

## Sunday Services across the Team

<b>St Bartholomew's:</b>	8.00am (2nd & 4th Sundays) 11.00am each week
<b>St Thomas'</b>	8.00am (1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays) 9.15am each Sunday
<b>St George's</b>	9.15am each Sunday
<b>St John's</b>	8.00am (1st & 3rd Sundays) 9:30am each week
<b>St James'</b>	8.00am (2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays) 10:45am each Sunday
<b>St Katharine's</b>	8.00am & 11.00am each Sunday

For all enquiries relating to baptism and weddings, and for other routine matters, please come to Bartholomew's Church on any Monday [other than Bank Holidays] from 6 – 7pm

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George



## NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2018 Harvest Festival



So, when did we start celebrating Harvest?

In Britain, we've been celebrating harvest for centuries, usually on the Sunday closest to the Harvest moon, the full moon nearest the autumn equinox on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. The Old English word "Haerfest" simply meant autumn. An early harvest celebration was held on 1<sup>st</sup> August at the start of the harvest usually known as Lammas [or "Loaf Mass"] where farmers gave loaves made from the new wheat crop to the church to celebrate communion.

The modern British tradition of celebrating Harvest in churches began on 1<sup>st</sup> October 1843 when the Revd. Robert Hawker, rector of Morwenstow in Cornwall invited parishioners to a special celebration service and the tradition of decorating the church with home-grown produce began.

Revd Hawker was a noted eccentric. He became rector of Morwenstow after an interregnum of over a century [take note!] and loved bright clothing – he dressed in claret-coloured coat, blue fisherman's jersey, long sea-boots, a pink brimless hat and a poncho made from a yellow horse blanket, which he claimed was the ancient habit of St Padarn. It's said the only black items he wore were his socks. He built a small hut, known as Hawker's Hut, from driftwood on the cliffs overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. He spent many hours there writing his poems and letters. This driftwood hut is now the smallest property in the National Trust portfolio. Many of the more fantastic stories told about Hawker are based on an unreliable biography published by the Revd Sabine Baring-Gould in 1876 [author of "Onward, Christian Soldiers"], only a few months after Hawker's death. Other eccentricities attributed to him include dressing up as a mermaid and excommunicating his cat for catching mice on Sundays. He had a special ministry to those shipwrecked. He married twice, firstly as an undergraduate of 19 to 41 year old Charlotte l'ans and again at 60 to 20 year old Pauline Kuczynski with whom he had three daughters. He converted to Roman Catholicism on his deathbed.



It's a long way from our modern harvest festivals when we both thank God for his wonderful provision but also seek to provide for those less fortunate.

Ed

## Coffee Mornings

St. James' Church, Daisy Hill

Last Saturday of each month 10:00am - noon

St. James' church are running monthly Coffee Mornings on the last Saturday of each month. As well as coffee and cakes, there are second hand books for sale and a chance for a friendly chat. All welcome.

## St Thomas' Café Church / St Georges' Café Church

**St Thomas's Cafe Church** meets fortnightly on a Wednesday during Term Time 3.45 - 4.15pm. We gather in the main hall and entrance to Café Church is from 3.25pm through the church entrance.

**DATES: 10th Oct, 31st Oct, 14th Nov, 28th Nov, 12th Dec**

**St George's Cafe Church** meets fortnightly on a Thursday during Term Time 3.45 - 4.15pm. We gather in the main hall and entrance to Café Church is from 3.25pm through the main school entrance.

**DATES: 11th Oct, 1st Nov, 15th Nov, 29th Nov, 13th Dec**

We meet for half an hour to worship: sharing in song, prayer, conversations and snacks. All are welcome to attend - children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult at all times.



## Team Rector Update

The interviews have been held and we await formal confirmation. Unfortunately, any news about an appointment will come too late for inclusion in this month's newsletter but do listen out for notices in our services and on our weekly pewsheets / noticeboards for further details. We'll pass any news on as soon as we know it.

## Events Leaflet

There is an additional leaflet enclosed giving details of our active programme of services and events over the next couple of months enclosed. Please add them to your diaries.

## Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, 1st Baronet

(27 February 1848 – 7 October 1918)



This month we mark the centenary of the death of Hubert Parry, musician, organist, teacher and composer. He was born in Bournemouth & educated at Eton and Oxford where he read law and modern history rather than music. As a composer he wrote many religious oratorios and it was once joked that had he lived long enough, he would have set the whole bible to music.

From the oratorio "Judith" comes the tune "Repton" that we sing to the hymn "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind." His most famous work remains his setting of William Blake's poem "Jerusalem" or "And did those feet in ancient times" which was written in 1916 and immediately adopted by the Suffragette movement with which Parry had much sympathy, and which made it an immediate success and still sung at the Last Night of the Proms to this day. [We'll be singing it at St. Bart's on Remembrance Sunday]. His setting of "I was glad" from psalm 122 has been sung at every coronation since 1902, even if the splendid fanfare start comes from 1910.

Although Professor at Oxford and Head of the Royal College of Music, he led a rather unconventional life with radical views – he's well worth reading about and do listen to the choral music first before the orchestral works.

## 1918 AND ALL THAT

It only seems two minutes since we commemorated the start of the First World War and now we celebrate the ending of the same. Yet in those "short" four years so many things changed, things that changed the world for ever and have left us with the legacy, or should we say, the fall out. One of the things that changed perhaps more than anything, was attitude! This may possibly be shown in the works of poet Rudyard Kipling who in 1914 wrote patriotic and jingoistic works encouraging enlistment and ultimate victory but after losing his son in 1915 to the war and seeing the mass slaughter in France and Belgium he changed his outlook and attitude. So much so that he could eventually write "If any ask us why we died, Tell them, because our fathers lied." In 2018 no one can promise "no more wars," but a promise "no more lies" would be a step in the right direction, would it not?

*Contributed by Alan Morris*

**NOTE – we're always after people to contribute to the Newsletter.** If you want to write something, please see Ed or send to the e-mail address overleaf. Many thanks.