

St Nicholas, Marston and St Thomas of Canterbury, Elsfield

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When it comes to the harvest it's not been a good year for farmers, because of the heat wave and lack of rainwater back in June and July. Harvest started early and the crops are smaller than usual; some farmers I've spoken to have managed to squeeze in a second harvest but for most there will be hard consequences this winter.

What do we do when the harvest is poor? Even our apple tree suffered this year with barely any fruit on its branches! I am left feeling uncertain, uncertain for those who live off the land and rely on its produce, uncertain as to whether I can help - what can we do?

That feeling of helplessness is a feeling I know we all share at times. That sense that we can do very little, although the need is so great. But this is the time of year when we give thanks for our harvest; we remember and celebrate those people who grow it, those who package it and those who place it on the shop shelves so that we can buy it and eat it. The chain of people to whom we should be grateful is long; some items may have journeyed across the world before reaching us.

As weather conditions have meant harvest came early this year, Harvest Festival at church feels too late and we may ask ourselves whether it's needed at all. We can and should still be grateful: we can still pause and give thanks. We can still feel connected to nature and those that work close to her, those that work regardless of the weather or even if the crops are small. We shouldn't give up, just as the workers in the field don't give up! We recognise the change of season, the arrival of Autumn that often brings a change within us.

As we think about the harvest of the field we should perhaps also ask ourselves, what is our own personal harvest? There is always harvest

because each of us brings the gifts that we have to the table. We may not feel like we do, or think that we have any gifts or talents worth sharing, but we all have something that makes us unique. In each of us there is something worth harvesting - even if it takes us years to blossom!

I've spent the last four years working on my Master's in Theology - I'm not a natural academic, having started off school life colouring books because I was deemed not suitable for 'normal' education. But I had a questioning mind and was never happy with labels, always interested in asking questions and researching ideas. Over time, with the help of some good teachers, this germinated into further reading, interviewing and asking many more questions.

My harvest this season is handing in my research dissertation and completing my Master's. It's not the qualification that marks this harvest as a success, but the fact that I (and others) never thought it was possible and yet I've only gone and done it!

What will your harvest be? Don't give up. Even when the harvest seems small, believe me it is still worth rejoicing and giving thanks.

Skye Denno



Parish Calendar for October 2018

St Nicholas, Marston

3 Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion (CW)... Revd Skye Denno

7 Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Skye Denno

10am NO SERVICE – OXFORD HALF MARATHON

4pm All Age Baptism..... Revd Skye Denno

6pm Healing Service with Holy Communion

Revd Andy Gosler

8 Monday

12noon Paul Rimmer's Interment service

10 Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion (CW) Revd Skye Denno

14 Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Skye Denno

10am All Age Service..... Joel Denno

followed by a bring and share lunch

6pm Evensong (BCP).....Revd Skye Denno

followed by Pints of View in the Red Lion

17 Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion (CW) Revd Skye Denno

21 Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP).....

10am Parish Communion (CW)

6pm Eat, Love, Pray in Parish HallNeil Barker

24 Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion (CW) Revd Skye Denno

28 Last Sunday after Trinity

8am Holy Communion (BCP) Revd Skye Denno

10am Parish Communion (CW) Revd Stephanie

Bullock

6pm All Souls' Service Joel Denno

Bible Readings for Parish Communion

14 Joel 2:21-27; 1Tim 2:1-7; Matt 6:25-33

21 Job 38:1-7, (34-end); Heb 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

28 Job 42:1-6, 10-end; Heb 7:23-end; Mark 10:46-end

St Thomas of Canterbury, Elsfield

28 Last Sunday after Trinity

10am Matins (BCP)..... Revd Andy Gosler

31 Wednesday

9.30am Holy Communion.....Revd Skye Denno

Churchwardens

James Lawrie 276177; Eileen Palayiwa 725423

James Plunket 358170; Justine McCool 358578

Vicar

Revd Skye Denno437852

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St. Nicholas
Marston

Autumn Leaves

Fun Morning

@ St Nicholas Parish Hall

Sat 13th Oct

10-1pm for ALL Ages!

Bread making, story telling, face painting, crafts, coffee & cake, games, Raffle



St. Nicholas
Marston

Harvest FESTIVAL

14th of Oct, 10am

Being thankful and sharing with those in need.

