

# St Mary's Newsletter

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Week beginning Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2013



## HARVEST THANKSGIVING NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**11.00am Family Service**

**12.15pm Parish Eucharist**

**6.00pm Harvest Evensong**

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**WE WELCOME** all who join us for our services today. Please feel welcome to stay for coffee or squash after the Family Service - the time to meet and greet.

### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

....those who suffer in mind, body or spirit: Angie Rigney; Sue Denwood; Jean Mattock; Mark Williams; Yvonne Milne; Bert Hobby; Doreen Howe; Jim Gregory; Eli Garland; Jasmine Dorricott; Dick Kilby

....those in care homes: Florence Emery; Jessie Child; Pat Cook; Clemency Clarke;

....R.I.P: All the faithful departed

### THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

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

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> – 7.00pm Choir Practice**

**8.00pm Bellingring Practice**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> – 9.00am Morning Prayer**

**2.00pm Baptism Team meeting at  
1 Jordan Close**

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> – 9.00am Morning Prayer**

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> – 10am to 1pm Church open**

**1.00pm Bible Society walk from St Mary's**

**NEXT SUNDAY – 13<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**11.00am Parish Eucharist & Sunday Club**

## NOTICES

The next meeting of the **Churchyard Committee** is at 11 am in church on Wednesday 16 October.

Another very successful **Coffee morning** was held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>. The next one is scheduled for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45 am in church. All welcome - tea/coffee, cakes and lots of chat!

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There will be a service of **Evensong for Harvest** at 6.00pm **this evening**. The service will be from the Book of common Prayer 1662 and the Choir will sing the anthem: 'Thus saith the Lord God' by George C Martin. The collections at both this and the morning service will be given to this year's Bishop's Harvest Appeal - A Sweeter Deal, which is funding a project in Ethiopia that is teaching farmers about better bee keeping methods.

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**The Rev'd Robert Stephen Hawker** (3 December 1803 – 15 August 1875) was an Anglican priest, poet, antiquarian of Cornwall and reputed eccentric.

The Harvest Festival that we know today was introduced in the parish of Morwenstow in 1843 by Hawker. He invited his parishioners to a Harvest service as he wanted to give thanks to God for providing such plenty. This service took place on the 1 October and bread made from the first cut of corn was taken at communion.

"Parson Hawker", as he was known to his parishioners, was something of an eccentric, both in his clothes and his habits. He loved bright colours and it seems the only black things he wore were his socks. He built a small hut that became known as Hawker's Hut, from driftwood on the cliffs overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. He spent many hours there writing his poems and letters. He talked to birds, invited his nine cats into church and kept a pig as a pet.



He built himself a remarkable vicarage, with chimneys modelled on the towers of the churches in his life: Tamerton, where he had been curate; Morwenstow and Welcombe; plus that of Magdalen College, Oxford. The old kitchen chimney is a replica of Hawker's mother's tomb.

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