



This week's service

Sunday 1st October 2023

This week's reading



Welcome to today's special Harvest Thanksgiving service
Rev Patrick Douglas is preaching



Matthew 25 :4 - 30

A thought from Patrick

This time of year we celebrate Harvest, a time to give thanks and take some time to appreciate all that we have. All that God has Provided for each of us in our lives, Food Yes but also Friends and Family, homes and material possessions.

Plus what about all that God has given us personally, our gifts and talents, skills and time, our very lives.

As we give thanks for all these things, let us pause and consider all that God has given to us - How do we use it all, for his Kingdom?

Prayer for the week

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

Weekly Prayer Meeting

We meet each Thursday from 7- 8pm. These are exciting meetings and each week they're led by a different member of the group. Not everyone who comes prays aloud, so don't be nervous about that. The important thing is to be part of it.

A Covenant with God

I am no longer my own but yours.
Put me to what you will,
rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing,
put me to suffering;
let me be employed for you,
or laid aside for you,
exalted for you,
or brought low for you;
let me be full,
let me be empty,
let me have all things,
let me have nothing:
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours. So be it.
And the covenant now made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.'

The Methodist Covenant Prayer

Beware!

If you get a letter through the post which hasn't been franked, don't think you can reuse it. Apparently it will have been scanned and so the recipient will have to pay for insufficient postage in order to collect it.

Contributed by Sanda

Did you know?

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Church diary for the next month

Thursday 5th October
7pm Prayer meeting
 at 3 Sharpwood Manor

Sunday 8th October
10:45 Morning Worship
 led by Sean O'Toole
 with Sandra O'Toole preaching

Sunday 15th October
10:45 Holy Communion
 with Rev Mike Firbank
12:45 Baptism of Eliana Ramsell

Saturday 21st October
2.30pm Wedding

Sunday 22nd October
10:45 Morning Worship
 with Debbie Patrick

Sunday 29th October
10:00 Joint Minster Service
 at St John's, Newhall
 with Bishop Libby

Sunday 5th November
10:45 Holy Communion
 with Rev Patrick Douglas

Cleaning Rota

Please clean the church before the date marked.

Please swap with someone else on the rota if you cannot clean during your week.

The toilets will be cleaned weekly by Sean & Sandra

8 th Oct	Val & Andy
15 th Oct	Nige & Deb
22 nd Oct	Christine
29 th Oct	Deb P
5 th Nov	Jane
12 th Nov	Bill
17 th Nov	Brian Redfern

Refreshments Rota

It's a real blessing to be able to spend time chatting with one another after the service. We have a rota for serving tea & coffee.

Please swap with someone if you cannot do a particular date.

Please bring the milk.

Thank you

1 st Oct	Carol
8 th Oct	James
15 th Oct	Maxine & Jane
22 nd Oct	Christine
29 th Oct	Minster service at St John's
5 th Nov	Deb W & Alicia
12 th Nov	Carol
17 th Nov	James



You are invited to come along to a coffee morning where there will be cake and craft stalls.

4th November 2023

Coffee, Cake & Craft Morning

10am-12pm

Hartshorne Church Hall
 Manchester Lane
 DE11 7BE



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YOUTH FOR CHRIST



It'll be a great opportunity to get homemade crafts for Christmas presents.