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## 26th Sunday of the Year (B) HARVEST FESTIVAL 30th September 2018

**THIS WEEKEND IS OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL** with celebrations for the Harvest at all Masses including the Harvest Family Mass at 10am - please continue to bring in tins and non-perishable goods for the Harvest Table and there will be a retiring collection for the 'Margate Food Parcel Scheme' at all Masses. Also envelopes for the 'Cafod Harvest Fast Day' on Friday week, 5th October, will be available for collection.

**DURING THE WEEK** The Pre-School will have their Harvest Service on Tuesday 2nd October at 11am in the Church. We are also hosting the Kent Delegates from the Eucharistic Congress in the Church on Tuesday evening from 7 to 9pm. Offers of help with refreshments would be appreciated - please see Fr. Peter.

**NEXT WEEKEND** On Sunday we welcome the Confirmation candidates from the Deanery Parishes to join our candidates in an afternoon of preparation from 3 to 8pm which will include the 5.30pm Mass which they will present (and welcome their families and sponsors who will join them) and a short rehearsal afterwards. Donations of cakes for the refreshments after 5.30pm Mass and help with this would be appreciated - again see Fr. Peter. Also next Sunday, we welcome the Syro-Malabar community for their monthly Mass.

**REV. HUGH BROADBENT** the Rector of Snodland is retiring next weekend. We offer him our thanks for all he has given to Snodland and especially 'Churches Together in Snodland' and our prayers and best wishes for the future.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Fr. John Mulligan RIP, the Diocesan organiser for the Eucharistic Congress - and the Parish of Morden with his funeral at Morden this week - and we offer him and them our prayers and love and support at this time.

### MASSES & SERVICES

<b>SATURDAY</b> (25th Week of the Year)	29	2.30pm 5pm	Baptism: Alexander Thompson-O'Connor (Harvest) Mrs. Elizabeth Kirk - Intentions
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>26th Sunday of the Year (B)</b> <b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>	30	10am 5.30pm	(Harvest Family Mass) Darren Kenny RIP (recent) (Harvest) The Parishioners
<b>MONDAY</b> (St. Therése)	1 Oct	9.30am	Communion Service
<b>TUESDAY</b> (Guardian Angels)	2	9.30am 7-9pm	Private Intention (P.C.) 'Adoremus' Evening in Church
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> (26th Week of the Year)	3	9.30am	Communion Service
<b>THURSDAY</b> (St. Francis of Assisi)	4	9.30am	Communion Service
<b>FRIDAY</b> (Harvest Fast Day)	5	9.30am	Ged Naughton RIP and Family
<b>SATURDAY</b> (26th Week of the Year)	6	5pm	David A. Fellows RIP (Anniversary)
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>27th Sunday of the Year (B)</b> <b>Rosary Sunday</b> <b>Confirmation Preparation</b>	7	10am 12 noon 5.30pm	(Children's Liturgy) Private Intentions Syro-Malabar Mass (With Confirmation Candidates) Parishes and Candidates

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 4.30 to 4.45pm

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Baby Giorgio Gangemi; Jenny Craddock; Nicholas Powell; Terry Barton; Betty Ward; Max Bryer; Sue Foley; Moira Stevens; James Hay; Brendin O'Doherty; Sarah Content; Frank Hall; May Piddock; Audrey Matcham; Maggi Jones; Mary Sellwood; Sharon Smith; Joana and Ray Murphy; carers of the sick; our housebound and all at Maidstone Hospital, Hospice and local Nursing Homes. Please pray for all affected by cutbacks, illnesses and other challenges in our country and world.

**RECENTLY DEAD:** Simona Sisestean; Susan Peek; Ena Dowson; Fr. Peter Lessiter; James Cork; Fr. John Mulligan. Please keep in your prayers all who have died in conflict throughout the world especially the innocent civilians.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Henry Riddick; Mary Brayshaw; Stephen Bradford; Clare Harding; Mr. Waters; Mary Heming; Mary Dolores (Doris) Frake; John Sterrett; Henry Morton; Kathleen Maybank; John McCourt; Kathleen Day; Francis Martin; Bridget Robbins; Peggy Kilgallen; Aimee Kirkham; John Drake; Edith May Goldrick.

