

Services at St Margaret's Underriver during October 2018



Sunday	7 Oct	11:15	Harvest Festival	
Sunday	14 Oct	08:00	Holy Communion	BCP
		18:00	Evensong	BCP
Sunday	21 Oct	11:15	Short Family Communion	CW
Sunday	28 Oct	11:15	Parish Communion	CW
Sunday	1 Nov	20:00	Joint All Souls Service	
Sunday	4 Nov	11:15	All Age Family Service	

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**Services and Events at
The Church of St Lawrence, Seal Chart
October 2018**

Sunday	7 Oct	Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity Harvest Festival	
	08:00	Holy Communion	BCP
		Ruth 2: : v1-14	John 8: v35-38
	09:45	All Age Family Service	
		Ruth 2: : v1-14	
Tuesday	9 Oct	Prayer Time - Lasts about an hour; All are welcome	
	10:00	At 50 The Crescent, Sevenoaks	
Sunday	14 Oct	Twentieth Sunday after Trinity	
	09:45	Family Communion	CW
		Hebrews 4: v12-16	Mark 10: v17-31
Sunday	21 Oct	Twenty First Sunday after Trinity	
	09:45	Family Communion	CW
		Hebrews 5: v1-10	Mark 10: v35-45
Sunday	28 Oct	Last Sunday after Trinity	
	09:45	Matins	BCP
		Ephesians 2: v19-end	John 15: v17-end
Thursday	1 Nov	All Souls Day	
	20:00	Joint Service at St Margaret's Underriver	
		Psalms 13	John 20: v11-18
Sunday	4 Nov	Fourth Sunday before Advent	
	08:00	Holy Communion	BCP
		Hebrews 9: v11-14	Mark 12: v28-34
	09:45	All Age Family Service - Lost Sheep Trail	
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Church Flowers



Sunday	7 Oct	Sheila Jackson & Hilary Denby-Jones
Sunday	14 Oct	Sheila Jackson
Sunday	21 Oct	Sally Rees
Sunday	28 Oct	Sally Rees
Sunday	4 Nov	Sheila Jackson



Children meet promptly at 09:45 in the School Hall on the dates below

They will rejoin their parents in the church towards the end of the service

All children aged 3 and upwards are welcome

Sunday	7 Oct	Harvest Festival Service
Sunday	21 Oct	Sunday School
Sunday	4 Nov	All Age Family Service - Sheep Sunday - knitted sheep in Church and all things shepherd and flock related
Sunday	18 Nov	Remembrance
Sunday	2 Dec	All Age Family Service
Sunday	9 Dec	Advent
Sunday	6 Jan	All Age Family Service
Sunday	20 Jan	Candlemas

For further information re Sunday School please contact Hilary on 01732 453929

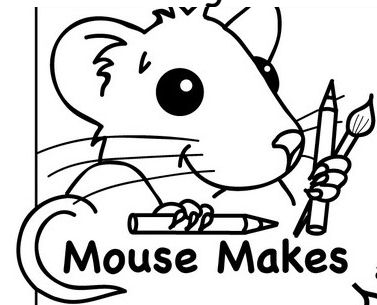


Messy Church is held twice per term and the next occasions will be in the church on

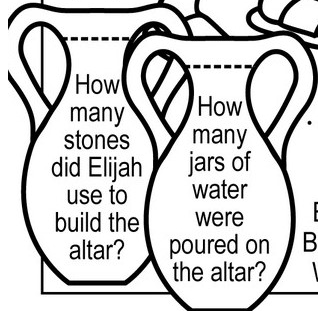
It is planned to have Messy Church twice during the Autumn term

Watch this space (and pew sheets) for details

For further information re Messy Church please contact Wendy on 07880 725885



READ the whole story in 1 Kings 18:16-40



How many stones did Elijah use to build the altar?

How many jars of water were poured on the altar?

God's prophet **Elijah** built a big bonfire and had the prophets of the god **Baal** build one too.

Elijah said "Call on Baal to light the fire and burn the sacrifice" ... but Baal did not answer because he was just an idol made of stone.

Elijah had his bonfire drenched in water then he called on the Lord God. The fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the water around it. All the people saw

this and cried: "The Lord - He is God!"



Can you find these words from the story in the word search?
 ELIJAH • ISRAEL • PROPHETS • BAAL • CARMEL • GOD
 BULL • WOOD • LORD • TEST • ALTAR • SHOUT • STONES
 WATER • POUR • FILL • FIRE • SKY • CONSUMED • DIRT

From our Vicar

Hello,

John and I have recently returned from dropping our first born off at University. It was a bittersweet weekend as we celebrated her excitement but had the tissues ready when it came to saying goodbye.

Whilst away in the city where she's studying we noticed a man sit down next to a homeless guy and offer him a coffee. The homeless guy accepted the offer and then responded when asked his name with Andy, my name is Andy. The conversation between the two men continued for a while and then when the man got up to leave, Andy said to him, thank you for asking me my name". He'd been acknowledged and the man had sought to get to know him and give him value. Being asked his name meant everything.