Bring with you food items,

Perishable items will be auctioned to raise money for
The Porch

Bring and Share Lunch after the service at 12noon

Coffee Pot

Coffee Pot meets on Mon 15 Oct 10.30am - 1.00pm. Come to an informal, friendly gathering where you will be most welcome! Contact Eileen (725423) or David (246959) if you need a lift.

WI meeting

The W.I. meets on 9 Oct at 7.30pm in the Church Hall when Liz Woolley will give a talk: *Lord Nuffield's Great Generosity to the Oxford College* Please come and join us.

OVER 50s CLUB

Mon 8 Oct 10.30am - 2pm: trip to Wyevale Garden Centre; pick-up is at St Nicholas' church.

Mon 22 Oct: Steve Moll talk on *The Incredible World of the Honey Bee*

43rd OXFORD (ST NICHOLAS) SCOUT GROUP

Our next jumble sale will be on Sat 13 Oct at 2pm at our HQ in Boults Lane, entry 20p. Refreshments available. Road collections will take place. A note of collection day/time will be delivered but items at HQ will be accepted on the morning of 13 Oct 9.30-11am. No electrical or large items please. Do come: we need your support!

CHURCHES TOGETHER ECUMENICAL QUIET DAYS

The first EQD of the new term will be on Thur 18 Oct Led by the Revd Dr Robert Bates at Marston URC, 352 Oxford Road, OX3 0JB 12- 4pm; please bring your own lunch. All welcome.

BELLRINGERS' NOTES

On the outing to S Worcestershire we not only rang at four towers, but also got a peek at some of the county's best kept secrets, all within the shadow of Bredon Hill. Opposite the church at Kemerton is a two-mile walkway through a monastery-style garden open to the public. The adjoining village of Overbury has a manorial church entered through one of the finest lychgates around. St. Barbara's church (one of only three towers in the country so-named) in Ashton-under-Hill has a small ringing room with Christmas decorations all year round. At Beckford there is a magnificent scale model of the church in the chancel. Do join us! Ring Anthony on 244570.

PARISH COUNCIL AUGUST MEETING NOTES

At our extraordinary meeting in August the Swan School's planning application for temporary buildings at Meadowbrook College was considered. The Parish Council had no objections to 30 Elms Drive, 21A Mill Lane or 2 Mill Lane. Plans for 38 Mortimer Drive still raise safety and access concerns. The Swan School's planning application is still stating construction vehicles will access via a temporary road off the Marston Ferry Road and the buildings will only be there for a maximum of two years. The Council objected on safety of access, drainage & surface water management, and felt the whole site should be looked at as a whole, rather than in parts.

The footpath from the cemetery to the Marsh Lane junction of Elsfield Road is now complete and much safer for all.

The Clerk has arranged for Council-owned hedges (made wild by recent hot weather) to be trimmed. The Council would like to thank everyone who has cut back their hedges and overhanging vegetation.

PARISH COUNCIL SEPTEMBER MEETING NOTES

The Council did not object to a planning application for 21 Haynes Road.

Shortly after the Parish Council meeting the Swan School planning application was refused by Oxford City Council's East Area Planning Committee. Old Marston Parish Council accepts that additional school places are needed but welcomes the Planning Committee's decision. There will be an appeal.

Old Marston Parish Council and many local residents would like to thank those on the Committee, who voted against this application, for sharing their concerns and would welcome the opportunity for further constructive dialogue.

Two new noticeboards will be placed in the bus shelter opposite St Nicholas; further locations in the parish will be identified.

The Council agreed to consider making the north side of the subway into a street art facility. In other areas in the city with such a facility there has been a drop in graffiti of up to 60%.

A committee later in Sept will consider the collated results of the recent Boults Lane Rec survey and discussed at our next Parish Council Meeting.

There will be a free brass band concert on Sat 10 Nov in OXSRAD at 7pm to commemorate the Armistice of Nov 1918.

Old Marston Parish Council

The Parish Council will meet again on Monday 1 Oct at 7.30pm in the Mortimer Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend meetings.

Parish Clerk: Tim Cann – 01865 203139

Chairman: Duncan Hatfield - 07706 998224

Vice-Chairman: Tony Greenfield - 07876 205200

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IN NOVEMBER....

St Nicholas' Remembrance Service begins at 9.45 on Sun 11 Nov. Hand-made poppies are being collected for a display to mark 100 years since the end of WW1. Please give to Skye Denno or Elizabeth How.

A Quiet Day with the theme *The Grace of Waiting* will take place on Sat 24 Nov 10am-3.45pm at Elsfield church, led by the Rev Canon Dr Margaret Whipp.

