

MONDAY 15th SEPTEMBER *Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258*

9.30am Energy Audit

TUESDAY 16th SEPTEMBER *Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, 432*

9am Morning Prayer 10am – 2pm Coffee Shop

11am Laburnum Court Communion 11.30am Staff Meeting

2pm Pulford Trust Meeting 7pm RBL Band Practice

7.15pm Minister's Meeting (Vicarage) 7.30pm Chanteusse Singers Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER *Hidegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179*

9am Morning Prayer 9.30am Toddler Time

THURSDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

9am Morning Prayer 10am Holy Communion MU Corporate (Canon Malcolm)

3pm Archdeacons Visitation

FRIDAY 19th SEPTEMBER *Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690*

9am Morning Prayer 10am – 2pm Coffee Shop 1.30pm Crafty Natter

6.30pm Young Singers Club 6.30pm Trebles Choir Practice

7.30pm Full Choir Practice

SATURDAY 20th SEPTEMBER *John Coleridge Patteson, first Bishop of Melanesia, and his companions, martyrs, 1871*

9am Holy Communion (Canon Malcolm)

10am – 12noon Coffee Shop

SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

Matthew the Apostle

8am Holy Communion (Rev. Dave/Geoff Marchant)

9.30am Parish Eucharist (Preb. David/Geoff Marchant) *also live-streamed*

11.30am Pet Service (Rev. Dave/Preb. David)

3pm Holy Baptism (Preb. David)

6pm Sung Evensong and Benediction (Canon Malcolm)

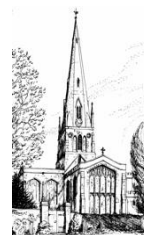
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Sunday 14th September 2025

Holy Cross Day

We warmly welcome all visitors and newcomers to our church. If any of you are from other denominations and are accustomed to receiving Communion in your own church you are welcome to here. Please notify a sidesperson if you require a gluten free wafer. For the hard of hearing the church is equipped with a loop system. Switch to T please. The news sheet is for you to retain and use for reference and prayer.

I have had great fun over the last week reliving my childhood by kicking lots of leaves that have fallen from the trees onto the ground. There is something very relaxing about kicking the leaves about.

In a spiritual way, there is a sense that God is teaching us the grace of letting go: of our burdens, of seasons passed, of the illusion that life must always be green to be alive. The trees preach without words that death is not a punishment, that change is not loss but preparation.

Perhaps God in Autumn is the God of wisdom-who teaches us that time ripens the soul. He is simply present and a quiet beauty, reminding us that life is a cycle of harvests, rests and renewals.

So, I encourage you to embrace the rhythm of this season and to see the divine, not only in rising, but also in releasing. God in Autumn is God in the falling of the leaves, which also is God's promise of what is yet to come. This brings us great hope.

God Bless, David

We would like to politely request that you turn off your mobile phones or switch them to flight-safe mode.

IN YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE REMEMBER

<i>Sick:</i>	Carol Steward, John Brennan, Susan Burge, James Nurse, Peter Metcalfe, Teresa Lamb, Katrina Boyce, Lyn Randall, Sheila Tate, Terry Goodman, Sue Revis, Isabel Batt, Steve Cross, Kerry Sykes, Thelma Harris
<i>RIP:</i>	Dennis Broyd
<i>Year's Mind:</i>	Rose Magee, Zoltan Bodacs, Peggy King, John Tennant, Stuart Mead, Leslie Howard, Vernon Jessup, Bryan Fleckney
<i>In our Team:</i>	Pray for Readers and Intercessors
<i>In the World:</i>	Pray for Shining House in Uganda
<i>In the Diocese:</i>	Pray for Diocesan initiatives to develop Christian spirituality
<i>In the Wider Church:</i>	Pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa

NOTICES

PARKING: Those with permission to park, please note the new parking restrictions.

HOLIDAY CLUB: The Perrott family would like to thank all those who supported the Holiday Club's generous donation of £500 to Brain Tumour Research in Leah's memory.

