

Dates for your Diary

Harvest Festival

8th October 6.30pm

The Church will be open to view the beautiful arrangements of harvest produce and flowers, from 12.00pm, with 6.30pm Service all are welcome.

After this short service the produce will be sold in aid of the

Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution

All Souls Service

5th November 4.00pm

Remembrance Service

12th November 9.30am

Family Carol Service

17th December at 4.30pm

During advent there will a bucket at the back of church for donations for the Christmas Flowers.

More Dates for Diary

1st October Harvest at St Peter's

Time 6.30pm, speaker will be Bishop Anne Hollinghurst.

St Anne's 8th October "Pause for Thought"

Service starts at 4pm for all affected by cancer.



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<u>Sunday</u> 1 st October	<u>Sunday</u> 8 th October	<u>Sunday</u> 15 th October
Exodus ch17v1-17 Phil ch20v1-4 7-9 12-20 Matt ch21v23-32	Luke ch12v26-30 or ch17v11-19 Deut ch8v7-18 or ch28v1-14 Corn ch9v6-15	Exodus ch32v1-14 Phil ch4v1-9 Matt ch22v1-14
<u>Wednesdy</u> 4 th October	<u>Wednesday</u> 11 th October	<u>Wednesday</u> 18 th October
Phil ch3v4- 14 Matt ch21v33-end	Phil ch4v1-9 Matt ch22v1-14	Thess ch1v1-10 Matt ch22v15-22
<u>Sunday</u> 22 nd October	<u>Sunday</u> 29 th October	<u>Wednesday</u> 25 th October
Exodus ch33v12-end Thess ch1v1-10	Deut ch34v1-12 Thess ch2v1-8	Thess ch2v1-8 Matt ch22v34-end

Coffee Morning will be held on Wednesday 12th October at 10.15am 2017, why not come along and enjoy a chat with a cup of tea/coffee and meet your friends and neighbours or come to the service at 9.45am as well.

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It was great to celebrate with Poppy and Nathan their wedding last Friday. The sun shone as white clouds scudded across the sky. Poppy looked radiant, Nathan nervous and the congregation distinctly ecclesiastical with more dog collars than you could throw a stick at. The church, decorated for harvest was beautiful, the service uplifting with perhaps the best wedding sermon I've ever heard.

I will however confess to being slightly distracted, Sam had sat next to board recording each of the Rectors of Ordsall in the churches proud history, including the cause of their leaving, usually resignation, retirement or death. Not so the Rev William Denman, the little 'd' beside his name indicating ignobly that in 1556 he suffered the disgrace of being 'deprived' of his living; folklore has it that he was caught playing an illicit game of cards with his wife!

Back to the sermon. The preacher, speaking from the story of the Wedding at Cana reminded us that with Jesus the best is always yet to come. Remember the story from John's gospel; the first thing Jesus does with his newly recruited disciples is take them to a wedding where the wine runs out, a matter of much shame in 1st century Jewish culture (who knows, perhaps the disciples were the reason for the wine running out). But then Jesus steps in, and there is a proliferate amount of the finest vintage leaving the wine steward flabbergasted that the best had been saved for last.

Perhaps you're struggling to believe that the best could be round the corner; like Bill Denman life's not panned out the way you planned; if so ponder these words of St Paul:

"What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived the things God has prepared for those who love him" (1 Corinthians 2: 9).

And remember too God is the one who vindicates us, for some that will come one the day when he wipes away every tear from our eye. For the Bill it came three years later when he was reinstated. We have a Heavenly Father who loves to take us from shame to dignity.

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Cleaning Rota September

2nd Pam and Alan Jackson

9th Hilda and **Bob Cannon**

Maureen Hendry & Family

23rd Edwina, Helen & Co

30th Hazel Thompson & Helen Hillsley

Volunteers needed

Are you able to help with cleaning the church please?

See Liz or Dave

Sidespersons rota October

24th September – 8th October Mrs J Wardlaw and Mr Dave Hedges

15th – 29th Mrs M Read and Mr B Cannon

Flower List for October

1st

8th HARVEST FESTIVAL

15th

22nd

29th Pat Burn

Flower List is at the back of Church

Or speak to Marjorie Dickinson on 0151 924 5043 or Hilda Cannon on 87619

From our Registers

Weddings

Blessing 17th Lisa and Dave Unsworth

Baptism

Funeral