

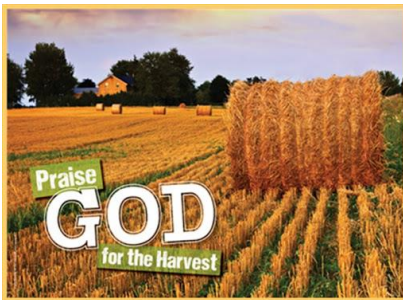


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St Giles' Shrewsbury

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well and continuing to cope with the ever-changing demands of living in these unprecedented times?



Harvest 2020:- **Sunday October 4th** is to be St Giles Church celebration of Harvest! I was reminded by a parishioner that in spite of this year being a 'unprecedented' one, with the pandemic still in-pinging upon everyone's life, that nature does not stop and that we do have much to be thankful for.

As a result, I would like to invite you to take an active part in this year's Harvest by making a donation to the food bank. This you can do by donating tins of produce, packets of pasta, rice, noodles, boxes of cereals, toiletries, biscuits. At this time the food bank is asking for donations of fresh potatoes, carrots, apples, cabbages, broccoli. Gravy granules and nappies size 5/6.

There are many varied circumstances that bring people along to the food bank, often they have been caught in the trap of debt or lost their job, suffered ill health, family breakdown, bereavement, delays in benefits or homelessness. Sometimes it's a combination of many issues.

If you would like to donate any items then you may wish to attend the Harvest service taking place on Sunday 4th October at 9.30am. Please book in the usual way for this service, via the parish office either on email: stgilesshrew@btconnect.com or phone 01743 355300. This service will be repeated on Wednesday, 7th October at 10.00am and the church will remain open on this morning until 11.30am should you wish to drop any items off. You can also call into the parish office where a collection box will be available on a Tuesday afternoon or a Thursday morning. I would ask that if you do drop items off that you abide by social distancing and wear a face mask. You will also be asked to give your name and a contact number for the purposes of tracking and tracing.

The other method of contributing to this year's harvest is that Alyson Saunders has volunteered to collect items from your own door. If you wish to ask her to do this please contact her directly on: 07910358420 or by e-mail: aly.rees@gmail.com

I would like to take this opportunity, in advance, to thank you for your help and support to this year's Harvest.

Resuming Zoom services: As we witness the change in the seasons and welcome the autumn and the beginning of shorter days I am going to be resuming a weekly zoom service.



Each **Monday morning at 9.15am** there will be a short act of Morning worship followed by an opportunity for those participating to share together in a short time of fellowship. It is hoped that we can finish at around 10.00am.

The services will start on Monday 5th October 2020 at 9.15am. If you would like to join this service please find an invitation accompanying this letter and either enter the meeting ID and passcode or you can click on the [https zoom meeting link](https://zoom.us/j/123456789). I have also attached the order of service for these Monday morning services.



St Giles Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM):

This was scheduled to take place on Sunday, 25th October at 10.45am following on from the service.

As you will be aware, Church services can continue to be held but meetings should not consist of more than 6 people, all adhering to social distancing rules. As a result the APCM cannot take place following on from the service on Sunday, 25th October. Therefore, I am suggesting that this takes place using Zoom on the same day, beginning at **11.15am.**

I am very aware that this will, undoubtedly, mean that some people will not be able to attend for a number of reasons. However, I am also conscious that the most important element is the 'well-being and care' of all parishioners. I apologise if this means you will not be able to attend. This meeting will be video recorded and should anyone wish to receive a copy please e-mail the parish office or speak to either Katherine (in the office) or myself.

There are copies of last year's APCM in church and an agenda.

Once again, take care, keep well, safe and remember to keep on washing your hands!

With my best wishes, love and prayers,

Andrew.

Reverend Andrew Knight.

Rector of St Giles with Sutton, Shrewsbury and St Eata's, Atcham and Assistant area dean of Shrewsbury