

# SEVERN STOKE AND CROOME D'ABITOT NEWSLETTER HARVEST ISSUE

OCTOBER 2008

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**Forthcoming Events**

**Severn Stoke & Environs**

**At St Denys' Church**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL  
SERVICE**

**Sunday 28th September  
at 10.30 a.m.\*\*\*\*\***

**Friends of St Denys**

**HARVEST SUPPER**

**Saturday 11th October  
7.30 p.m.**

**Severn Stoke Parish Hall  
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**HARVEST BARN  
DANCE**

**Friday 31st October  
Kempsey Primary School  
at 7.30 p.m.  
See inside for details**

**Kempsey**

**A new Alpha Course  
continues, Tuesdays at  
7.30 p.m. in St Mary's  
Church**

**Confirmation Classes  
start Wednesday 1st  
October 6.30 p.m. in St  
Mary's House**

**Walk for St Mary's!  
Saturday 4th October  
at 10.00 a.m.  
See inside for details**

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**Please submit Copy by 2nd  
Monday next month**

**The Rector's Message**

Dear Friends,

We've certainly got an exciting month ahead with new ventures starting and great opportunities to enjoy ourselves as well as finding out more about what God has done for us through Jesus. There is the start of another Alpha Course on Tuesday evenings (for more information and to sign up for the course please give Chris & Carole Cooke a ring on 820838). The Confirmation Course (ring Peter on 820202) starts as well as an After School Club at Kempsey Primary School, with exciting and enjoyable activities on offer and the opportunity for the children to share with us and their families what they have been doing on the first family services in the month at St Mary's Church. Then, of course, it's Harvest Time with Harvest Festival Services and not one, but two, chances to join in with a Harvest Supper: the first is The Traditional Harvest Supper at Severn Stoke Parish Hall on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 p.m. (Tickets available from Church Wardens or from John Henderson (371218) or give Peter a ring on 820202) and the second is on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 7.00 p.m. at Kempsey School, when there will be a Barn Dance and Harvest Supper for all the family and something for everyone (Tickets available from Kempsey Primary School and Church Wardens, John Henderson or by giving Peter a ring and leaving a message.)

There are a couple of things I want to emphasise about these and all our activities at St Mary's and St Denys'. The first is that they're intended to be fun and enjoyable whether it's studying the Bible, dancing a jig or partaking in a delicious supper. The Christian faith is about JOY with a capital J and sometimes we can forget this. How many of you have been put off Christianity and attending church worship because you were made to go in the past and it was all so blooming miserable? Well, we're doing all we can to put that right. The second is that all our activities are for EVERYONE throughout our parishes and communities and that certainly includes you. They say that talking to yourself is the first sign of madness and if those who are trying to walk in The Way of Jesus talk only to each other, then it's certainly the first sign of decline. OUR CHURCHES ARE YOUR CHURCHES and not the private domain of just a few people. The Church is not a private club and so I would invite all of you to come and make it your own. And the third thing is, Yes, I do have an ulterior motive in that I hope and pray that through participation in any of our events and activities you will come to know who Jesus was and is and the difference He can make to your life if you let Him become part of it: in short, I would like you to become a follower of Jesus. If you aren't already or if you reject the claims of Christianity then I certainly won't think any less of you or be any less there for you, because it's the person that matters to me and not what

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they believe or don't believe. But knowing Jesus as my Saviour and Friend has made all the difference to my life and I would like it to make a difference to yours. After all, I'd be a pretty funny minister if I didn't look for these things!

And so we look forward to Harvest with all of its celebrations and thanksgivings and, as we do so, let's all remember that we ourselves are part of God's Harvest Field, because to know God as your loving Heavenly Father is part of your birthright and to know Jesus as your Lord and Friend is what God wants for everyone. God loves everyone equally whoever they are and no matter what they believe or don't believe and so if we reject His offer of love then it is us who are turning away from Him and not the other way around. Even then God never stops loving you and longs that one day you will turn round and recognise Him and embrace Him as your Heavenly Father. You and I are part of that beautiful golden Harvest Field and God wants to wrap us round with His warm and tender love.

