

Thought for October 2021

By Revd. Claire Claxton

As I prepare my talk and puppet play for our harvest thanksgiving service on Sunday, I have been reflecting on the concept of sharing. My bird puppets are not very keen on sharing their stash of fruit and seeds with the newcomer but they come round to the idea and find that, despite their fears of having less for themselves, they end up with more as their new friend also shares.

I remember, as children, my cousins and brothers and I were taught we must always take the one nearest to us when offered a plate of cakes. This was a hard lesson to learn when the biggest one was at the far side of the plate! And, if I was asked to carry the plate, I remember turning it as I offered it so that I would end up with the biggest cake at the end!

The Bible tells us that God loves a cheerful giver and is able to shower all kinds of blessings on us when we give to others. (2 Corinthians 6: 7-8)

This year so far, the Church has raised funds for Grow Limited, the Tomaini Fund, Macmillan Cancer Support and the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal and I am very grateful to the many people who give so generously to support charities such as these as well as the church. The harvest gifts of food will be passed on to Guernsey Welfare and there is a Guernsey Welfare basket at the back of church in which groceries can be left at any time during the year.



There are lots of ways in which we can use our 'time, talents and treasure' for others. Social studies have proven that helping others is good for us in that it gives us a sense of purpose and promotes well-being. And God will bless us too. I call that a win-win situation!

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FLOWERS IN CHURCH IN OCTOBER

3RD OCTOBER HARVEST ANNE SHAKERLEY & EVERYONE

10TH OCTOBER LINDA ARCHARD

17TH OCTOBER LINDA ARCHARD

24TH OCTOBER NICOLA HOYLAND BIRCH

31ST OCTOBER NICOLA HOYLAND BIRCH



The Sponsored Walk

On Saturday August 21st a sponsored walk took place from church and helped to raise over £700. Well done everyone.



October Dates for your Diary

Knit and Natter

Wed October 6th

in church 2pm - 4pm. come even if you only want to natter!

ACC Meeting

Wed October 6th, 7.30pm in church.

Coffee Morning

Wednesday 13th October

Our next coffee morning will take place from 10.30am to 12 noon in church.

Do come and join us for a cuppa, some cake and a chat. All are welcome!



Harvest Festival 3rd October

We celebrate harvest on the first Sunday in October so remember to bring gifts of produce especially dried or tinned goods which will be donated to Guernsey Welfare. This will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in church.

Solace

Thursday October 7th & 21st

A support group for bereaved friends who meet at St Martin's Community Centre from 10.30 - 12 noon .

Dates for the diary:

Sunday 7th November 4 p.m. All Souls Service in remembrance of loved ones who have died, followed by refreshments

Sunday 21st November Rotary Charities Table Sale at Beau Sejour 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A Prayer for Today

No matter what happens to us, teach us to be thankful for every precious minute of time. Help us not to take for granted your gift of life itself, our health and strength, the love and support of family and friends, the beauty of your creation. You give so much to us dear Lord, help us to give you something in return, the love of our hearts, a willingness to serve you and to share your love with others.



Farewell to Bishop Trevor

The Rt Revd Trevor Willmott has provided episcopal care for the deaneries of Guernsey and Jersey since March 2014. He retired as Bishop of Dover in May 2019, but has continued to support us in retirement, as we have awaited the report of the Archbishop's Commission and the implementation of the decision that our attachment should be to the Diocese of Salisbury. Bishop Willmott will be visiting the Bailiwick of Guernsey from 11 – 15 October, to take leave of us.

There will be a Confirmation service at St Saviour's church on Tuesday 12 October and a farewell service at the Town Church at 6.30 pm on Thursday 14 October (followed by a reception).

All are welcome to attend these services.



Welcome to Forest Parish Church Services in October

Sunday 3rd October 11am Harvest Family Celebration

followed by Bring and Share lunch

Reader tba: 2 Corinthians 9: v 6 - 11.

Prayers: Nicola Hoyland Birch

No Evensong on 3rd October but there is a service at Vale Church at 6 p.m. at which Natalie Tanswell will be licensed as an LLM (Licensed Lay Minister)

Sunday 10th October 11am Parish Communion,

Reader: Richard Heaume Amos 5 v6-7, 10-15 Hebrews 4 12-end

Prayers: Keith Bienvenu

Sunday 17th October 9am Puppets and Praise

11am Parish Communion

Reader: Steve Le Poidevin Isaiah 53 v 4-end Hebrews 5 v1-10

Prayers: Nancy Smith

Evensong 6.30pm

Reader: Keith Bienvenu Isaiah 53 v 4-end Mark 10 v 35-45

Sunday 24th October 9am Traditional Communion

11am Parish Communion *with Baptism of Theo McCutcheon and
Tori-Lee Gorvel*

Reader: Keith Wallace Jeremiah 31 v7-9 Hebrews 7 v23-end

Prayers: Katie Blampied

Sunday 31st October 11am Parish Communion

Reader: Debbie Dorey Isaiah 25 v 6-9 Revelations 21 v1-6a

Prayers: Peter Gallienne

Morning Prayer

Every Monday and Thursday morning at 9am, a short service of Morning Prayer is said in church, a good way to start the day.



