

# NOTICES & NEWS

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## Worship in Church and Online

### Preachers and readings for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Exodus 17:1-7;  
 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16;  
 Philippians 2:1-13;  
 Matthew 21:23-32;

#### Worship in Church: 10.30

Oct 1<sup>st</sup> Revd. Barry Bishop  
 Oct 8<sup>th</sup> Revd. Barry Bishop HC  
 Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Nick Butler  
 Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> Local Arrangement

Flowers in church this week have been kindly provided by Mrs C Brewster

#### Worship Online link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMDrEX10xKtanhYz0v6fC5Q>

### Weekly Programme

#### Monday:

**Friendship Club** 2.30pm, (2nd Monday)  
**Badminton Club** 9.30 - 11.30am  
**Boys' Brigade Anchors/Juniors** 5.30 - 8.15pm  
**Welcome Cafe** 5.30 - 8pm  
**Monday Makers** 7.30-9.30pm

#### Tuesday

**Jelly Totz** Parents & Toddlers 10am  
**Step"n"Style** 4.30-8.15pm (termtime)

#### Wednesday

**Welcome Cafe** 10.00 - Noon  
**Welcome Garden** 10.00-Noon  
**Supastrikers** 1.00-1.45pm(termtime)  
**Step"n"Style** 4.30-7.30pm (termtime)

#### Thursday

**Welcome Cafe** 10am - Noon  
**Boys' Brigade Company** 7.00pm  
**Craft Group** 10.00 - 12.00 weekly

#### Friday11

**Friday Lunch Club** 2nd&4th of month

#### Saturday

**Welcome Cafe** 1st & 3rd of month

**Foodbank** – The collection crate is available in the church entrance every week.

## Church & PFA Events 2023

30<sup>th</sup> Sept Jumble Sale (PFA)  
 28<sup>th</sup> Oct Craft Day-learn the art of craft  
 4<sup>th</sup> Nov Craft Christmas Sale 10-12noon  
 5<sup>th</sup> Nov Church Anniversary (Bring & Share Lunch)  
 18<sup>th</sup> Nov Jumble Sale (Church funds)  
 25<sup>th</sup> Nov Christmas Fayre  
 7<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Tree Fest. (Thu-Sun)



## Local Arrangements

You may have noticed an increase in the number of Local Arrangements (LA) in recent months. This not only applies to HMC but to all churches in our Circuit and, indeed, in many other circuits across the country.

There is a national shortage of both Ministers and Local Preachers who have traditionally led us in worship, with only the occasional LA. This shortage is due to people retiring from office but also insufficient who are starting training at the bottom end.

We have always been blessed at Hucclecote in having a strong team of Stewards and people in our congregation who have the ability, enthusiasm and ideas to prepare interesting and varied worship, as well as worship along more traditional lines.

So, please come along to these services and let the worship leaders know that you appreciate what they do. If you have any ideas or suggestions for future services they would be more than happy to hear from you.

## Harvest Festival & Creation Season

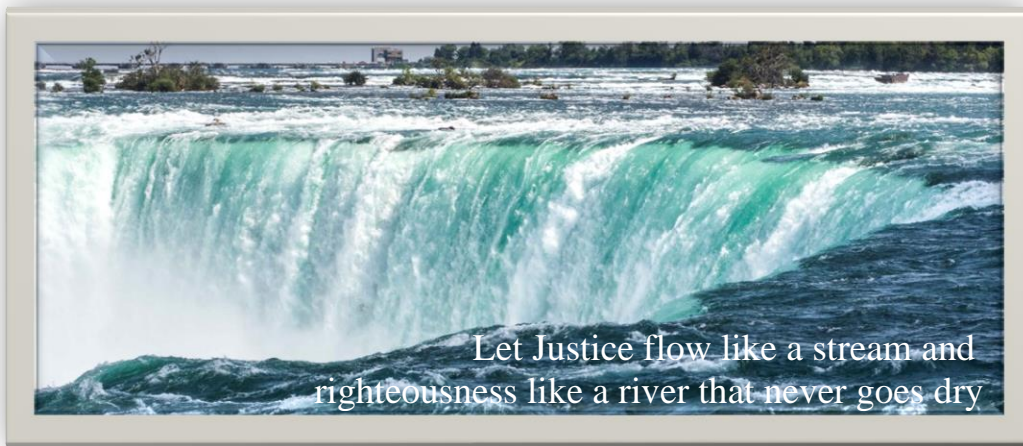
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The Harvest service theme on Sunday was:

**“Harvest Festival and Creation Season”.**

This was a Local Arrangement and prepared by the stewards and other church members.

