



Bewsborough Bulletin

The weekly newsletter for Barfrestone, Coldred, Guston, Eythorne & Elvington, Waldershare, Shepherdsweil and Whitfield

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Coming Up

Sun 5th October

9.00am | BCP Harvest Communion | St. Nicholas'
10.30am | Harvest Worship | St. Andrew's
followed by a bring & share lunch in the school hall
10.30am | Lets Worship! | Whitfield Village Hall
6.00pm | BCP Harvest Communion | St. Martin's

Tuesday 7th October

12.30pm | Let's Eat | Elvington Community Ctr.

Wed 8th October

9.30am | Let's Chat | Whitfield Rec. Pavilion

Thur 9th October

11.30am | Informal Communion | SS Peter & Paul's

Friday 10th October

9.30am | Let's Play! | Whitfield Community Centre

Sun 12th October

9.00am | Harvest Communion | St. Pancras'
10.30am | Holy Communion | St. Andrew's
10.30am | Lets Worship! | Whitfield School Mayfield
followed by a bring & share lunch in the school hall
1.00pm | Baptism of Eli | St. Peter's



Shepherdsweil on Sunday October 5th

after the 10.30 morning service at St. Andrew's.
there will be a **bring and share lunch** in the school hall.

Whitfield on Sunday 12th October,

after the 10.30 morning service at Whitfield School Hall on Mayfield Road.
Puddings and drinks will be provided, just bring along a plate or two of food (or three) to share, and your own glasses, plates and cutlery.

For Our Prayers

Following the tragic events that unfolded this week in Manchester please pray for all who have been affected, and those who mourn. The following prayer has been offered in response by the Methodist Church:

Holy God, who breaks down the walls of division, we cry out to you in solidarity with our Jewish sisters and brothers following the abhorrent attack upon life and community in Greater Manchester.

We pray that those who have died may rest in your eternal peace and that you would comfort those who mourn. We pray for those in our communities who are afraid to walk the streets because of their faith and traditions.

On this day held especially holy to the Jewish community, we pray that you would guide our path and lead us through the wilderness. Where there is enmity, we pray for peace; where there is division, healing; and where there is hatred, a mending of broken bonds.

*Holy God, bring reconciliation to our nation that all might live justly and peacefully in the land.
Amen.*



As Bishop Sarah Mullally begins her new ministry as Archbishop of Canterbury, do be praying for her, for wisdom and discernment and that the Holy Spirit would guide her in all that is ahead of her in this new season.

Almighty and everlasting God, the only worker of great marvels, send down upon your servant Sarah, called to be Archbishop of Canterbury, and all who are committed to her care, the spirit of your saving grace, and that they may truly please you,
pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing.
Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our advocate and mediator,
Jesus Christ. Amen.

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4th October – St. Francis: Living the Gospel of Trust



As we celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on 4th October, we're invited to reflect on a life that embodied Christ's radical call to simplicity and trust. In Luke 12:22-34, Jesus tells his disciples:

"Do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear."

These words found their most literal expression in Francis, the wealthy merchant's son who stripped himself of everything to follow Christ.

Born into privilege in 1181, Francis experienced a profound conversion that led him to abandon his comfortable life. He took Jesus' words to heart: "Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap... yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!" Francis chose Lady Poverty as his bride, trusting completely in divine providence. He wore a simple brown tunic, owned nothing, and depended entirely on God's provision through the generosity of others.

This wasn't reckless abandon but radical faith. Francis understood what Jesus meant when he said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." By freeing himself from material possessions, Francis freed his heart to love God and all creation with unprecedented joy and wonder. He preached to birds, tamed wolves, and saw the divine fingerprint in every creature.

Francis's legacy challenges our consumer-driven age. We're called not necessarily to literal poverty, but to examine what truly holds our hearts. Are we anxious about many things, or do we seek first God's kingdom, trusting that "all these things will be given to you as well"?

On this feast day, let us ask St. Francis to pray for us—that we might loosen our grip on worldly treasures and discover the freedom that comes from storing up treasures in heaven, where our true home awaits.

'Francis Rebuild my Church

by Malcolm Guite

Francis rebuild my church which, as you see
Is falling into ruin.' From the cross
Your saviour spoke to you and speaks to us
Again through you. Undoing set you free,
Loosened the traps of trappings, cast away
The trammelling of all that costly cloth
We wind our saviour in. At break of day
He set aside his grave-clothes. Your new birth
Came like a daybreak too, naked and true
To poverty and to the gospel call,
You woke to Christ and Christ awoke in you
And set to work through all your love and skill
To make our ruin good, to bless and heal
To wake the Christ in us and make us whole.