Jesus asked his disciples "Who do people say that I am?" and they answered him "John the Baptist" and others "Elijah" and still others, "one of the Prophets". Jesus asked them "But who do you say that I am?"

There is always a lot of talk about who Jesus is. Everyone has an opinion, the Bishop in the Cathedral, the religious columnist in the newspaper. The 20-something blogger, the person who does your hair. The chat in the pub over life and the latest tragedy in the news. People know his name but do they really know Him.

"Who do people say that I am?" Jesus asked. In the Bible people say a lot of things about Jesus; "He is the King of the Jews", "He is Mary's son", "He is the light of the world", "He is the Prophet without honour in his own country".

Jesus is the one who can heal your child, cast out your demons, forgive your sins, lead your revolution. He is a Messiah, a Prophet, a Rabbi. He is a pain in the neck! He is alive, he is dead. He has risen, he will come again. Ask around today and you can't help noticing that a lot of people say a lot of things about Jesus now too. Theologically, historically, sociologically, pastorally, politically, biblically, you name it! They say it out loud and on street corners. They say it across the kitchen table and on the internet. They say it in classrooms and pulpits. In just about any context that you can imagine, people say all kinds of things about Jesus, because nearly everybody has an opinion.

You don't have to be a follower of Jesus to understand that the man is **BIG**. He is about the most influential figure that the planet is likely to see. So people say a lot of things about Jesus. They describe him, decry him, defend him, deconstruct him. They explain him, complain about him and plain old discuss and argue at length about him. Jesus

is easy to talk about in this world, pick your context, pick your method.. and go!

So how do you make the move from what people say, to what you say about Jesus?

For each of us, I think the moment comes when what people say about Jesus, is no longer enough. We can't hide behind it, we can't pretend it's ours. We can't substitute what people say for what we say. We want to listen closely to God and speak up for ourselves, but confessing that Jesus is the Messiah, like Peter the disciple does, is only the first step. Then we have to let Jesus teach us what kind of Messiah he is. Not one who will fight and win for us, one who will suffer and die for us. One who will teach us what it is to serve, rather than to conquer, give rather than take, love rather than hold anything back. Jesus is a different kind of Messiah than we were expecting and he always will be.

This is what we explore and find through the lives of our Church families at St Lawrence and St Margaret's. We journey on together, getting it wrong, getting it right, celebrating and weeping together, forgiving and healing. Weaving our individual lives and the experiences and gifts we have into the rich mosaic of God's family. Everyone is welcome on that journey too.

Who do people say that Jesus is? Who do you say that he is?

Much love this October Harvest time,

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Serena X

**St Lawrence Lost Sheep Trail  
(13 October - 4 November 2018)**



**Knitters from St Lawrence's and Seal Chart have been busy making sheep, but oh dear they have got lost in and around the church! Come along and find as many as you can!**

**Come along to a special All Age Lost Sheep Service on Sunday 4 November where there will be a small prize for everyone who took part.**

### **Christmas Fayre**

This year the biennial Church Christmas Fayre will be held on 24th November 2pm - 4.30pm in the village hall.

This is a fun community event, and a wonderful way to start the Christmas season and also a significant money raiser for the church. As last time, we will have a combination of church run stalls and external stallholders to try to ensure that we can offer a great event.

We already have a lot of bases covered but of course we do need more volunteers so please do get in touch if you are willing to help on the day with a stall, parking or collecting money on the door, or if you have time on the morning of the event to help decorate the hall. The list of Church stalls we are planning to run is below and we would be very grateful for donations of cakes/cup cakes, chocolates for the tombola, home jams and pickles for the produce stall and any 'pre-loved' smart ladies tops, dresses or jackets. John has kindly included us in his raffle quota for the year but I know if you have anything that could work well for a Christmas raffle it would be gratefully received. [see page 7]

Do please mark the date and come along. This event is a lot of fun, and a much needed boost to church income.

If you are able to support us with any donations of the following, please contact Hilary Denby Jones on : 07776136678. Thank you so much.

Look forward to seeing you on the 24th November!

Hilary & Ron

### **Church Stalls**

|                                             |                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Stitchers Stall                             | Cake Stall                                          |
| Wine Tasting Game                           | Chocolate Tombola                                   |
| Raffle                                      | Face Painting                                       |
| Children's Lucky Dip/Bran Tub               | Santa's Grotto                                      |
| Sunday School Craft Sale of Knitted Sheep   | Mulled Wine and Mince Pies, Children's Juice/Squash |
| Pre-loved' Smart Tops, Dresses and Jackets  | Produce Stall with Home Made Apple Juice            |
| Jams, Pickles and Hot Venison Sausage Rolls | Raffle of a Christmas Cake                          |

### Meet & Make

Thanks so much to John Clemence for hosting our meeting in his beautiful summer house and garden.

