

Weekly News

Friday 25th September 2026



Dear all,

Welcome to this week's news and notices.

This Sunday, 27th September, the 17th after Trinity we will be holding the following 3 services, taken by Rev Phil Aindow

9.30am Holy Communion – Harvest

Donations of tins/packages etc for The Society of St James.

Readings: Romans 15: 14-22 and Matthew 20: 1-16

Music: Come ye thankful people come, For the fruits of all creation, For the beauty, Goodness of God, So will I and All creatures of our God and King

3.00pm Patch

~~6.30pm Taize Service~~

Sunday 27th September: please note there is no evening service at St John's. Instead, you are all encouraged to attend St Boniface Church, Chandler's Ford, to an evening with the Revd Professor Joshua Hordern and Dr Ruan Bessa to consider 'How should our Christian faith shape our politics?' An introduction to Christian political thought. To book a £5 ticket please use the QR code on the flyers in the UHC or use the following link: <https://parishcf.churchsuite.com/events/36txazmf>

Friday 4th October: 9.30am Morning prayer at the Patch – everyone welcome.

Next Sunday, 4th October, the 18th after Trinity we will be holding the following 3 services, taken by Rev Phil Aindow

9.30am Family Communion

Readings: Isaiah 5: 1-7 and Matthew 21: 33-45

3.00pm Patch

6.30pm Northumbrian Evening Prayer

Notices

Rotary Shoebox Scheme: We have 5 boxes available to be filled and donated please. They can be found on the Pew between the church and the UHC. If you are able to, please take, fill and return to church by Sunday 4th October. Thank you.

The Village is continuing this week (Fridays 10.30am - 12noon). It's an all inclusive social group for: neurodivergence, physical/learning difficulties, lacking confidence, aged 25+, carers welcome. Please hold the participants and the group leaders in your prayers. **We would love to have a couple of additional volunteers – if you are interested please speak to Chrissie. Thank you.**

Mission to Seafarers coffee morning: Saturday 17th October 10.00-12.00 We would be very grateful for donations of cakes and raffle prizes. Thank you. Sally & David L.

Our Shed: We are looking to give the Shed a little bit of TLC and would love some people to join The Shed team to help decorate and maintain it. Could this be something for you? If you think it could be please speak to Emma or Lyn to find out more.

In line with our sustainability ethos we are asking if anyone has any of the following, they are looking to rehome:

- VERY large tarpaulin (in good condition please)
- VERY thick rolls of polythene.

We use these to protect the wood and to make the shed as watertight as possible.

Also wanted are flat white sheets (we use these to line inside the shed)

Please see Lyn or Emma if you are able to help. Thank you

Ride and Stride 2026: Thank you very much to Martin Cheffy who kindly participated in this, and to everyone who supported him through prayer and sponsorship. All monies must be given to the office in a named and labelled envelope marked FAO Kerry. Thank you.

Trash & Treasure: We will be running a stall again at the Hedge End Lights Switch on and would like any small items to wrap for the stall. Please hand them to either Jackie M or Kathy. Many thanks.

Vocations Morning: Saturday 14th November 9.30am – 12.30pm.

Do you think God might be calling you to use your gifts to serve Jesus Christ, but you're unsure of what your next step might be? Join the Diocesan Mission & Ministry Team to find out more about the pathways available for both lay and ordained ministries.

There will be a particular focus on opportunities for lay ministries including Exploring Theology, Bishops' Commission for Mission and Bishops' Permission to Preach.

Please speak to Phil if you are interested and then, for more information and to book, contact Tracey Clark via email at tracey.clark@winchesterdiocese.org or phone on [01962 710983](tel:01962710983).

Vocations morning will be held at St Luke's Church, Sway, SO41 6AD



Prayers For your prayers:

We pray for Christians everywhere who know You, that their faith will remain strong. We pray for those who do not yet know You, that they will find Your love for all people.

We pray for all children and ask You to watch over them. We pray for children living in unsafe homes and in war-torn countries that they will find peace and happiness.

Pray for the situations in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine and Sudan.

Anglican Communion Cycle: The Church of Bangladesh – Moderator Samuel Sunil Mankhin

Diocesan Life: Our Cathedral, Dean Christopher and the staff and many volunteers, in their calling and vision to renew, inspire and unite, and welcome visitors as pilgrims.

Neighbours: Hobb Lane, Patricia Drive, Whitebeam Road, Poplar Way, Willow Close, and Medlar Close.

For wholeness and healing: Susan Phippard, Linda, David Lynch, Michael Rosendale, Alex A, Lilly Quigley and Roy Hogben.

Departed: Sheila Baynes.

Church groups this week:

Tues 29 th Sept	9.30am	Table Tennis
Wed 30 th Sept	9.30am	Art Group
Thurs 1 st Oct	2.00pm	Crafty Thursdays

Future church events:

Saturday 17th October – Mission to Seafarers Coffee Morning

Thursday 26th November – Hedge End Lights switch on event

Saturday 28th November – Christmas Coffee Morning



Giving: Thank you for all you do to support our church financially. If you are a regular member of our congregation, please consider giving via the Parish Giving Scheme – it's easy for you and easy for us!



Online streamed services: [St John's, Hedge End](#)



The Society of St James: supports homeless people in Hampshire and are currently listing the following items as being needed at the moment:

Tinned foods (soup, fish, vegetables, meat eg stews, ready meals). Dried foods (pasta, rice, cereals, sugar etc). Drinks (tea, coffee, hot chocolate, fruit squash, long life milk)

Other food items to help prepare a meal (cooking oil, spices, stock cubes)

Snack meals to be made in a mug (Mug-shots, pot noodles, cup-a-soups)

If you are able to pop an extra item in your shopping this week, all donations of these or other non-perishable items will be gratefully received, and they can be placed in the trolley in the UHC. Thank you.