From the Registers

Wedding

15 Sept Jody O'Shea and David Harper

29 Sept Hayley Avery and Vilnis Stikis

Parish Organisations

- Allotments Associations
Court Place Farm, Boult's Lane. Secretary: Mr. T. Cann.
Sunday mornings 8.30 am – 11.00 am 01865 202104
Mill Lane Chairman: Dr. M. Unkovskaya 07771 702548
Treasurer Dr David Bullock 07902 805784
Secretary Christine Mitchell 07789 991051
- Baby and Toddler Club
Gill Hale, 64 Arlington Drive 01865 248260
- Bellringers:
Practice Friday 7.30pm Learners welcome
Anthony Hughes, 2, Oxford Road 01865 244570
- Choirs and Musicians at St Nicholas
Junior Choir, SATB Choir, Music Group
Practices at various times.
Neil Barker 01865 604617 or 07774 050056
- Coffee Pot
Coffee morning, monthly, Monday
David Blair 01865 246959 or 07917 298408
Eileen Palayiwa, 27 Ouseley Close 01865 725423
- Rainbow, Brownie, Guide and Ranger Units
Evenings throughout the week. Adult volunteers as well as girls welcomed!
District Commissioner, Lesley Dentry, 01865 07765 418067
- Leisure:
OXSRAD Sports and Leisure Centre,
Court Place Farm, Marsh Lane. 01865 741336
- Library (Mortimer Hall)
Tuesday 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm
Thursday 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm
Friday 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm
Saturday 9.30 am to 12.30 pm 01865 726823
- Hedena Health Medical Centre. 01865 227788
- Marston Community Gardening
Alistair Morris 01865 724081
Kate Robinson 01865 766620
- Marston Saints Football Club
John Page. www.msfc.org.uk
- Mortimer Hall (Village Hall)
Chris Crane, 2 Raymund Road 01865 727995
- Over 50's Club
Alternate Mondays, 2.30 pm in Church Hall.
Secretary, Jane Madden 01865 209086
- Oxford City Council (Marston Representatives)
Mary Clarkson, 8 Dunstan Road, Oxford OX3 9BY 01865 751493
Mick Haines, 3 Croft Road 01865 421600
- Oxfordshire County Council (Marston Representative)
Mark Lygo 07765 665 726
- Oxford Preservation Trust, Marston Area
Lucy Hughes, Cross Farm. 01865 244570
- Parentline
Confidential helpline for parents 01865 726600
- Parish Council
Parish Clerk: Tim Cann, 8 Nicholas Avenue 01865 203139
(Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9.00 am – 1.00 pm)
Chairman: Duncan Hatfield 07706 998224
Vice Chairman: Tony Greenfield 07876 205200
- Pre-school at Mortimer Hall
open 9 sessions a week 07818 236348
- Royal British Legion Club Hall:
Steward 01865 243991
- Schools
Friends of St Nicholas School 01865 242838
- Scouts — 43rd Oxford (St. Nicholas) Scout Group, Boult's Lane
Chair, Tracy McAteer 07714 653088 tracymcateer@hotmail.co.uk
Group Leaders, Rob & Lisa Pocock
07841 577567 lisapocock@hotmail.co.uk
Beaver Scouts Leader, Sue Springett 01865 251515
Cub Scouts Leader, Karen Holliday 01865 760559
Scouts Leader, Linda Phillips 07804 925705
- St. Nicholas Church Hall and Committee Room
Gill Hale, 64 Arlington Drive 01865 248260
- Women's Institute
Second Tuesday in month, 7.30 pm in Church Hall.
President, Sue Hawes 01865 247106
Secretary, Mavis Curtis 01865 351325

Trade Directory

- Airport transfers
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Marston Pharmacy: 11 Old Marston Road. 01865 243824
- Plumbing, Heating & Gas
A. Exell: Gas Safe installer,
34 Champion Way, Witney OX28 1ES 07779 298030
S. J. Moore: Installation and servicing for all gas appliances.
Gas Safe Reg. 146337.
76, Arlington Drive. 01865 724037. 07970 470176
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Gas Safe Registered Engineer 125206.. 01865 761896, 07710 390980
- Tree Surgery, Fruit Tree Pruning
R. Timms: 80 Oxford Road 01865 244608
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Mark Baldwin, 07765 935767, 01865 769917
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