Pilgrims Visit St. Andrew's



The confraternity of Pilgrims to Rome group had a very pleasant walk from Canterbury to Shepherdswell on Sunday 28th September. 14 pilgrims in all who very much enjoyed the refreshments and hospitality at St. Andrew's.

Sunday and Mid-Week Worship for October

Date	Location	Service
Thur 2nd October	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Informal Communion
5th October Green Trinity 16	St. Nicholas, Barfreestone	9.00am Harvest Communion
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Harvest Worship
	Whitfield Village Hall	10.30 Whitfield Worship
	St. Martin's, Guston	6.00pm Harvest Communion
Thur 9th October	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Informal Communion
12th October Green Trinity 17	St. Pancras, Coldred	9.00am Holy Communion for Harvest
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Holy Communion
	Whitfield School Hall Mayfield Road Site	10.30 Whitfield Worship for Harvest
	St. Peter, Whitfield	1.00pm Baptism of Eli
Thur 16th October	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Informal Communion
19th October Green Trinity 18	St. Nicholas, Barfreestone	9.00am Morning Worship
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Whole Church Worship
	St. Peter, Whitfield	10.30am Family Communion
	St. Martin's, Guston	6.00pm Evensong
Thur 23rd October	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Informal Communion
26th October Green Last after Trinity	St. Pancras, Coldred	9.00am BCP Communion
	St. Andrew, Shepherdswell	10.30am Holy Communion
Thur 30th October	SS Peter & Paul's, Eythorne & Elvington	11.30am Informal Communion



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- ☒ CEREAL
- ☒ UHT MILK
- ☒ FRUIT JUICE (UHT)
- ☒ TINNED MEAT
- ☒ TINNED FISH
- ☒ JAM AND SPREADS
- ☒ NOODLES
- ☒ CUSTARD
- TINNED VEGETABLES**
- ☒ INSTANT MASH
- ☒ MALE & FEMALE DEODORANTS
- ☒ SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER
- ☒ LAUNDRY PRODUCTS
- ☒ CLEANING PRODUCTS

PLEASE NOTE

We have plenty
of beans & pulses

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pulses

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Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

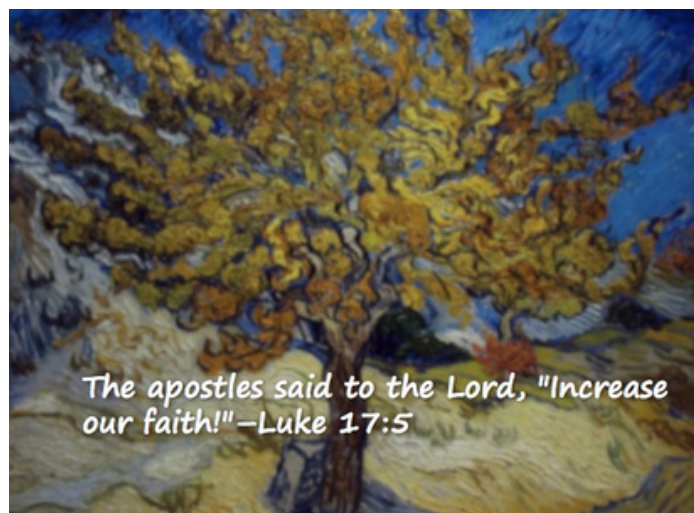
The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.
O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?
Or cry to you 'Violence!'
and you will not save?
Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.
So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgement comes forth perverted.
I will stand at my watch-post,
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he[a] will answer concerning my
complaint.
Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.
For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.
Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

Luke 17:5-10

'The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!'
The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a
mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree,
"Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would
obey you. 'Who among you would say to your
slave who has just come in from ploughing or
tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and
take your place at the table"? Would you not rather
say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your
apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later
you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave
for doing what was commanded? So you also,
when you have done all that you were ordered to
do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done
only what we ought to have done!" '

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for
the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and
peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear
conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember
you constantly in my prayers night and day.
Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may
be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere
faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois
and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in
you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift
of God that is within you through the laying on of
my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of
cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love
and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of
the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner,
but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying
on the power of God, who saved us and called us
with a holy calling, not according to our works but
according to his own purpose and grace. This grace
was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,
but it has now been revealed through the appearing
of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and
brought life and immortality to light through the
gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and
an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer
as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in
whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is
able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to
him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you
have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in
Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to
you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.



*The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase
our faith!"—Luke 17:5*



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everyone is valued,
everyone is included
and customers pay what they
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