

St Laurence Parish Church, Frodsham
Newsletter for week commencing Sunday 18th October 2020 – Trinity 19, Year A
 “To know God and to make God known”

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This week

Sunday 18th	8.00	Eucharist - spoken. Please book (see below)
	10.00	Eucharist - with music. Please book (see below)
Monday	10.00-16.00	Church open for private prayer – please wear a face mask
Tuesday	10.00-16.00	Church open for private prayer – please wear a face mask
Wednesday	10.00-16.00	Church open for private prayer – please wear a face mask
Thursday	10.00-16.00	Church open for private prayer – please wear a face mask
Friday		Church closed
Saturday		Church closed
Sunday 25th	2:00	British Summer Time ends – clocks go back
	8.00	Eucharist - spoken. Please book (see below)
	10.00	Eucharist - with music. Please book (see below)

Also, please join us for our online service each Sunday – and hear familiar voices. The link currently is: <https://slfchurch.org/trinity-17-on> and is also displayed on our website and Facebook page
If you can't get to church in person or online then a CD of the service could be delivered to your home.
If you would like a CD then contact Rev Elaine revelaine@nym.hush.com to arrange.

We continue to follow Church of England guidelines closely, accepting that there will be restrictions in place for quite some time to come. Current advice is that face coverings **must** be used in church. As you probably all know by now, seating in church has been re-arranged to comply with social distancing requirements, reducing numbers who can attend. To help us to manage this, please contact Betty Rutter: bets66@btinternet.com or phone her after 10am if you would like to reserve a place at one of next week's Sunday services. (Please do so by Friday evening at the latest).

Many thanks for your continued prayers, patience and support at this unpredictable time.

Letter

Dear Friends,

Here's an appropriately seasonal poem for you to reflect on:

God of Autumn by Katrina Crosby

*God of autumn,
 help us to be more like nature,
 accepting the changing seasons,
 like the changing of the trees:
 not a dying as life sometimes feels,
 but a stripping bare in preparation for inner growth,
 knowing that to shed the outer layers
 will reveal the strength that is hidden underneath.*

*God of autumn,
 it's so hard to let things go:
 the shields,
 the camouflage,
 the flimsy covers...*

*We cannot hide from you -
 you are our strength,
 you see our inner beauty.
 You see beyond the human dressings*



and wish to clothe us in your love.

God of autumn,
help us to be more like nature,
accepting the changing seasons
not because they are out of our control,
but because they are in your hands.

As we once again face Covid-19 related restrictions to our daily routine, it's good to be reminded that whatever we face, our lives are in God's hands.

With love and blessings, Elaine 😊

Prayers

Our prayers for those who are sick: If you know of anyone whom you feel needs our prayers – please ask permission from them or their family and then pass their name to Rev Elaine: revelaine@nym.hush.com

Please pray for -

Those who are sick

For those who have died

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time

Notices

THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS: THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

"The believer's pilgrimage of faith is lived out with the mutual support of all the people of God.

In Christ all the faithful, both living and departed, are bound together in a communion of prayer."

Since its foundation, Christians have recognised that the church - the assembled people of God - is at its most perfect when it recognizes its unity in God's redeeming love with all who have said, who say now, and who will say in the fullness of time, "Jesus is Lord".



Because of the present circumstances we cannot hold our All Souls service as usual. We are instead sending out "Forget-me-not" cards which will be sent with the newsletters next week:

- To print yourselves if you receive the newsletter electronically
- Or a hard copy with newsletters delivered to your door.

Please write the name(s) of anyone departed you wish to pray for.

At 7.00pm on All Souls Day, 2nd November: Reverend Elaine and some of the Ministry team will meet in church to offer prayers for the faithful departed.

We ask you to join us **AT HOME** at 7.00pm by lighting a candle and praying for your loved ones, as a sign of solidarity. As the names are read out in church, please listen out for the single church bell being tolled.

If you would like the name of a loved one read out in church - please contact Rev Elaine.

(Please note that those whose funerals have taken place at St Laurence since last November will automatically be read out)

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY AND REMEMBRANCE DAY (ARMISTICE DAY)



Our 10am Service at St Laurence Church on Sunday 8th November will be dedicated to Remembrance. Numbers will have to be restricted and booking will be necessary.

The service which is usually held on the hill at 11am on November 11th cannot take place this year. However, Rev Elaine along with some of the other ministers and the town council are putting together a short act of Remembrance, which will be recorded and available to watch on the day.

Further details for both services will follow.

MESSAGE FROM MARJORIE RIGBY I would like to thank everyone for their kindness and prayers during my illness. Hope it's not too long before I am back in church.

STOP PRESS: BERYL'S APPLE CHUTNEY IS NOW AVAILABLE. Beryl is now surrounded by jars of jams and chutneys! If you would like some please can you contact her before she runs out of space. Proceeds, as always, to St Laurence Church. Please contact her directly regarding purchases and collection on weekdays between 6-8pm. Please email saintells@gmail.com if you don't have her telephone number. Happy shopping!

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY Please bring your collection boxes back to be emptied if you can; alternatively I will arrange to pick them up. Many thanks, Pauline

MODERN SLAVERY A new exhibition opened at Chester Cathedral on Saturday 10 October which draws attention to the issue of modern slavery. There is a YouTube video about it and about ways to spot modern slavery near us: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t3osBWr4-5E&feature=youtu.be> It is well worth watching.