Vases

With the harvest service fast approaching for this weekend I thought I'd let you know that there is a selection of pots and vases available, in the store next to the loos, if you need them for flower arranging.

I've had a bit of a sort out in there so hopefully items are now more accessible. If any of the items are yours and you wish to reclaim them please do so.

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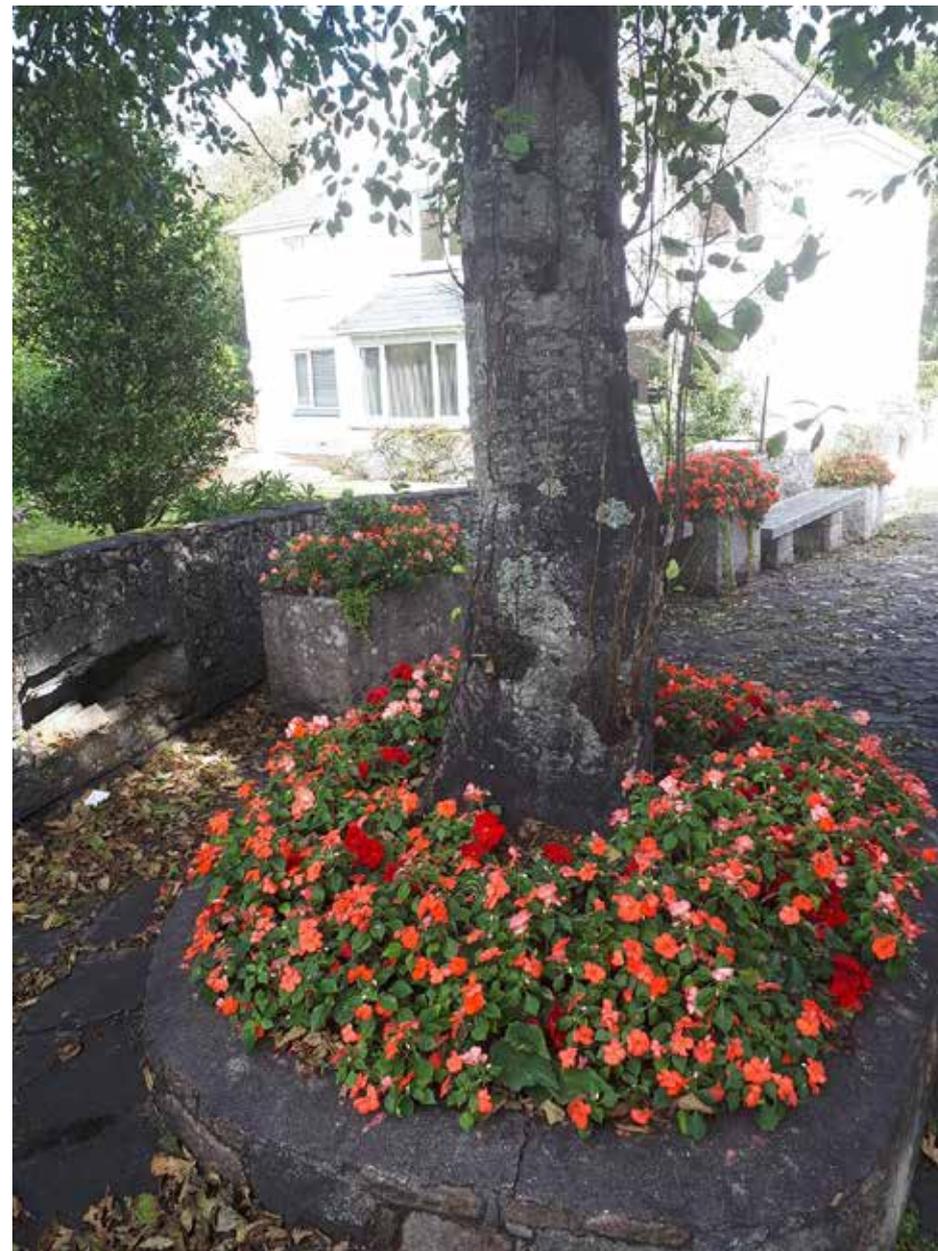
At the recent Floral Guernsey Awards Ceremony Forest won a Gold Award for the display at the Douzaine Room and also Gold in the Community Award.

Congratulations to all the hard working members of Forest Floral who keep our parish so beautifully decorated all the year round and give enjoyment to many. The group also plant up and care for all the pots around the Parish Church which are much admired.

Forest Floral are now considering whether to enter the parish for Britain in Bloom 2022.

A Gardening evening for all

Wednesday 20th October Forest Floral Gardening Club at 7pm in the Douzaine Room. This will be an interesting evening and is open to all, speaker Rohan Thorn (who writes the Press articles), and plants for sale. Entrance including refreshments £5.



One of the many little areas in the Forest cared for by the Forest wombles, look out for them on a Monday morning in their high-vis vests