Jesus said that the Harvest is ripe, but the labourers are few and invited us to ask Him to send more workers into His Harvest Field. So why not join? Is your life so blissfully happy and content that you can afford not to and turn your back on such a generous and wonderful offer? Your life will be more complete and happy if you do, for let's remember that God made us to know Him and enjoy Him and to gather to ourselves a rich Harvest of Love.

God Bless you.....ALL AND EACH OF YOU

*Peter Holzappel (Revd.)*

### **United Benefice of Kempsey and Severn Stoke with Croome d'Abitot\*Church News**

**United Benefice Prayer Meetings** – Welcome to our meetings (usually every other Monday) for an hour, **from 8.00 p.m. on Monday, 13th and 27th October and 10th November. We meet each fortnight either in St Mary's Church or at the homes of those taking part.**

**Contact John and Cara (W/ 371 218) for the next ensuing venue.**

We give thought and prayer for people and projects around us and for the health and enhancement of the Churches' work. You don't have to say a word unless you wish, but just be with us.

### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Wed 8th October at 7.30 p.m.: in St Mary's House: everyone most welcome.

### **For St Denys' Church, Severn Stoke**

**Church Cleaning:** We desperately need more volunteers, who would be able to give a couple of hours, every two or three months, to help clean the Church on a Friday or Saturday, vacuuming, dusting and mopping. If you can, or would like more information, contact John Henderson.

**Flower Arrangers:** Please will you show your talent, by joining the Rota – Every help will be given to new volunteers. Please contact John Henderson (W/371 218)

### **WORCESTER PATIENT CARE TRUST**

#### **Book your 'flu vaccination!**

For Upton Clinic Patients, who are over 65 or suffer from a chronic condition -

**Phone 01684 592 696**

## **CHURCH SERVICES at St MARY'S, KEMPSEY**

Every Thursday 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Every Friday 11.00 a.m. Mothers and Toddlers Service (Except 31st October due to half term)

### **OCTOBER**

Sunday 5th: Trinity 20: 8.00 a.m.: Morning Prayer BCP, 9.00 a.m.: Holy Communion BCP: Kerswell Green, 10.30 a.m.: **HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE**, 2.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. Holy Baptisms, 6.00 p.m.: Harvest Holy Communion.

Sunday 12th: Trinity 21: 8.00 a.m.: Holy Communion BCP, 10.30 a.m. : Informal Family Communion, 3.00 p.m.: Holy Baptism, 6.00 p.m. Evensong BCP.

Sunday 19th: Trinity 22: 8.00 a.m.: Morning Prayer BCP, 10.30 a.m.: Family Service, (including Holy Baptism), 6.00 p.m.: Holy Communion BCP.

Sunday 26th: Bible Sunday: 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion BCP, 10.30 a.m. Family Communion, **6.00 p.m.: YOUTH SERVICE**

### **NOVEMBER**

Sunday 2nd: 4th before Advent: 8.00 a.m.: Morning Prayer BCP, 9.00 a.m.: Holy Communion BCP: Kerswell Green, 10.30 a.m.: Family Service, 6.00 p.m.: Holy Communion BCP.

### **HAPPENINGS at KEMPSEY**

**The Cornflower Club** begins again after the Summer break in The Parish Hall. If you'd like to come along and join for an enjoyable and fun-packed programme of events then you're most welcome - Meets on Wednesday, 1st, (Harvest Festival and Bring and Buy), 15th, (visit to Wells) and 29th October and 12th November at 2.30 p.m. in Kempsey Parish Hall.

**Age Concern Coffee Morning** - meets every Thursday at 11.30 a.m. at St Mary's House.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Wednesday 1st October at 7.30 p.m.: **CONFIRMATION GROUP** meets each week in **ST MARY'S HOUSE**  
This is the first meeting of the Confirmation Group for both older and younger candidates.