## MEETINGS THIS WEEK

<b>SUNDAY 30</b>	10am	No Children's Liturgy (Harvest Family Mass)
<b>MONDAY 1 OCT</b>	6-7pm	'Girls' Confirmation Group - 'The Confirmation Ceremony'
<b>TUESDAY 2</b>	1.30-3pm 7-9pm	Baby & Toddler Group meet in the St. Thomas of Canterbury Centre 'Adoremus Evening' in Church
<b>WEDNESDAY 3</b>	2pm	(Council of Priests in London) Friendship Group meet in the Church Porch
<b>SATURDAY 6</b>	10-11am	'Boys' Confirmation Group - 'The Confirmation Ceremony'
<b>SUNDAY 7</b>	10am 3-8pm	Children's Liturgy in the St. Thomas of Canterbury Centre Confirmation Preparation Meeting

**THANK YOU** for your Offerings which amounted to £319.44

### FUNDRAISING

**£1,821.30 total raised in August through donations and events. Overall total raised is £83,447.31**

**Amount still owed on loan is £1,552.69**

**A final push is needed to raise the remaining balance of the loan which needs to be repaid by November 2018**

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**LUCIA'S CONCERT** will take place on Sunday 14th October.

Refreshments from 3.30pm. Concert begins at 4pm. Suggested donations of Adults £5 and Children £1

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**OPEN-AIR CONCERT** raised £1,212.02 Many thanks to all who organised and supported this.

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**NEEDLEWORK AND KNITTING GROUP** meet on **Wednesday 10th October** from 7.30 - 9.30 pm in the Church porch.

A £2 contribution towards the Building Fund is requested at each meeting. All welcome or call Chris on 01732 841522

**SECURITY** Anyone going into the Church alone must notify the Parish Office **even if they have their own Church key** and lock themselves in for safety reasons. They must also notify the Office when they leave.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Schedules for classes starting in October 2018 are now at the back of the Church. Please note that children must be currently in at least Year 3 at school to participate. Any parents interested in putting their child forward will need to attend the first parents meeting on **Wednesday 10th October 2018 with refreshments from 7.30pm and the meeting commencing at 8pm.** The cut-off date for acceptance into this year's Class is **18th November 2018. No children will be accepted onto the course after this date.**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** is this weekend of 29th/30th September. Parishioners are asked to bring in **tins and non-perishable** goods for the Harvest Festival and place them on the table by the altar.

**100 CLUB** Dee will be in the Porch after all Masses from Saturday 29th September and throughout October to collect annual subscriptions. She will also be looking out for new members. A list of this year's winners will be on the notice board in the porch.

**LILIES** Dee will also be taking donations for remembrance lilies to commemorate All Souls. Lilies are still £3 each with names of your deceased loved ones displayed on boards during the period of All Souls.

**DONATE8 HELP PLEASE!** Flower arrangers are needed to help bring colour and blooms to our church. No experience required – just come along, join the team and they'll show you how. Who knows - your home arrangements may benefit also! Why not Donate8 today?

**MINA CRENNAN** We have had a request from a relation of Mina Crennan, asking if anyone has any information regarding her whereabouts. Her name was in our News-letter in 2012 to be prayed for. If you have heard of this lady would you please contact Peter and Dee Avery on 01732 870207.

**JPIC SOUTHWARK** have been contacted by a group of Benedictine Sisters in Vuura, Uganda who are looking for funding for an urgently needed water tank. The water tank they have is now very old and needs replacing and they are looking for our help. Their website address is <http://www.benedictinesistersvuura.org> If you are able to be of assistance please contact Marie Bullard, JPIC Office Co-ordinator, Justice and Peace Commission, Archdiocese of Southwark. Tel no. 020 7928 9742 and she can pass on further information or email Sr. Elizabeth Mutesi at [emutesi88@gmail.com](mailto:emutesi88@gmail.com)

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS** For safeguarding reasons all children under 10 must be escorted to the toilet during Mass. Could we also remind parishioners that the doors inside Church must be accessible at all times and that prams or other items must not block them. Thank you.

**CHURCH CLEANING** Wiesia's Group - week beginning 1st October.

**FRIENDSHIP GROUP** meet this Wednesday 3rd October in the Church Porch. All are welcome.

**GARDENING CLUB** meet on Saturday 6th October from 10am to 12 noon. All are welcome.

**NOTICES:** Please see the Notice Board for more details.

### **CHANGE OF MASS TIMES**

Maidstone Deanery have been discussing possible changes to Mass times. At the Parish Meeting it was suggested that the 10am Mass could be moved to either 9am or 9.30am. We would very much like to hear your opinion / preference of time and would appreciate them being emailed to the Parish Office by 30th September.

### AREA GROUP MEETINGS

**Kings Hill and Mereworth** meet on Friday 19th October at 8pm for a House Mass for Joan Wegrzyn RIP. Venue: 26 Dawn Lane, Kings Hill. ME19 4DH. Contact Chantal Ekeuh 07966577612

