



All Saints Church Hampreston & Stapehill

Autumn News Sheet

Booking for church is essential as numbers are limited –

November is now open for bookings

Email Helen allsaintshampreston@gmail.com

Or phone 07419 907343

Word for the Autumn

I love Autumn! Such a beautiful season, with so many blessings to enjoy! This year we have had glorious weather that has highlighted the beautiful colours surrounding us in the natural world. It is also a time of harvest and this weekend at St. Mary's we will be celebrating the bounty that God has given us and looking for ways to bless others with that bounty.



Jesus speaks in the Gospels of another type of harvest – a harvest of people for the Kingdom, a harvest of righteousness, a harvest of children of God. He calls His disciples to recognise the harvest that surrounds them. In John 4: 35 He says: 'Don't you have a saying, "It's still four months until harvest"? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.'

It can be hard to recognise the harvest when it is still 4 months away. There isn't much to show for the planting that has gone on. But throughout scripture we are exhorted to live by faith and not by sight (2 Cor. 5: 7). In Genesis, Noah is called to build an ark when there is no sign of rain (Genesis 5-10). Isaac plants seed in a time of famine (Genesis 26). Jeremiah is called to buy a field, even though the Babylonians were about to ransack Jerusalem, and the land would be desolate (Jeremiah 32). Those actions all seem crazy! They don't make sense. And yet, God gives the command. It's easy for us with hindsight! But it can be more difficult in the moment, when you don't know how it will turn out.

God sees things differently! He is the God who calls into being things that are not (Romans 4: 17). Where we see desert, he sees life. Where we see an arid landscape, He sees streams of water. Where we see no way forward, He sees a highway! How do you see the events that surround you today? Do the circumstances seem hopeless? Does it feel like Ferndown (or wherever you live) is a hard place for the Gospel? Is it hard to trust that Jesus has a plan for a wonderful harvest – in your life, and in the world. Ask Jesus to show you how He sees it. Ask Him what He may be asking of you. Is there a way that we can sow, even if it feels like a time of famine, trusting that He is able to turn things around and bring bounty from it? Let's join in with the Lord's work in the world, sowing what and when He shows us, so that we can have the joy of a miraculous harvest!

Rev Sarah Pix

Diary dates November

All Saints, Hampreston - 10:30am

Sunday 1st November – Morning Worship

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 15th November – Morning Worship

Sunday 22nd November – Morning Worship

Sunday 29th November – Family Communion

Sunday Evening Services

In addition to our morning services at Hampreston, there are **Benefice services of Prayer and Worship every Sunday at 6:30pm held at St Marys.**

Please ring Tracey Nichols at St Marys to book 01202 897087 or follow the link from the St Marys website

<https://stmarys-ferndown.uk/>

Service of Light Sunday at St Mary's 1st November at 3.30pm



A quiet, reflective service for those who have been bereaved. Every year we hold a "Service of Light" to thank God for our loved ones and to take time to reflect and remember.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 we are not able to hold this service in church as we would normally. However, we would like to warmly invite you to join us for our online service. If you would like to join us, all you have to do is book

online via our website (www.stmarys-ferndown.org.uk) or call us on 01202 897087 and we will then send you an email with all the details nearer the time along with an order of service. We appreciate that some people do not have access to the internet so we will be holding a very small service in church at St. Mary's, solely for those who do not have the facilities to join us online. Spaces are very limited but if this situation applies to you please do call us on 01202 897087 and we will do all we can to help. You are welcome to come along to St. Mary's after viewing the online service if you would like to light and candle from 4.15pm - 6.30pm. Members of the Bereavement Team will be here to welcome you and will be available to talk or pray.



Don't forget ...

The clocks go back 1 hour in the early hours of Sunday 25th October 2020

Welcome to The Fricker Family



Hi there! I'm really excited about joining you as a new curate in July next year. I'm currently training for ordination at St Mellitus College in London and at my current church St Paul's in Dorking, Surrey. I love sport, board games, graphs (before God called me to train to be a vicar, I was a consultant for a finance technology firm specialising in data visualisation), and maps (at uni I studied Geography).

I'm married to Natacha who is an early years teacher. We have two wonderful children, Florence (5) who has just started school and Rupert (2) who has just started pre-school, and we have another boy on the way due in early February. As a family we love spending time outdoors and are really excited about being much closer to the beach and the New Forest!

When Natacha and I first met at university, we discovered a shared passion for seeing more thriving churches in the Dorset-Wiltshire area and a sense that was where God wanted us to be long-term. Natacha grew up near Salisbury and my family were near Sherborne and we both belonged to churches where some travelled far to attend. So, we're really thrilled to be coming back

to the area and really confident that St Mary's and All Saints are going to be fantastic places to learn how to nurture and lead Spirit-filled, Jesus-centred churches.

Studying theology for the last few years has been a huge privilege. I've loved discovering more and more about who Jesus is and the wonder of the good news we have to share. At our church in Dorking we've been focusing on young families and exploring how to help young children and their parents grow in faith together and find a home together in the church. We're particularly excited to learn from all your doing in this area in Ferndown.

