

# St Mary's Newsletter

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Week beginning Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015



## HARVEST FESTIVAL 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**11.00am Harvest Festival Family Service  
followed by bring-and-share lunch**

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please switch to the 'T' position.*

**WE WELCOME** all who join us for our service today.

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

*...those who suffer in mind, body or spirit: Angie Rigney; Jean Mattock; Mark Williams; Yvonne Milne; Bert Hobby; Ben Pratt; Janet Wilgrass; John Searle; Eli Garland; Anne Tasker; Timothy Shillito*

*...those in care homes: Pat Cook; Barbara Sunderland*

*...R.I.P: Keith Wetherill; Kate Freeston*

### THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – 9.00am Morning Prayer**

**9am – 3.30pm Church open**

**7.30pm Henlow Singers**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> – 6.00pm Jumping Dolphins**

**7.00pm Choir Practice**

**8.00pm Bellingring Practice**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> – 9.00am Morning Prayer**

**9am – 3.30pm Church open**

**10.00am Holy Communion**

**10.45am Coffee Morning**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> - 9.00am Morning Prayer**

**9am – 3.30pm Church open**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> - 10am - 4pm church open.**

**NEXT SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> October 2015**

**19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
11.00am Parish Eucharist**

## NOTICES



**Keith Wetherill R.I.P.**

We were all very sad to hear that Keith had died on Tuesday night. He has been a much-loved member of our congregation for many years, and will be greatly missed.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Joan and her family.

**Operation Christmas Child** - We have decided to support the Operation Christmas Child shoe box appeal this year – please pick up a leaflet from the back of the church if you would be interested in taking part. Filled shoe boxes can be brought to the November family service.

If you would like to be involved, but would prefer someone to shop for you – please see Sue or Carol, as we will be wrapping boxes with the Dolphins and could easily add a few more items to our shopping list!

**Open Church** - We are now leaving the church unlocked on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and at the weekend.

We would be very grateful to anyone who felt that they could pop into church during the day to chat to any visitors and make sure all is in order

**Gift Day** will be held on Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>. As usual, we will hope to distribute leaflets around the whole village. Please collect a stack of leaflets from the back of the church if you feel you can help in this way.

*The **Stotfold Salvation Army Band** will be giving a concert at St Mary's Church, Henlow, on Saturday 31 October, starting at 7.30 pm. Admission is free, and donations are welcomed which will be split between St Mary's Church and the Salvation Army. Light refreshments will be served. This annual event is always a most enjoyable occasion. Any questions, please ring 01462 811795*

**Help for Refugees** - As well as requesting guidance received from the Archbishop of Canterbury, we have now been in contact with Central Beds, who are intending to offer their full support to the government plans for supporting refugees. We have registered our desire to help, and will wait to hear from Central Beds as to what form this can best take.

**Calendar dates** - There is a calendar at the back of the church, which is intended as a means of keeping everyone informed about forthcoming events. Please have a quick look through so you know what is happening in the next few months, and add anything which you know is happening in church. It is also well worth looking at the cartoons, which are sometimes worryingly realistic!

**Crib Festival** - Advance notice – we are hoping to hold a Crib Festival on the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> /6<sup>th</sup> December. Please keep the date free, and look out your cribs!

*Don't forget you can also find details of what's on in our online diary at*

[henlowchurch.org.uk/diary.htm](http://henlowchurch.org.uk/diary.htm)

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