

**“Honour the Lord with your wealth,
with the first fruits of all your crops.” Proverbs 3:9**

This Sunday it is Harvest and I hope you will want to join us to celebrate all the good things God has given us. We want to thank him for the food that grows, but also for the people that work to enable us to enjoy it. In fact, the labour shortages in farming and the haulage industry make us more aware than ever of all the people in different roles working together to ensure we have food on the table.

Our society relies on the co-operation and organisation of a vast array of different people all carrying out their important roles. We are deeply reliant and interconnected with one another. No man is an island!

The same is true of the church. Church is not a building, neither is it merely a group of people that choose to attend a service on a Sunday morning. Rather, the New Testament describes the church with images such as: a family and a body. These images suggest mutual support and encouragement for one another. We are interconnected.

As we emerge from the Pandemic and begin a new partnership across churches, we need to ask how we should best be operating as churches. How can we be more like a family? How can we best work together with other churches? What will help us to grow in our faith? How can we be more effective at welcoming new people in? How can we share God’s word and love in new ways with the people living around us? How can we equip one another to live out our faith in every aspect of our lives? Join us over three Monday evenings or Tuesday mornings starting this week, so that we can explore these questions together. See the weekly calendar for the times and venues of **More than Sunday**.

[Livestream Sunday 11am](#)

Click the above link to access the livestream of this Sunday’s service. You can also use the link to watch the service at a later time.

Weekly Calendar

Friday 1st October

Play and Praise (St. Luke's Hall, please use the side door off the driveway), Our parent and toddler group. 10:00-11:30am.

Saturday 2nd

Churches Together Prayer Breakfast (St. Augustine's Abbey) - 9:00-10:00am

Sunday 3rd

Harvest All Age Service (11am, St. Luke's Church) - John 6:1-15

Monday 4th

Daily Prayer (St. Luke's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

More than Sunday* (St. Luke’s Church) – 7:30-9:00pm

Tuesday 5th

Daily Prayer (at St. George's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

More than Sunday* (St. Luke’s Church) – 10:30am-12:00pm

Thursday 7th

Daily Prayer (at St. Luke's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

Cafe4All - St. Luke's Church, All Welcome for a coffee and chat. 10:00-11:30am.

Friday 8th

Play and Praise (St. Luke's Hall, please use the side door off the driveway), Our parent and toddler group. 10:00-11:30am.

Saturday 9th

Daily Prayer (at St. George's Church) - 9:30-10:00am

Sunday 10th

Family Service (11am, St. Luke's Church) – Faith to see? John 9:1-41

Youth Led Service – Exploration** (5:00-6:00pm, St. Luke's Church)

Further information

*More than Sunday

Three 90-minute sessions of Bible Study, prayer and discussion, over three weeks. Tuesday morning is a repeat of Monday night.

**Youth Led Service – Exploration

We really want to hear from our secondary school aged children about creating a youth-led service together. The meeting is open for our youth, their parents and anyone wanting to be involved in any way.

Prayer Requests

Be assured I will do my best to check that people are happy for the requests to be shared before including them. Please pray for...

- Beth's Dad, Ian. Give thanks that Ian is now out of hospital and pray for a good recovery.
- Danny, a friend of Charlie's has been discharged from hospital and is now at home recovering. Danny is making good progress. Continued prayers for healing for his skin grafts.
- Katrina (Norah's daughter), who has a lesion on the brain. Having to wait for another scan to see if it is treatable.
- Lexi (Alison's granddaughter), whose operation has been postponed again. Also for her parents recovering from Covid.

Please also continue to pray for: Flo Baldock, Nathan Court, Pauline Emptage, Jean Mayton, Shirley Crabb, Collette Judge, Barb (Gloria's daughter's friend), Jean Simmons, Rita Ryan and Joy Smithers.

Harvest Collections

A reminder that we are raising money for our Harvest Appeal: Tearfund's [Recover Together](#) campaign, to support people in parts of the world still waiting for their Covid vaccines. Please be generous.

We are also collecting non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army in Ramsgate food bank:

Tinned Meat	Dried Pasta / Rice	Spaghetti
Tinned Fish	Tinned Potatoes	500g packets of sugar

UHT Milk	Cup-a-soup	Tea bags / instant coffee
Packet pasta meal	Tinned soup	Tinned rice pudding
Pot Noodles	Tinned tomatoes	Fruit Juice Carton
Biscuits	Tinned vegetables	Squash
Cereal Bars	Cream crackers	Cereals

Links to Share:

Last Sunday's Sermon:

Last Sunday's Sermon is available on YouTube, as a Podcast or a transcript:

[Do you want to be well? \(John 5:1-18\)](#)

We are all concerned to have good well-being. Jesus wants to bless us with the greatest well being possible, but will our attitudes get in the way, like the man in this encounter recorded in John 5:1-18?

An Interesting Blog:

[Why COP26 matters a Christian Perspective](#)

In just a few weeks' time, leaders from across the globe will gather in Glasgow for a meeting that will shape our future. Here's what you need to know about why it matters and what role we can play.

Finally, let's remember to rejoice all the more in what God gives to us – including each other.

Yours in Christ,

Paul Worledge
(Vicar, St. Luke's Ramsgate)