People seemed to enjoy the little cheesy snacks, to make, google Italian Forgosa bread recipe - micheleromanorecipes.com.



Please note that the next Meet and Make group on 2 October will now be at Kettleshill House TN15 ORX, thanks to Charlotte Thornton, and not as previously notified.

The November 6 meet will be at Absalom's farm.

Maxine

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### Dragon Boating!

On 8th September, an intrepid group of rowers once again took to the water at Bewl reservoir to raise money for our churches nominated charities.

On the water, we continued to improve throughout the day, bettering our time in each race, culminating in a fastest time of 1:28.5s.

Our improvement was hardly surprising some might argue, given that we very nearly capsized, and lost our drummer overboard during our first race!

We have raised a staggering £4500 to be divided between our chosen charities, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your help, be that donating, supporting us on the day, or rowing. Your generosity has raised an amount of money that will change lives for the better.

Something that remains with me long after the event itself has passed, is the feeling of genuine good that shines out of those people taking part, raising money with no gain for themselves to help others. Hundreds, if not thousands of people take part, and it is an amazing sight to see so much good happening in one place at one time. Gods hand really does reach far beyond our wildest expectations if only we open our eyes to see!

Please do keep an eye on the notice board in church for some photos of the day.

I am looking forward to our next adventure together.

With heartfelt thanks, Ron.

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### We Carry the Bells - Two Horses

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it.

From a distance, each horse looks like any other horse.

But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing...

Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him.

This alone is amazing. If you stand nearby and listen, you will hear the sound of a bell.

Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field.

Attached to the horse's halter is a small bell.

It lets the blind friend know where the other horse is, so he can follow.

As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see that the horse with the bell is always checking on the blind horse, and that the blind horse will listen for the bell and then slowly walk to where the other horse is, trusting that he will not be led astray.



When the horse with the bell returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, it stops occasionally and looks back, making sure that the blind friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges!

He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need..

Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives.

Other times we are the guide horse, helping others to find their way....

Good friends are like that. You may not always see them, but you know they are always there.

Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours, and remember...

Be kinder than necessary.: Everyone you meet is fighting, some kind of battle.

Live simply,

Love generously,

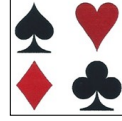
Care deeply,

Speak kindly.

Anon



# **! BOOK NOW !** **BRIDGE TEA**



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October - 2 - 4.30pm

Underriver Village Hall

£50 per table in aid of St Lawrence Church Funds

Tickets from Bridget Stephens 01732 760150

Sheila Jackson 01732 811422

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### **Tim Peake speculates on Intelligent Design**

According to The Times, the astronaut Tim Peake, on a recent visit to Peterborough Cathedral, spoke about his journey back to Earth in 2016. he said: 'Although I say I'm not religious it doesn't necessarily mean that I don't seriously consider that the universe could have been created from intelligent design. There are many things in science that lead us towards that conclusion. Tim Peake

'From a point of view of seeing how magnificent the Earth is from space and seeing the cosmos from different perspective, it helps you to relate to that.'

Peake added that, as well as the scale of the universe being impressive, looking at the minute details also made him think: 'When you look at the smaller scale, the micro level, and you understand quantum mechanics and quantum physics, there are many things that lead us... towards intelligent design of the universe.'

The Astronaut's Soyuz landing module and spacesuit is on display in Peterborough Cathedral until 5<sup>th</sup> November.

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**Our Harvest Festival Service**  
**will be held on**  
**Sunday 7 October at 9:45 am**

**"All are welcome in this place"**

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### **Prayer Time**

**Please remember in your prayers**

**Those who are lonely;**

**Those who sleep on our streets;**

**Those who are hungry;**

**All who do not look forward to long winter evenings;**

**Lord, in Your mercy, Hear our Prayer. Amen.**



### **A Timely Reminder**

Please remember to put your clocks and watches back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday 27 October, otherwise you will be late for church and will probably miss the entire service

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### **Raffle Prizes**

You may remember that in the early summer, I wrote to you appealing for Raffle Prizes for our 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations (generously subscribed to!), the Harvest Supper, the Christmas Fayre, and the Christmas Concert.

Many of you responded magnificently and for that we are extremely grateful, but we still need more donations, particularly any special or unusual items you may have that would be suitable for the Auction.

All proceeds go to our Church, and hopefully will be at minimum cost to yourself! So search your homes, and your hearts again, and deliver to Apple Tree Cottage, bring them to Church, or arrange for collection on 01732 761097 or [johncarlisle246@gmail.com](mailto:johncarlisle246@gmail.com)

*Many Thanks*

*John Carlisle*

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### **Ten out of Ten**

Congratulations to Alex on his achievement in this year's GCSE examinations.

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### **All free!**

The nursery teacher decided to tell her class about democracy. 'We live in a great country,' she began. 'One of the things we should be happy is that, in this country, we are all free.' One little boy stood up and looked indignant. 'I'm not free,' he protested. 'I'm four.'