



Ruscombe & Twyford LEP Church Newsletter

Dear Church family,

Mark writes...

Recently we've been getting to discover what's growing in our new garden, but October can seem a harsh season in the garden. Plants stop growing and leaves gradually die. It can seem a disappointing time but in the midst of this sugars are being stored that will enable new growth in the spring. Storing our spiritual 'sugars' gives us resilience and strength for the future. I particularly love the [Lectio 365](#) app on my phone. It's a daily devotional that I listen to for 10 minutes every morning. I have started collecting verses that particularly speak to me. The 'sugars' from it sometimes speak to me in the day ahead but more often give me a store to call on in new seasons. Maybe you want to try that as well?

Lunch at the Vic: *This November we're inviting you to join us for Lunch at the Vicarage to help us get to know you.. For three Sundays from the 10th November we're inviting you and your friends and family to join us for a simple meal. You can sign up here [Lunch at the Vicarage](#) (or if you get stuck email mark@thru-christ.org.uk) We'd love you to join us.*

Weekend Away, Bournemouth March 21st to 23rd: This is a fabulous opportunity to relax, mix with church friends, to have our faith and hope re-ignited by the sessions and to enjoy the seaside. We know that lots of people who enjoyed it last time are intending to book again and that others are talking about it. Please note that there is an instalment plan (and a subsidy available if finances are tight). All this information is on the website together with the booking form – please fill in your form as soon as possible and pay the deposit to register your interest: <https://thru-christ.org.uk/community/thru-meets/weekend-away-2025/>.

4 x 4: There are still three sessions remaining if you would like to come and explore faith in a very relaxed way: Mondays 21st, 28th October and also 4th November. Upstairs in the church centre from 7.45pm to 9.15pm.

Harvest Lunch: Thank you to everyone who came to this event which raised £280 for Woodley Foodbank.

Friendship Group: Please note that next week's meeting has been postponed to 29th November to allow for the funeral of Sheila Rudd (Tuesday 22nd October at 1pm in the Parish Burial Ground).

Ride & Stride: Please would everyone who promised donations ensure that they give these to Pearl as soon as possible. Thank you!

Sermons on Psalms: Here is John Boylan's sermon from last Sunday on Psalm 73: [241013 Sermon Psalm 73.pdf](#) . This week, Mark will be preaching on Psalm 103 at St Mary's 10.30am Holy Communion service.

Prayer



We pray for all who are ill and in need of God's healing, in particular:

**Toby, Rachel, Sally, Judy, Steven, Lizzy,
Joan, Clara, Sharon, John and Anne.**

Please contact the church office to be included in our prayers.

Join our regular zoom events: Tuesdays 9.30am [Morning Prayer](#) and Sundays 6.00pm [Sunday Evening Village Prayers](#).

Sunday 20th October Services:

- 9:00 am Morning Prayer at St James'
- 10:30 am Holy Communion at St Mary's
- 10:30 am Holy Communion at Twyford URC

Thursday 24th October:

- 10:30 am Midweek Communion at St Mary's Church Centre

Sunday 27th October Services:

- 9:00 am Holy Communion at St James'
- 10:30 am LEP Service at St Mary's

Blessings,

Harriet

Harriet Swinyard

Office Manager

Benefice of Ruscombe and Twyford



*Service of Thanksgiving
and Commemoration*

3rd November 3pm St Nicholas Church,
Hurst, RG10 0SN

Please join us in a service to remember and give thanks for the lives of those you have loved and lost. The service will include readings, music and a time for reflection. During the service the names of the departed will be read out.

For more details, please contact the church office,
by phone on 0118 934 4792
or by email at office@THRU-Christ.org.uk.

FREE Event for families
St Mary's Church, Twyford

LIGHT PARTY

4:30 - 6 PM | 31st October 2024

Bible based fun, games, stories,
craft, and food

At St Mary's Church,
RG10 9NT

THE COLLETON & POLEHAMPTON SCHOOLS PTAS PRESENT

TWYFORD SCARECROW TRAIL

OCTOBER HALF TERM

MON 28TH OCTOBER - SAT 2ND NOVEMBER 2024



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