



15th September 2024
We extend a warm welcome
to Steve Beck and to all our
members, friends and
visitors



For meditation: *By the sorrow you suffered when all the powers of your heart failed you,
O Jesus have mercy on us. In our days of darkness help us and in our hours
of weakness strengthen us that we do not lose hold of you in this life, nor
fail to enjoy you in the life of the world to come. Bridget of Sweden (1303 -1373)*

NEWS AND VIEWS

In 1843 in Morwenstow, Cornwall, Rev Hawker announced ‘God has been very merciful to us this year.....let us offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving.’ Thus was initiated what we now think of as the traditional English Harvest festival. Victorian hymns such as ‘Come, ye thankful people, come’ and ‘We plough the fields and scatter’ helped popularise the idea. Harvest time though is one of the world’s oldest festivals and was celebrated by the Ancient Greeks, by the Romans and by the Jews, who celebrated the Feast of the Tabernacles for over 3000 years.

Thank you in advance to all who attending and contributing to our Harvest lunch – and thanks for all the produce donated. This will be taken to the Southdown pantry tomorrow – Hannah Bevan (who volunteers at the pantry) and Deacon Elizabeth have already expressed their thanks for our continued support..

POINTS FOR PRAYER

In this time of worship, may we learn to imitate Jesus' compassion and care. In our speaking, actions and thinking, may Jesus be our guide. In exploring God's Word together, may we give Jesus' praise. Amen.
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With the Circuit we are being prayed for today.

LECTIONARY READINGS – 22nd September

Proverbs 31: 10-31
Psalm 1
Mark 9: 30 -37
James 3: 13 – 4:3, 7- 8a

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

How clearly the sky reveals God’s glory! How plainly it shows what he has done! Each day announces it to the following day; each night repeats it to the next. No speech or words are used, no sound is heard; yet their voice goes out to all the world and is heard to the ends of the earth. God made a home in the sky for the sun; it comes out in the morning like a happy bridegroom, like an athlete eager to run a race. It starts at one end of the sky and goes across to the other. Nothing can hide from its heat. Psalm 19: 1-6

DIARY

Thursday 19th September

Café + Soup 9.30am – 1.30pm
Soup served around 12 noon.
All welcome

Sunday 22nd September

Morning worship 11.00am
led by Pat Heynes

May the blessing of light be on you,
Light without and light within.
May the blessed sunlight shine upon you
And warm your heart
Till it glows like a great fire
And strangers may warm themselves
As well as friends.

And may the light shine out of the eyes of you,
Like a candle set
In the window of a house,
Bidding the wanderer to come in
Out of the storm.

May the blessing of rain be on you;
The soft sweet rain.
May it fall upon your spirit
So that little flowers may spring up
And shed their sweetness on the air.

And may the blessing of the great rains be on
You,
To beat upon your spirit
And to wash it fair and clean;
And leave there many a shining pool
Where the blue of heaven shines,
And sometimes a star.

May the blessing of the earth be on you,
The great round earth.
May you ever have a kindly greeting for people
As you’re going along the roads.

And now may the Lord bless you,
And bless you kindly.

Irish Blessing, *All Year Round*

