**FAREWELL**

TO THE REV'D CHRISTINE SPENCER

Christine has come to the end of her curacy and her last Sunday with us is today - 30 September. She will be moving on to be Priest-in-Charge of St Richards Church, Three Bridges and will be licensed on Tuesday 23 October, 7.30pm. List at back of church to sign up if you want to go, need a lift, or can offer lifts.

Viv in the parish office has her new address if you would like to keep in touch.

**CHRISTIANS IN STORRINGTON INTER-CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS** - First Tuesday of each month at 10am in Our Lady of England RC Church (side Chapel). These meetings last for 30 minutes and Christians from many different churches in and around Storrington get together to pray for Storrington and the world. It is quite informal and everyone is most welcome.

**NEWCOMERS TO THIS CHURCH** If this is the first time you are visiting our Church please fill in your name and address on one of the green cards (they are near the entrance door of the Church) and give it to one of the Clergy or Churchwardens. New people are constantly moving in and we try to get to know them as quickly as possible and make them feel at home among friends.

**HOUSE GROUPS** The Tuesday house group will meet again this autumn. Following the holidays, our first meeting will be on 9 October at 5.00pm at 23 Orchard Gardens. New members welcome. Contact Chrystalle on 744269.

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**PARISH VISITING TEAM** are a group of volunteers commissioned by St Mary’s Church to visit any person in our parish who might benefit and welcome some friendly company. If you or anyone you know would like such visits please contact Barbara Buchanan (Churchwarden) by email churchwarden@storringtonparishchurch.org.uk

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**FOR YOUR PRAYERS:**

Maxwell Smith; Annette Cole; Carolyn Cole; Jim Wells; John and Pam Tunnell; Ron Ham; Sue and John Taylor; Cathy McAllister and Simon Davis (friends of Sonia Fox); Guy Leonard (Storrington Deanery Lay Chairman); Peter Buchanan; Rachel Martin; Caroline Anne; Betty Moss; Anna Burt, Nancy Parsons.

Remember with thanksgiving Mary May; Eileen Martin, Allan Norman.

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**SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY**

7 October 2018

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

8.00 am Holy Communion the Rector

10.00 am Harvest Family Communion

Celebrant: Revd Charles Hadley

Preacher: Revd Rupert Toovey

The Revd Stuart Kersley is taking the 9.15am Service at Parham and the 11am Service at Amberley today.

6.00 pm Harvest Thanksgiving Songs of Praise followed by Harvest Supper in the Old School the Rector

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**NOTICES**

Please save all your stamps and leave in the box in the Church porch.... they can be converted to much needed funds for our Church
**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

at St Mary's Church, Storrington

**SUNDAY, 7 OCTOBER**

10.00 am **Harvest Family Communion:** everyone is invited to bring gifts of produce. The produce will be sold in support of The Chichester Diocesan Appeal at the end of the service (please see the Harvest appeal poster at the back of Church).

6.00 pm **Harvest Thanksgiving Songs of Praise Service** followed by 7.30 pm **Harvest Supper** in the Old School:

Tickets: (£8) are available in Church after the 10am Service or from the Rectory Office (742888)

Please sign the list in Church if intending to come. Please also sign the Puddings List if you are able to make a fruit crumble. Many thanks.

The Church will be decorated for Harvest on Friday, 5 October, starting at 9.30 am. Contributions of fresh produce, eggs, preserves, etc., gratefully received.

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**Mission Action Plan - Progress**

Following the meeting on 6 September to discuss our Church's strengths, weaknesses and opportunities and peoples' vision for the Church in the future, I am now writing some text which encapsulates the most commonly expressed thoughts.

A skeleton Mission Action Plan will be considered by the PCC in November to firm up some action points and priorities. The resulting draft MAP will then be shared with the whole congregation for further input from everyone. The final draft MAP will then go back to the PCC.

If you could not be at the meeting on the 6th or have some further thoughts and do not want to wait for the next stages, then please get in touch with me.

Thank you,

Simon Emerson simon.ann@hotmail.co.uk (Tel 743711)

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**HARVEST AT WARMINGHURST CHURCH**

This year Harvest Festival at Warminghurst Church is on **Sunday, 7 October**, at 6pm and, as in past years, we are lucky to have the choir from Windleshame House School bring the song and music for what always proves to be a glorious evening. Windleshame also provide refreshments after the service and the congregation are invited to stay for this. All are welcome. There is a retiring collection for the Churches Conservation Trust for the upkeep of Warminghurst Church.

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**ROAD CLOSURE - GREYFRIARS LANE and SCHOOL LANE**

Please note we have been informed by Southern Gas Networks plc that work will shortly be starting in Greyfriars Lane and School Lane.

Work is due to begin in Greyfriars Lane week commencing 17 September 2018 and the road closure will be in place for 8 weeks. From week commencing 24 September School Lane will also be closed from the junction of Monastery Lane to the junction of Church Street.

Hopefully this will not interrupt the use of the Old School car park but please be aware of these dates.

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**CHRISTMAS GRAND PRIZE DRAW 2018**

Many prizes including £100 cash!

Raising money for essential Church Tower renovation.

The draw will take place at St Mary’s Church, Storrington, on Saturday, 8 December 2018 at 2.30pm at the Christmas Afternoon Tea.

Tickets: £1 each (books of 5 available) which can be purchased from the Rectory Office, Churchwardens, Gwen Fisher (091903 744642) and at Church events.

We would welcome anyone taking a quantity of tickets to sell to their friends and neighbours - the preservation of the Church Tower will benefit the whole community.

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**STORRINGTON FOOD BANK**

St. Mary’s is a member and able to help in cases of great need. If you know of a family or someone in need of this help then please refer them to Sam Ward or the Rector.

Someone will be in attendance at the Rectory Office on **Tuesdays (10.30am - 12 noon)** to issue food vouchers to those in need.

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**MILK BOTTLE TOPS**

Thank you to everyone who collects milk bottle tops - please remember PLASTIC MILK BOTTLE TOPS ONLY and deliver them to the Rectory Office - do not leave them anywhere in Church. Thank you! Viv Stuart