

SERVICES

All are warmly invited to come and worship on Sundays at 10.30am and all other services.

4 th	August	Morning Prayer
11 th	August	Holy Communion (N.B. No Second Sunday @ Six)
18 th	August	Morning Prayer
25 th	August	Holy Communion
1 st	September	Morning Prayer
8 th	September	Holy Communion <i>Second Sunday @ Six</i>
15 th	September	Morning prayer
22 nd	September	Holy Communion
29 th	September	Holy Communion
6 th	October	Morning Prayer
13 th	October	Holy Communion (<i>Harvest Festival</i>) (N.B. No Second Sunday @ Six)
20 th	October	Morning Prayer
27 th	October	Holy Communion

Children are welcome at all services.

Please note that the new website www.stjohnsbourneend.org is now operational so please check for changes or updates to services.



Parish Room for Hire

St John's Parish Room is available to hire for events and meetings. Please contact the Treasurer or the Churchwardens to check availability and for more details.

St John's Church Bourne End



NEWSLETTER

August 2019 - October 2019

www.stjohnsbourneend.org

Church Officers:

Vicar	Rebecca Fardell	865100
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Message from the Vicar

It is another glorious day: looking out of my study window the grass may be suffering from the sun, but I can see what promises to be another bumper apple crop. Across Bourne End, people will be looking at their gardens and wondering what to enter in the Village Show. Will your roses be at their best on 8th September? Will your carrots stun the judges? Are your preserves award winning? I have the privilege of being one of the judges this year and am expecting to have to make some tough decisions.

Alas, I am not a natural gardener. My grandfather may have grown prize worthy dahlias and geraniums, but he does not seem to have passed his talents on to me. I do however love looking at the abundance around us and it is a joy to walk through the Sunnyside allotments at this time of year with their glorious hollyhocks and neatly planted vegetables. Seeing the beauty and fruitfulness it makes me deeply thankful. I am thankful for the beauty of the earth. I am thankful for the glorious variety of plants and animals around us. I am thankful for the hard work of those who grow food for our tables and flowers for our vases. I am thankful for the God who created all this beauty.

One of my favourite harvest hymns is 'we plough the fields and scatter' which reminds us that whilst we might dig and plant and weed, it is God who feeds and waters and brings life. I love this picture of us working together with God in the creation of something that is good for the body and the soul. It is our honour and responsibility to be God's co-workers in caring for his creation, to be good stewards of the earth and all that is in it.

So as you look about you this summer, what are you thankful for? Why not spend some time thanking God?

**'All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
for all his love'**

With love and prayers

Rebecca

Dates for Your Diary

Pot Luck Lunches



Third Wednesday of the month 1pm in the Parish Room.
18th September, 16th October.
N.B. No Pot Luck Lunch in August.

Coffee Morning



Last Friday of the month 10-12 in the Parish Room.
27th September (*MacMillan Coffee Morning*),
25th October.
N.B. No Coffee Morning in August.

Harvest Lunch 13th October

Following the service in church lunch will be served at The Three Horseshoes, Winkwell at 12.30pm. Cost: 2 course meal £20 per head.

Meet the Vicar

First Thursday of every month between 8 and 10pm.
5th September, 3rd October.

Rebecca will be in The Anchor and looks forward to meeting village residents there.

Saturday 14th September 9am to 5pm.

Sponsored Bike 'n Hike on behalf of Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust.
Open to everyone. The church will be open to receive visitors.

Village Prayers: Prayers in church each Sunday include ones for the residents in each of the village roads in turn. Please continue to post your prayer requests on the board in the porch and do encourage us by giving us feedback if you can.

August: London Road East; **September:** Sugar Lane;

October: Bourne End Lane.

