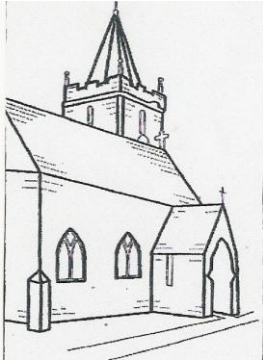


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DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Thursday	2 nd	9.00am	Morning Prayer
		10.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday	5 th	11.15am	Family Communion
Wednesday	8 th	12.00-1.30pm	Soup and Pudding Lunch, Corston Village Hall
Thursday	9 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
		10.30am	Holy Communion
		7.30pm	Corston PCC meets in church
Sunday	12 th	9.00-12noon	Big Breakfast, Corston Village Hall
		6.30pm	Parish Communion
Thursday	16 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
		10.30am	Holy Communion
		7.30pm	Corston Home Study Group, 8 Brook Cottages (see details overleaf)
			HARVEST 18th/19th SEPTEMBER
Saturday	18 th		Craft & Horticultural Show, Corston Village Hall (see details below)
			Harvest Supper (see details below)
Sunday	19 th	11.15am	Family Service
		6.30pm	Harvest Songs of Praise
Thursday	22 nd	9.00am	Morning Prayer
		10.30am	Holy Communion
		7.30pm	Home Study Group, 8 Brook Cottages
Sunday	26 th	8.00am	Holy Communion
		6.30pm	Evensong
Thursday	30 th	9.00am	Morning Prayer
		10.30am	Holy Communion

OCTOBER

Saturday	2 nd	10.30am	Village Market, Corston Village Hall
Sunday	3 rd	11.15am	Family Communion

“BACK TO NORMAL”

As our summer draws to a close, various “winter” events appear in our calendar. On **Wednesday, 8th September**, our “Soup and Pudding” lunches recommence and we look forward to that. Then, before you know where we are, it will be the first of the new season of Village Markets on **Saturday, 2nd October**. We look forward to seeing you at both these events.

HARVEST - 18/19th SEPTEMBER

On Saturday, 18th September, come and enter our Craft and Horticultural Show - classes for knitting, needlework, jam, cakes, flowers and vegetables, plus a photo competition and, for the children, “Make a Mini Garden”. Come and enjoy afternoon tea - and then there will be a Harvest Supper in the evening (tickets £5). Schedules for the Show will be available in church or in the Village Shop. Harvest Supper tickets can also be purchased in the Village Shop. Contact 01761 479378.

On Sunday, 19th September, we will have our usual Family Service at 11.15am. If the children would like to bring a gift, could it please be something suitable for our shoe boxes: after the service the Buzz Club will sell any produce from the church - proceeds will help to cover the cost of posting the shoe boxes later in the year. In the evening there will be our customary Harvest Songs of Praise. A warm welcome awaits you at all these events.

CORSTON HOME STUDY GROUP - September/October

The Kingdom of God - what, when, where, how?

Those from the three churches (and others) who have attended these informal and enjoyable discussions agreed that it would be good to continue again in the autumn. We plan to explore key passages in both Old and New Testaments that will help us to understand the Kingdom of God and what it means for our everyday lives.

You will be very welcome to come along on any or all of the following dates: Thursdays, 16th and 23rd September and 14th and 21st October - from 7.30pm for refreshments, followed by study from 8-9pm. We always end promptly! Just bring a Bible (any version). We meet at 8 Brook Cottages, Corston (just below the Village Hall), the home of Peter and Angela LeRoy.

Do please pass on this invitation and these details to others. For more information please contact Anthony Acton (873955) or Peter LeRoy (873023).

EVENING SERVICES

Following discussions at the Worship and Education Committee meeting, it was decided to circulate all regular members of our evening congregations to ask for their views on the time of winter evening services, as we were not convinced last year's change to 4pm was really appreciated.

The mini-poll resulted in the smallest majority in favour of 4pm but a number of these voters said they would attend whatever the time. Although people expressed a *preference* for 4pm, there were several regular members of our evening congregations who *could not* come at 4pm.

The PCC therefore decided at their last meeting not to change the time of services in the winter, so these will remain at 6.30pm. We can only hope for better winter weather than we had last year!

“SHREWD” ADVICE FROM UNDER THE TABLE

What an evening that was. Roll over Shakespeare! For a dog, the bard's dinner really was much ado about nothing. I didn't get so much as a cheese hamlet out of it. If there had been a shrew or two to tame, that would have been a comedy of errors - for the shrews that is. Whilst on the subject of shrews, those little fellers pop their whiskers out at harvest time, don't they? The master's already complaining about all the straw that keeps falling off the back of a lorry into the road: that must be the "scatter" bit that comes after "plough the fields". He says that the people in the church next door sing songs about it on Harvest Festival Sunday.

My sparring partner Butch would laugh at my harvest story. The other day the master took me up past Bertie Bendall's place to the maize field, where I got lost. My fault! "The choice is yours, Badger" he said as he let me off the lead. "Follow me, because I don't want you getting lost in that maize". Straightaway I spotted old Peter Rabbit. He kinda winked his eye at me - and was off. I followed - and chased - and chased faster. I could hear the master whistling and calling me back but I couldn't find the way. I was in a sort of endless tunnel. Then everything went quiet. No more whistling or shouting. I was short of breath and short of water. Peter Rabbit was out of sight but I could see the sky, up through the maize plants. Then I spotted the end of the tunnel and ran for it. A noise got louder and louder - sounded a bit like a car. I just hoped it wasn't the Bendall baler. Lucky old me, it was the master! He had risked his shock absorbers and sump to come up the lane. Don't let on to old Butch but I had broken the rules and the master had come to find me and take me back to under the table. "All's well that ends well", as the two gentlemen of Corston said to the merry wives of Bath.

Badger Seymour