallit.htm](http://www.step-by-step.org/prayershawl-tallit.htm))**

Jesus, as a Jew and a Rabbi, would have worn one of these daily, and knew how to use one. He would cover His head, and use the lapels, known as "wings" as a set of "doors" and shut Himself off from the world, in His quiet places, to pray. It was also known as a tent, or Tabernacle, mirroring the one the Hebrews had in the Desert, as described in Exodus, and allowed for one's personal "Holy of Holies".

Interestingly, the Alb that the Bishop, or your Vicar, wears also reflects a Tallit, and is treated in almost the same reverential way in its significance.

The Holy Spirit (Ruach Ha'Kodesh or "Breath of God") is described in Scripture as a covering that marks out the power, and close walk with God, a Christian has and, although not seen, is evidenced by the fruits of that same Spirit, all of which the Tallit foreshadows. So, when you pray, do you allow for that covering?

As a sidebar, it is interesting to note, for example, that John Wesley's mother would cover her head with her apron to pray, despite the number of children (19, of which John was one!) she had!

That was her 'secret closet'! This returns me to my original question; where is your 'secret closet'?

**Chris Maguire**



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**Urgently needed food items :**

Rice, Tinned Vegetables,  
Tinned Tomatoes, Fruit  
Juice and Tinned Sponge  
Puddings

# **Is something worrying you? Want someone to listen to you?**

Why don't you book an appointment at  
**The Living Room** - 82-83 High Street, Newport  
On the 1st & 3rd Monday of the month 11am - 2pm.

We have trained Acorn Christian Listeners you can talk to.  
Contact Nava Young for an appointment on  
01983 852680 or navayoung@aol.com

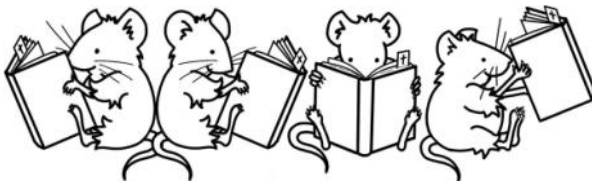
## **PRAYER CHAIN**

All requests for the Prayer Chain  
should be first directed to Kizzie Baker on 853779

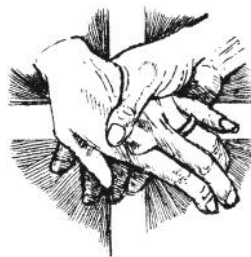
## **BEREAVEMENT GROUP....Can we help you?**

**We are aware that there are a number of people who  
have been bereaved and might like someone to talk  
to.**

If this is YOU or someone you know, please contact any of the  
Bereavement Group from St Catherine's, Holy Trinity and St Boniface,  
by telephoning 857795 (outside Hub hours you can leave a message) or  
visit the Hub at St Catherine's any morning between 10.30 and 12.30.  
If you'd rather leave a note, there's a box in the Coffee Shop. Anything  
you wish to discuss will be treated with absolute confidentiality.



**We pray for those  
recently married.**



**And we pray for those newly baptised.**

**We remember with love and affection  
those who have died recently,  
especially we pray for their families.**

**We pray for those who live on their own in  
our community here in Ventnor.**



# **Bible Readings for OCTOBER**

## **October 1<sup>st</sup> The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-end

Philippians 2:1-13

St Matthew 21:23-32

## **Harvest Readings**

Deuteronomy 28:1-14

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

St Luke 12:16-30

## **October 8<sup>th</sup> The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 3:4b-14

St Matthew 21:33-end

**Harvest Readings as above.**

## **October 15<sup>th</sup> The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Isaiah 25:1-9

Philippians 4:1-9

St Matthew 22:1-14

## **October 22<sup>nd</sup> The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Isaiah 45:1-7

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

St Matthew 22:15-22

## **October 29<sup>th</sup> Readings**

Exodus 17:2-7

1 Cor 12:12-13

Matt 28:18-20



# **Worship for OCTOBER**

## **October 1<sup>st</sup> The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

10.45a.m. Morning Worship, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

## **October 8<sup>th</sup> The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30a.m. Morning Worship, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Catherine's Church

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

6.30p.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

## **October 15<sup>th</sup> The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. **"Come and See"**, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Boniface Church

## **October 22<sup>nd</sup> The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

9.30a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity Church

10.45a.m. Holy Communion, St Catherine's Church

10.45a.m. Morning Worship, St Boniface Church

## **October 29<sup>th</sup> The Last Sunday after Trinity**

JOINT SERVICE OF BAPTISM AND THANKSGIVING  
FOR BAPTISM at St Boniface Church, 10.45a.m

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*Brian recited the 39 articles as  
he did up each button*

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