King's Way Benefice News

Living and sharing the Good News of Christ by serving East Bristol

Sunday 11th October

Collect for Today — The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Worship Services on Sunday 11th October

St Michael's	9.00am	Holy Communion	Rev. Nicola Callen
King's Way Benefice		**No Junior Church**	
St Aidan's	10.30am	Harvest Service	Rev. Canon Paul Denyer
St John's	10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Nicola Callen

Worship Services on Sunday 18th October

St Michael's	9.00am	Holy Communion	Rev. Nicola Callen
King's Way Benefice	10.30am	**Junior Church**	St John's Church hall
St Aidan's	10.30am	Service of the Word	Service of the word team
St John's	10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Matt Stone

Lectionary readings for 11th Oct	Philippians 4. 1-9;	Matthew 22. 1-14;
Lectionary readings for 18th Oct	2 Timothy 4. 5-17;	Luke 10. 1-9;

Regular Meetings King's Way Benefice

Mondays	**Home Group** 2.30pm - 4.00pm at Wesley Cottage (for more details, email: anthony.hick@methodist.org.uk or phone 07726 342744)
Tuesdays	**Morning Prayer** 9.15am at St John's
Wednesdays	**Morning Prayer** 9 am at St Aidan's
Thursdays	**Holy Communion** 10am at St John's Church followed by Coffee & Chat **Coffee & Chat** 10am -12pm at St Aidan's **Home Group** 7.30pm (now meeting face to face every fortnight, speak to Rob Towler for more information)
Saturdays	**Bible Study** 10am -11.30am at St John's

Thought for the Week by Rev Trevor Denley

Many years ago there lived an eccentric vicar called Robert Hawker. His eccentricities were numerous. But it is not for his eccentricities that Rev. Hawker will be remembered. His parish was that of Morwenstow, situated on the north Devon coast very close to the Cornish border. He was famous for clambering down the cliffs to carry up the bodies of drowned seaman to ensure they received a Christian burial. However, for most of us, it is the Harvest Festival that he will be remembered. For thousands of years many different civilisations have given thanks for and celebrated Harvest.

Rev. Hawker is believed to be the person who brought back the mediaeval custom of the Harvest Festival into the church. He wanted to give thanks for the bounty that the harvest provided, so on September 13th 1843 he posted a notice -

"Let us gather together in the chancel of our church, and there receive, in the bread of the new corn, that blessed sacrament which was ordained to strengthen and refresh our souls."

And so the bread used at the Communion service on October 1st 1843 was made from the first crop of corn.

We have all been to Harvest Festival services, I remember as a child being taken from Junior School to the local church for a service. We sang then as we do now Harvest favourites such as "We plough the fields and scatter, Come ye thankful people come" and others. I don't suppose many of us have ever handled a plough, I certainly haven't. Farming can be a thankless job. In this country it is easy to take the supply of food for granted and despite the harvest not being as usual this year due to the long, hot and dry summer, there was still a harvest.

God provides a great bounty for us and it is right and proper that we should celebrate and give thanks, but God calls us to be a generous people, to share our blessings with others. As we celebrate Harvest, let us to be mindful of those who are not as fortunate, and share in God's bounty.

Deanery Synod

The next Deanery Synod will take place on Thursday 22nd October 7-8.30pm at B&A, 279 Gloucester Road, BS7 8DL. The theme will be around our use of church buildings, and various members of the Deanery will talk about their varying experiences of building projects, change of building use, accessibility and other ideas.

This is open to anyone and if anyone needs a lift to please let Anne know.

Cinderella needs Screening!!

I am sure that she has already been put on film at some time, as well as numerous performances on stage, but that is not what this is about! She will be appearing, live, at St. Aidan's for a couple of nights at the end of January 2027, performed by the Kings Way Benefice Players. As part of the stage setup, we need some screens – the sort that used to be pulled around hospital beds – and were wondering if anyone in the Benefice had anything like that, or knows someone who has. If you do, please contact Bernard on 9407142 or merrickqs@blueyonder.co.uk

Arts at St Aidan's

Fir Tree Lane, St. George, Bristol BS5 8TZ

Doors open 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

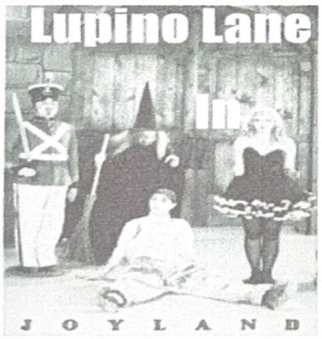
SILENT FILM NITE

14TH NOVEMBER

with

Donald MacKenzie,

Internationally acclaimed organist



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All seats £11.00, including interval refreshments.

To reserve ring Amy on 9586412 or 07437190465 between 9am and 5pm Mon, or 9am – 1pm Thurs – money with order, please. Any other time leave message on Answerphone. Booking opens 19th October.

See www.staidansbristol.co.uk for further information

A prayer for Harvest

Loving God, we thank you for the beauty and abundance of your creation.

Thank you for the food we have, for those who grow and prepare it, and for all the gifts you provide.

We pray for those who are hungry, for families facing hardship, and for people in need around the world.

Help us to be thankful for what we have,
generous in sharing with others,
and caring for the world you have given us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Praying for .... Ann Jurish and Emily Jurish

Martin & Susan Smith

Trisha Clark

Andrew Wiltshire

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The newsletter this week has been sent out by Amy Donaldson