King's Way Benefice News

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

Sunday 27th September

Collect for Today — The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Worship Services on Sunday 27th September

St Michael's	9.00am	Service of the Word	Jim Elliott
King's Way Benefice	10.30am	**Junior Church**	St John's Church hall
St Aidan's	10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Trevor Denley
St John's	10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Matt Stone

Worship Services on Sunday 4th October

St Michael's	9.00am	Patronal Festival & Harvest Service	Rev. Anthony Hick, Methodist
King's Way Benefice		**No Junior Church**	
St Aidan's	10.30am	Holy Communion	Rev. Matt Stone
St John's	10.30am	Harvest Service	Rev. Nicola Callen & Rev. Diane Simms

Lectionary readings for 27th Sept	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
Lectionary readings for 4th Oct		

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 Anthony Hick, Methodist

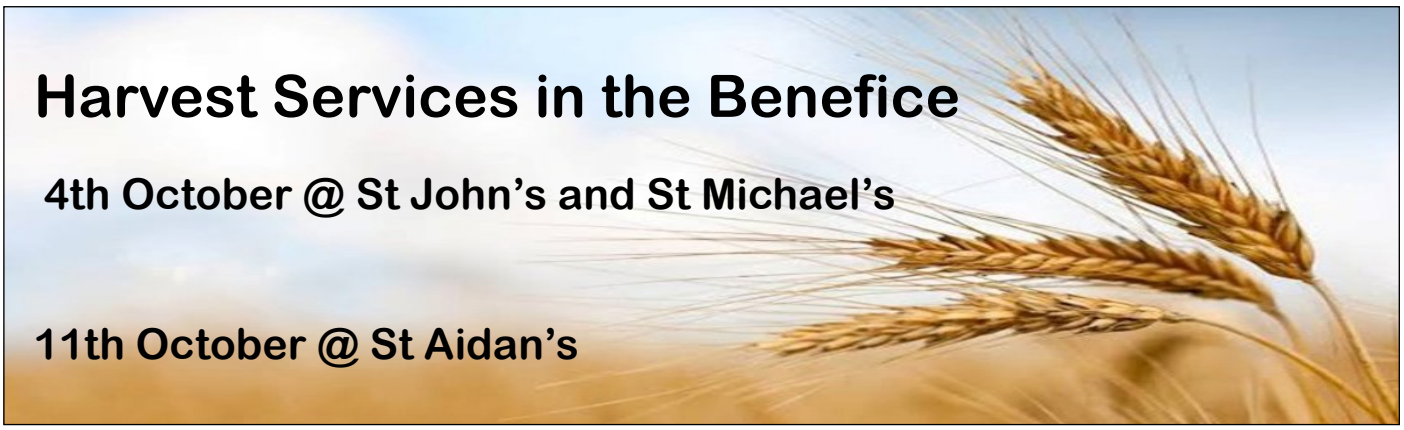
BY WHAT AUTHORITY ….. ?

Jesus wasn't a formally trained rabbi. He had no qualifications recognised by the chief priests. In Nazareth he was known as the local boy 'made good', son of Joseph the carpenter. Yet his preaching and teaching was amazing – he spoke with authority – an authority that those who were supposed to be in authority didn't recognise. Indeed, they questioned Jesus about that authority. In essence, they questioned what right he had to teach in the way he did, when he had no formal training or qualification. (Matthew 21:23) Typically, Jesus responds with a question. He asks what authority John the Baptist had to do and say what he did. The chief priests and elders (the highest religious authorities at the time) don't know. Jesus demonstrates his authority even over the conversation.

Most of us have mixed feelings about people in authority, especially the ones we don't agree with! We are particularly concerned about those who we believe are abusing their authority. Yet here's the challenge: we have been given authority by Jesus. He is the one who said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Matthew 28:18) and he has authorised us to go in his name – with that same amazing authority. That's a big responsibility, and one we cannot exercise in our own strength. The Holy Spirit is with us to encourage and strengthen us – as it were, the certificate of authority from God to speak in his name.

How are you being called to exercise that authority this week? And how will you ensure it is clear where that authority comes from? May God guide you.

Anthony
Rev Anthony M Hick (Supernumerary Methodist Presbyter and host of Wesley Cottage Quiet Garden)



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

Do you have a query about your water bill, how to save water and prevent blockages, or your water and sewerage services?

Wessex Water will be holding a drop-in session in Hillfields Park Community Centre, Thicket Ave, Bristol BS16 4EH on Thursday 1st October at 10am-12am to answer all your water related questions.

To find out more, visit:

https://www.wessexwater.co.uk/community-drop-ins

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

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The newsletter this week has been sent out by Amy Donaldson