We'd love your prayers over the next few months:

- We unfortunately have to move house in November, we'd love prayer that would go smoothly
 - Please pray for the safe arrival of our new baby
- Please pray for a new family service we're starting in Dorking

Looking forward to meeting you all in 2021!

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Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box Appeal



Make a difference to a child affected by war and/or poverty this Christmas. Leaflets with details about the appeal are now available from St Mary's Reception Desk. You can also buy a shoebox ready to fill from St Mary's church office during the week (only 50p each). There are new regulations over what can be put in the shoeboxes this year, so please make sure you read the leaflet carefully. Please

bring your filled shoeboxes (with the completed envelope inside with the processing fee) and bring it to reception. The boxes will be collected on Monday 16th November, so the absolute deadline is Sunday 15th November. Thank you. **You can also create a shoebox online. Go to www.shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk to find out how.**



Foundation Governor Vacancy at Hampreston CE VA First School

We are looking to appoint a Foundation Governor at the school and would like you to consider whether you could serve God in this

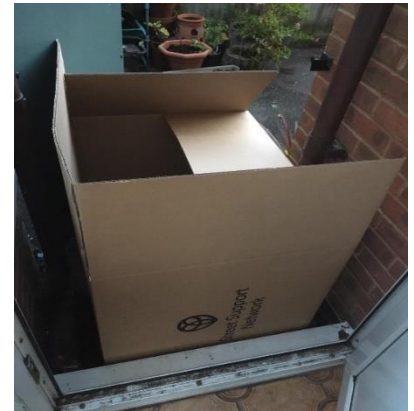
way. Governors play a key role in ensuring that the children of our community develop both academically and spiritually within a distinctive Christian ethos. We are looking for people who are able to support the school in its understanding and development of the Christian aspects of its work, and are willing to commit time and effort to supporting the educational and wellbeing of the children. School Governors are responsible for "the confident strategic leadership of the school ... as well as having financial oversight". The role involves an ability to ask questions, whilst working with others to ensure the best outcomes for the children, by challenging and supporting school leaders in equal measure. School governance uses the experience of people from many walks of life and if you work in business, have an interest in finance, premises, the curriculum or strategic thinking, you could make a valuable contribution to the work of the school governing body. Meetings take place monthly on a Thursday evening. Christian ministry can take many forms and we strongly feel that church school governance is an important part of the church's mission. It provides an opportunity to share the Christian message with many who may not have any experience of the Christian faith. We would therefore encourage you to ask God if this may be the work that He is calling you to do. If you have any questions or would like further information about the recruitment process, please contact myself or Sarah Pix. We look forward to hearing from you. Please contact me through Helen at Hampreston church office. Thank you.

Diane French (Chair of The Governor's)



Last Saturday Paul Bliss slept out all night to raise funds for the homeless. He slept in 1 card box box with just a sleeping bag for comfort and managed to get 3 hours sleep!

Every penny goes to the frontline for the homeless (not for admin or anything like that).



This was Pauls home for the night ----->

This is as the link to the just giving page which should be available for 2 weeks.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/StourValleyandPoolePartnership>.

The Beacon Café @ St Mary's

Looking for a volunteering role where you can serve Jesus and use your gift of hospitality?
Join us in The Beacon Café
at St Mary's Church, Ferndown!



We are looking for new members to join our volunteer team in the following roles:

- ◊ Front of House Greeter
- ◊ Barista
- ◊ Food Preparation
- ◊ Till Operator
- ◊ Serving/ Clearing
- ◊ Dishwash

Full training is provided and a comprehensive risk assessment has been undertaken to ensure that The Beacon Café is a Covid-19 Secure environment.

Morning and afternoon shifts available,
Monday – Friday.

Come and be part of a friendly team welcoming and serving people in Jesus' name.

For more information please contact our Café Manager, Paul Craddock, on 01202 897087 or email office@stmarys-ferndown.org.uk



Covid – 19 - Guidance for worshipping at All Saints, Hampreston

- It is advisable to check your temperature before leaving home.
- Please observe social distancing both inside and outside the church building.
 - Please wear a face mask when inside church.
- If you become ill after attending church, please inform either the church office
 - Helen Tel: 07419 907343 allsaintshampreston@gmail.com or
- Rev Sarah Pix as soon as possible Tel: 01202 890798 revsarahpix@yahoo.co.uk



Thank you so much for your Harvest food donations & the financial donation that we received today. Please pass on our thanks to everyone who contributed.

We really appreciate your support especially during these very challenging times.

We have seen a big increase in clients & this will really help us with this.

I attach a short video which explains what has been going on at the food bank over the last few months. <https://youtu.be/JIB9eSUKCco>

Thank you so so much, Take care & stay safe

Kind Regards, Sharon (Centre Manager)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Kate Smith; Sarah Libby; Jean Brooman; Fiona Dodds;

The Foulkes Family. Pathways for All People.

African Inland Mission. The Lunchbowl Network

Fernhill and Wimborne care homes.

All schools and universities and the staff who lead them.

The Covid situation and all the people who are making the decisions to keep us safe.

CHURCH CONTACTS

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Parish Safeguarding Representative

Ruth Hutton & Helen Bifield

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Monthly Zoom Prayer gatherings

2nd Tuesday of each month

Next one 10th November

7:30pm

Zoom link will be emailed