

COLLECT FOR HARVEST

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 8.7-18

The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD you God for the good land that he has given you

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpion. He made water flow for you from flint rock and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Psalms 54 *Deus, in Nomine*

Save me O God for thy Name's sake: and avenge me in thy strength.
Hear my prayer O God: and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

For strangers are risen up against me: and tyrants which have not God before their eyes seek after my soul.

Behold God is my helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: destroy thou them in thy truth.

An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name O Lord: because it is so comfortable.

For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble: and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 9.6-15

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; this righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

GOSPEL Matthew 6: 25-33

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, THE EXITS ARE THE
NARTHEX, EAST DOOR, CHOIR
VESTRY AND SOUTH PORCH.
FIRST AID BOXES ARE OUTSIDE THE CHOIR VESTRY AND IN
THE HALL



The Parish Church
of St. Wilfrid



20th September 2009 Harvest Festival

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

*Welcome to the parish church of St Wilfrid.
We welcome all our visitors today and invite you to join us for
refreshments in the Hall after the service.*

Please pray for our two Church Aided Schools:

Nyewood Junior School, (in special measures), for the acting head teacher, Sandra Jones and Nyewood Infants School; for the head teacher, Jacqui Cobb and for all the teaching staff, governors, parents and pupils. Father Andrew takes assemblies at 9.10 on Wednesdays at the Infants School and at 9.10 on Thursdays at the Junior School

Please pray for those who are sick or in need, including:

Christine Harris, Oliver Baxter-Smith, Margaret Walters, Joyce Brett, Bob Karasek, Joyce Frances, Christine Mackay, Irene Groom, Mrs Turnbull, Christine Thomas, Joan Soothil,

Father Andrew is available for those who wish to make their confessions. Please arrange this with him and note his day off is Monday. He is also available from 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm in the Lady Chapel on Saturdays.

TODDLER CORNER This area in church is for pre-school children. There are activity sheets on the table by the south porch for older children to use in their places during the service. Please collect them before the service begins.

JUNIOR CHURCH

The children will be taking part in the Family Eucharist

BULLETIN 36 is available

20 – 27 SEPTEMBER – Bognor Bible Week See posters and leaflets for details
23 SEPTEMBER - ST WILFRID 1300 EXHIBITION AT ST WILFRID'S CHURCH. The exhibition, including displays and video and audio visual commentaries, has been designed and arranged by Peter Green. He would very much appreciate offers of help to man the exhibition and provide refreshments for visitors between 2pm and 6pm. Please contact Peter if you would like to help.

27 SEPTEMBER – Back to Church Sunday – Come as you are
Gram Seed will be speaking at the 10.30 Eucharist.

28 SEPTEMBER – House Group meeting 2-4 pm at the Chalet, Abbeyfield, Richmond Avenue.

29 SEPTEMBER – Centenary Committee meeting at 6.30 pm followed by a Finance Committee meeting at 7.15 pm

30 SEPTEMBER – PCC MEETING at 7.15 pm in the Committee Room
Paperwork for those members without email will be available from the Office from Wednesday 23 September.

1 OCTOBER – House Group meeting at 6 Fursefield. Enquiries to Linda and Peter Beckley on 840772

4 OCTOBER – 3.00 pm Service of Thanksgiving for Pets.

11 OCTOBER – Patronal Festival of St. Wilfrid of Ripon, Joy Gilliver, Diocesan Advisor for Ministry and Adult Christian Education to speak at the 10.30 Eucharist

TODAY'S SERVICES

Holy Communion BCP 1662 08.00
Family Eucharist – Harvest Festival 10.30
Holy Baptism of Isabelle Marley Norris 15.00
Holy Baptism of Taylor James Jarvis 15.30

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday	21 Sept	Eucharist	10.00
<i>Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>			
Tuesday	22 Sept	Eucharist	10.00
Wednesday	23 Sept	Evening Prayer Eucharist	18.00 18.30
Thursday	24 Sept	Eucharist	10.00
Friday	25 Sept	Eucharist	10.00
<i>Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626</i>			
Saturday	26 Sept	Eucharist Evening Prayer	11.30 17.00

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY- 27 September

Back to Church Sunday/Sixteenth after Trinity
Holy Communion 08.00
Parish Eucharist with Gram Seed 10.30
Holy Baptism of Lucas James Davey 15.00