OVER 70'S CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS The Town Council is again offering Christmas Gift Vouchers to residents of the town who will be aged 70 or over on 31 January 2021. The vouchers can be spent in a range of our local independent shops or donated to local good causes. If you wish, you can donate the voucher to St Laurence Church, as in previous years. The online application form can be found at <https://frodsham.gov.uk/gift-voucher-application/> Please fill it in and click the Send button by 6th November. Paper forms are available in the front porch at Castle Park House, in Frodsham Post Offices and selected locations in the Town, or can be downloaded and printed from <https://slfchurch.org/files>

FOODBANK Donations can be made at Morrison's, Sainsbury's and Tesco and also to Frodsham distribution centre at Guide HQ, Ship Street between 1 and 3 pm on Fridays (excluding Bank Holidays). Current needs are biscuits, tinned fruit and long-life fruit juice. To find out about obtaining a voucher, opening times of distribution centres or how to donate financially through the online donation page, please visit the website - runcorndistrict.foodbank.org.uk

DONATIONS TO CHURCH Many people will now find it difficult to make their usual weekly contributions to the church. If you would like to contribute directly, our Bank Account details are as follows: ST LAURENCE FRODSHAM PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL Sort Code: 09-01-55 Account No: 42559803. Alternatively, you can use our online donations page <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/371c0c8f-ea13-4763-9688-e0de77dd8475> The work of our church during this difficult time is reliant on people's generosity, a generosity that is a hallmark of a lived-out faith and a testament to it. Thank you.

Contributions for the Newsletter should be emailed to saintells@gmail.com by 7pm on Wednesday

News from church members

From Mavis

WHY ON EARTH A LANDROVER FOR A HEARSE?

Gail encouraged me to answer the above question and I am more than delighted to share the answer with you. It is because the Land Rover brings many happy memories to our family and friends. It was Neville's favourite vehicle. When Ian Turner asked us if we would like a Land Rover as a hearse we knew as a family it was the perfect vehicle for him.

I think I must have been worried about driving what seemed to be rather a large vehicle because I can remember Neville saying to me "do not worry, it is higher than a car but no wider" and with this I was given the confidence to enjoy driving it. The children noticed the number plate MFM 823J and christened it 'Mavis's Funny Motor'.

One day I took Daniel down to the Manor School in said motor. After dropping him off I jumped into the L/R and the gear stick came off in my hand! I giggled all the way home, carrying it and told Neville "the rest of it is outside school." This was unfortunate as at the time he was in bed very poorly; (this was unusual as he NEVER had time off work ill.)

As Catherine says in her Tribute to her Dad, he would take her and her friends (in the 'Eighties) to birthday parties and the ice rink all singing 'The Quartermaster's Store' and when they were older he would wait outside nightclubs in Chester and take tired teenagers safely back to their individual homes. (The Land Rover could seat twelve in the back facing each other.)

Daniel also in his tribute mentioned the Land Rover. Once, about how in Liverpool a car crashed into the side of the L/R, the driver's side taking the full impact, causing it to cartwheel down the road. (Luckily, Neville was not wearing a seat-belt as that was before the law on seat-belts came in.) People watching expected the driver to be dead. However Neville was thrown into the back and survived, bruised but fine.

Daniel also remembers going to Anglesey, deep sea fishing and spending many happy hours with his Dad. He also thought it was exciting going with his Dad to the 'swinging lantern' garage, getting diesel and collecting points for a Smurf, many of which we still have. Daniels friend James Candlin was mad that his family only had a 'normal' car and Daniel had a L/R.

We as a family had many happy camping holidays mainly travelling around France in the L/R. On more than one occasion we slept in the land Rover, the children in the back on top of the tent and all the packaging, with Neville and me in the front seats. Neville made a special roof rack for the said vehicle for the camping gear and also for the canoes which he built.

My final story is that many of Neville's male friends, neighbours and people who worked with him at ICI remembering regular outings to Winnington Hall, with Neville driving them, and they still can feel the pain in their backs from sitting together facing each other in the back of the Land Rover all laughing and chattering. I could go on but think this is maybe long enough to give you an idea of why we chose a very smart shiny special Land Rover for Neville's celebration of his Life.

Beryl's Blog

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE HOMEGROWN PRODUCE



Seeing the projected photographs in Church of Harvest Thanksgiving took me back to an event quite a number of years ago! It was tea break at the office and I'd joined some colleagues in the canteen for a much needed cup of tea. Some of them were excitedly discussing what they had planted this particular year. Runner beans, peppers, raspberries, mushrooms and tomatoes - the list seemed endless with special mention for the tomatoes that tasted so much better than shop bought. I questioned my friend about how she could get so excited by home grown produce when she lived in a flat without a garden! 'Gro-bags' she answered. 'I put them on the balcony, water them and enjoy the results. No digging or weeding and fresh tomatoes when needed.'

The following weekend the tomato gro-bag found its way from the garden centre to a spare patch of soil at the side of my garden. Simple tea breaks came and went as I listened to progress reports of the garden crops and gro-bags whilst being very disappointed with my own purchase. There seemed to be a competitiveness as to who would pick their first tomatoes from the tiny green fruits. I told my friend how disappointed I was because I didn't have any greenery let alone anything with fruit. 'Well, how many did you plant?' she inquired. 'What do you mean?' I asked. 'How many plants did you put in the bag?' Oh dear - I'd just been watering the gro-bag because I thought the plants were in the compost! Most definitely, there wasn't anything like *my* homegrown produce!!

Stay safe. Beryl x

School News

There was a virtual celebration of Harvest at Frodsham CE School.
Each class shared songs, poems and prayers during the worship.