The Call to Worship was from Amos 5 :24



We looked at the effects of Climate Change on communities across the world and what we could do about it.

The usual gifts of tinned and packaged food were received and these will go to the foodbank (see Keith's report below).

The fresh produce this year included veg from the Welcome Garden (squash, potatoes, beans, courgettes, beetroot, onions) will be going to local food hubs that cook for people in their area. The runner bean crop that was harvested earlier went to St Oswald's in Coney Hill where they cook a hot meal every Thursday for local people.



## Foodbank

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Following the Harvest Service, Keith visited the Foodbank and sent this report:

*"See the Certificate below – some of our collection was inadvertently mixed with others so should be more than stated.*

*Demand is higher than ever so all donations are vital to help those in short term need.*

*The following items are always needed:*

*Jars of Pasta sauce*

*Packets of pasta*

*Coffee / teabags/ long life milk / sugar*

*Jam*

*Toiletries - shower gel, toothpaste , soap*

*Toilet rolls*

*Also, much to my surprise but very valid - petfood as some clients have pets.*

*The Foodbank is not an endless supply to anyone but rather normally a brief respite for those in need. All clients are checked by various agencies and then a food parcel is delivered to them or less often now they come to the foodbank and collect themselves. Each client is given what is required for them. Nobody can just turn up and request food. If they do, they are directed to the appropriate agency to get the help they require.*

*I was shown the picking list for a parcel for a family of 4 and 1 for a young couple with a baby. Very different obviously and clearly thought out. The mother of the baby had a dairy intolerance so had soya milk. I didn't see any names / addresses but saw the notes on each picking list. The agency had ensured the needs were met.*

*Christmas time - mince pies - best before 31 dec always a winner - 6pk are ideal.*

*Christmas cake , selection boxes, and treats especially for the children. "*



## Meeting to Plan Worship on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October

The service at 10.30am on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October is one of our regular Creative Worship services where we intentionally do worship a little differently.

It will be led by Nick Butler, and he would like to work with those who are interested in helping to prepare the service. As usual we will start with a blank sheet of paper and see where the Spirit takes us.

We often start with the readings set for the Sunday but please bring any ideas or suggestions for the service to the meeting.

If you want to look at the readings beforehand they are:

Exodus 32 v 1 - 14; Psalm 106 v 1 - 6, 19 - 23; Philippians 4 v 1 - 9; Matthew 22 v 1 - 14

If you are interested, the preparation meeting will be held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in the Welcome.

If you would like to be involved but can't make the meeting please contact [nick.butler@phonecoop.coop](mailto:nick.butler@phonecoop.coop) to let him know.



Gloucestershire Recycles and Greener Gloucestershire are running their first ever pop up and for a whole week you can visit us in Gloucester.

**The Repair Hub, (opposite WHSmith) Kings Walk Shopping Centre, Eastgate Street, Gloucester, Gloucestershire, GL1 1NZ**

You can find out about repairs, see examples of visible mending and upcycling on display.

There are also tips and advice from repair café volunteers.

Have you got something at home you want repairing? Take it along and see if the skilled menders from across Gloucestershire can help.

## Additional Services

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Dates for your diaries. Extra services coming up in the next few months:

Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>	3pm	Service of Remembrance
Dec 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Church Carol Service
Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Crib Service
Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.15pm	Midnight Communion

## Warm Spaces

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We have once again agreed to be part of the “Warm Space” initiative, which was first started last winter. This time, we will be including the warm space within the Café itself, making it available on Wednesday and Thursday mornings between 10am and noon.

Wherever possible, we will have jigsaws, playing cards, puzzle books, chess, scrabble and dominos available.

## Craft Day – 28<sup>th</sup> October

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Booking forms are now available on the Welcome Cafe table. Or if you wish to contact me, I can email you a copy. There are four classes for you to choose from, but be quick, because numbers are limited, and they usually go fast. [dawn.pearman@googlemail.com](mailto:dawn.pearman@googlemail.com)