

This week we pray in love for:

The Church

- ♦ Those who help keep our churches and churchyards tidy and clean
 - ♦ The *Parish Link* and its editor Fiona and team; and Les and parishlink.org.uk
 - ♦ Glenda, our benefice administrator
 - ♦ Those who read and lead intercessions on Sunday mornings
 - ♦ Vocations to ministry
- In our Diocesan Prayer Diary, we pray for the parish of Harrold, in the Deanery of Sharnbrook.

October prayers for...

Kensworth

Common Rd from Dovehouse Lane to Hollicks Lane

Studham

Pubs and businesses; and Knoll House

Whipsnade

Chiltern Cottage to the Zoo and Dagnall Road

This week please remember in your prayers: those in the midst of illness, operations or accidents, including Frank and Barbara Walker, Trish Palmer, Alan Geeson, Jo Hutchinson, Clifford Bygrave, Ann and Malcolm Weir, Wendy Kennedy, Pat Mitchell, Chris Hazell, Hilda, Mike; and those who have died recently.

Do you have a name or a request for prayer that you wish to have included on this prayer list? Please email Nicola on revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com before Thursday each week.

A prayer for this week: Lord of the Harvest, thank you for your generosity to us, for all the good things that you have given to us: from the plants that grow, to the foods we eat and those who sit alongside us. Amen.

Readings for next week: 2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c; 2 Timothy 2: 8-15; Luke 17: 11-19

Dates for your diary

- **Monday 6th October, 9am** – Studham School Harvest Service, Studham Church
- **Wednesday 8th October, 10am-noon** – Whipsnade Church Coffee Morning, Whipsnade Church
- **Wednesday 8th October, 10.15am** – Kensworth School Collective Worship, Kensworth School
- **Thursday 9th October, 9am onwards** – Memorial services and events to commemorate Major Glenn Hagenbuch, Whipsnade Village and Church
- **Tuesday 14th October, 10.45am** – Studham School Collective Worship, Studham School

October Foodbank requirements:

Long-life fruit juice; packets of sweets/chocolate; tinned meat in sauce; jars of jam; pulses; instant mash; long-life milk; tea; carrier bags.

All are welcome to a special service to commemorate the life and sacrifice of Major Glenn E. Hagenbuch, who died on active service in an aircraft crash on Whipsnade Common in 1943. The morning's events will start at Whipsnade village hall on October 9th from 9am, with a service at the crash site at 10am and a church service at 10.45am.

There will be a special service celebrating the rural church at Silsoe Church, organised by 'Hope for Rural Churches' on October 12th at 4pm.

This year's 'Talking Point' will be on 'AI and the Future' by the Revd Canon Dr Tim Bull on Wednesday 22nd October at 7.30pm at St. Mary's Eaton Bray – all welcome!



Welcome to the United Benefice of Kensworth, Studham and Whipsnade

Part of the North Chilterns Group of Parishes

Sunday 5th October 2025

Harvest / Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Kensworth	10.30am – Holy Communion
Studham	10.30am – Harvest Festival
Whipsnade	9.00am – Harvest Festival

Services next week: 12th October

Kensworth	10.30am – Morning Service with Sunday School
Studham	10.30am – Holy Communion 12.15pm – Holy Baptism
Whipsnade	9.00am – Holy Communion with Sunday School

If this is your first visit to one of our churches, then please make yourself known as we're a friendly lot – really! The rector (Nicola) can be reached on (01582) 872223 or at revnicolalenthall@btinternet.com. Please also email Nicola if you'd like to receive this service sheet weekly by email. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

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The Collect

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.

Amen.

The First Reading comes from Genesis

On the first morning God said: 'Let there be birds.' And God separated voice from voice; and in some voices, God put a song, and the song sang to the land, and to the light, and to the light on the land, and when the people heard it, the morning had begun. The first morning.

And God said that it was Good.

And on the second morning God said: 'There will be dreams from the night that will need the light of the morning.' And so God put wisdom in the early hours. The second morning.

And God said that it was Good.

And on the third morning, God said: 'Let there be a certain kind of light that can only be seen in the morning.' And God created gold, and dew, and horizons, and hills in the distance, and faces that look different in the light of the morning, and things that look different in the light of the morning. The third morning.

And God said that it was Good.

And on the fourth morning, God said: 'Sometimes the day will be long. Let there be a warmth in the morning, let people sleep for some mornings, and let the rest of the morning be good. The fourth morning.

And God said that it was Good.

And on the fifth morning, God said: 'There will be people who will rise early every morning, whose day will begin in the night, by the light of moon and stars; they will see the sun rise, these early risers. And God put a softness at the heart of the dawn. The fifth night.

And God said that it was Good.

And on the sixth morning, God listened. And there were people working, and people struggling to get out of bed, and there were people loving and people making sandwiches. There were people dreading the day, and people glad that the night was over. And God hoped that they'd survive. And God shone light, and made clouds, and rain, and rainbows, and toast, and coffee, places to love the light and places to hide from the light. Small corners to accompany the lonely, the joyous, the needy and the needed. The sixth morning.

And God said that it was Good.

And on the last morning, God rested. And the rest was good. The rest was very good.

And God said that it was very Good.

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
All: Glory to You, O Lord

From Mark chapter 4

Jesus told the people a parable.

"The kingdom of God looks like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground, and goes to sleep and gets up, night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows. Every time this happens it is like a miracle to the farmer. The earth produces first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once the farmer goes out to harvest his fields, for he sees that they are ready."

Jesus also said, "What other way can I use to explain to you what the kingdom of God is like? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the tiniest of the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all trees, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The response to our prayers.

When we hear:

Lord, as we rejoice in your creation,

we respond:

help us to give as well as to take.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS:

Which gifts do we offer, and to whom?

For parents and carers: ask your children, "How do we show love and care?"