SHOE BOX APPEAL: If you would like to help fill a Christmas Shoebox to be delivered to some of the poorest people in Eastern Europe, 'Link to Hope' Charity would be most grateful. Please see the poster and fliers for more information. All boxes to be handed to Rosie Dawson by the end of October latest.

PULFORD SCHOOL have a vacancy for a Lunch Time Supervisor. For more information please visit <https://teaching-vacancies.service.gov.uk/jobs/lunchtime-supervisor-lower-school-age-children> The closing date is Friday 19th September at 9am.

HARVEST WINDOWS: If you would like to decorate a window for Harvest, please speak to Audrey Mason.

HARVEST FAMILY BARN DANCE & SUPPER: Saturday 4th October, 5-9pm in Billington Village Hall. Tickets £12, children under 10 £6, available from the Office.

A CRAFT STALL will be in the North Aisle on Tuesday 16th September for 2 weeks. Wool, material, haberdashery, craft items. Do come and look for something you may find useful. Money raised will be used by the Crafty Natter Group to repair the church kneelers.

TREE FESTIVAL DRAW: As a fundraiser to culminate during the Christmas Tree Festival we are organising a Grand Draw. Tickets will be on sale soon. We should be grateful if as many of you as possible would be willing to take a packet of tickets to sell to friends and family. The first prize is £250, so it is well worth buying a ticket. The draw will take place on 22nd November.

DENNIS BROYD RIP: Dennis' funeral service will be held at Bierton Crematorium on Tuesday 23rd September, at 11am.

FIRST AID COURSE: 26th September, 9am – 3pm at LB Football Club. If you would be interested in joining the course please contact the Parish Office for more information.

LICENSING OF BILL WEBB AS A READER: St. Albans Abbey, 28th September, 4pm, all welcome.

ALL SAINTS' PRESERVATION TRUST are proud to present a talk given by Andrew Ziminski: A Life in Ruins, a stonemason's guide to British churches. His talk will examine the history of churches across Britain and Ireland, with a special focus on churches in Beds and Bucks, and the often overlooked features and furnishings they contain. Thursday 2nd October, 7.30pm for 8.00pm start in All Saints. Bar available. Free Entry but donations welcome (£10 suggested). Book a place via Eventbrite using this QR code:



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Rest Day – Monday

Holy Cross Day Sunday Services

Readings: RCL: Year C: Page: 1009

Collect: Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

8.00am Holy Communion Celebrant: Preb. David Preacher: John Wallace
Reading: Numbers 21: 4-9 or Philippians 2: 6-11
Gospel: John 3: 13-17

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9.30am Parish Eucharist Celebrant: Canon Malcolm Preacher: John Wallace
Setting: Ives (Salisbury Service) Hymn Book: NEH
Introit: 94
1st Reading: Numbers 21: 4-9
Psalm: 22 vv. 23-29

Response: O praise the Lord all you that fear Him

I will tell of your name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.
O praise the Lord, all you that fear him: hold him in honour, O seed of Jacob, and let the seed of Israel stand in awe of him.

For he has not despised nor abhorred the poor man in his misery: nor did he hide his face from him, but heard him when he cried.

From you springs my praise in the great congregation: I will pay my vows in the sight of all that fear you; the meek shall eat of the sacrifice and be satisfied: and those who seek the Lord shall praise him, may their hearts rejoice for ever!

Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to the Lord; and let all the families of the nations worship before him. For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he shall be ruler over the nations.

2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11
Gradual Hymn: 89
Gospel: John 3: 13-17

Intercessions: Bill Webb
Offertory Hymn: 84
Anthem: Christus factus est – Bruckner
Christus factus est pro nobis obediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis. Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi nomen, quod est super omne nomen.
Translation: Christ became obedient for us, obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Therefore, God also exalted him. and gave him a name which is above every name.
During this time please observe a period of quiet reflection, as we receive Communion
Communion Hymn: 276
Post Communion: 470 (omit 5 & 6)

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11.30am Holy Baptism of Indie-Mae Bush Canon Malcolm

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3.00pm Institution by the Right Revd Richard Atkinson OBE Bishop of Bedford and Acting Bishop of St. Albans of The Revd Prebendary David MacGeoch as Team Rector of The Ouzel Valley Team Ministry