### **SAFARI WALK FOR St MARY'S CHURCH! - Kempsey - Saturday 4th October**

The walk begins from the Seaborne Inn in Kempsey at 10.00 a.m. and will cover around 6 miles. On the way we shall be having delicious food at various points making it a walk with a real and very appetizing difference! Ticket application available from Libby James and Alan Plowman at St Mary's Church.

### **ALPHA COURSE**

**Tuesday, 7th October at 7.30 p.m. in ST MARY'S CHURCH, Kempsey and each week after (except 28th October, due to half term.)**

We have already been blessed with two very successful Alpha Course and here is another great God-given opportunity to discover more about the Christian faith and get to know Jesus as your personal Saviour. I do strongly recommend this course to you and if you would like to find out more about it or join this course **please contact Chris and Carol Cooke on 820838.**

**SEVERN STOKE AND CROOME d'ABITOT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

There is to be a demonstration of a possible Sound and Loop system to be tried out at the Harvest Festival Service at St Denys' Church on Sunday 28th September.

**The Severn Stoke Fellowship and Study Group** meets fortnightly on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month and to coincide with school terms (roughly!) at 2.30 p.m. at the homes of various Members.

Next dates: 9th and 23rd. October and 13th November. Everyone is most welcome to join this group, which is informal, very welcoming and stimulating. Please contact John and Cara (W/ 371 218) for details and next Venue.

**SEVERN STOKE and CROOME d'ABITOT PARISH COUNCIL****New Hub for Upton-upon-Severn residents**

Local residents will benefit from new Worcestershire Hub facilities as part of the refurbishment and extension of Upton-upon-Severn Library.

The County Council, Malvern Hills District Council and West Mercia Police have worked in partnership to provide the refurbished Library, incorporating operational facilities for the Police and a front desk facility for local residents with police related enquiries.

Visitors will also benefit from better onsite facilities for Citizens Advice Bureau surgeries and a brand new Upton-upon-Severn Customer Service Centre offering advice about a wide range of District and County Council services.

**New Local Bus Timetables** from 31 August. For details contact: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/bus-timetables](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/bus-timetables), or phone 01905 765 765.

**Concessionary Bus Travel From 1 October**; national concessionary bus pass holders will only be able to travel free by using a National 'Smartcard' Bus Pass. Temporary concessionary bus passes will no longer be valid. If you have not received your new 'Smartcard' , contact the Malvern Hills District Council on 01684 862151.

**SEVERN STOKE PARISH HALL**

Think about booking the Hall for your next Anniversary or perhaps your Christmas Party. Its new facilities are excellent and are crying out to be used!

Speak to Maggie or Trish (W/317339)

**SEVERN STOKE SCOUT & GUIDE GROUP**

New Guiders are desperately needed to help out and as always, new Entrants are welcome to any of the Scouting and Guiding Groups.

**The National Trust - Croome Park**

Saturday 25th and 26th October **Pumpkins and Munchkins** – Pumpkin Trail and spooky activities.

Wednesdays 5th, 19th November and 3rd December – **Lecture Lunches**

For more details: Contact W/ 371 006 or e-mail: [croomepark@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:croomepark@nationaltrust.org.uk)



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## **CHURCH SERVICES at St Denys' Church, Severn Stoke**

**SEPTEMBER Sunday 28th 10.30 a.m. HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE**

### **OCTOBER**

**Sunday 5th: Trinity 20 10.30 a.m.: Holy Communion ( CW)**

**Sunday 12th: Trinity 21 9.15 a.m.: MORNING PRAISE SERVICE for all the family**

**Sunday 19th: Trinity 22 9.15 a.m.: Holy Communion (BCP)**

**Sunday 26th: Bible Sunday 10.30 a.m.: MORNING PRAISE SERVICE for all the family**

**After this service, there will be a Flood Prevention Demonstration, for all to see and understand the precautions – it should take only 15**

**minutes.**

### **NOVEMBER**

**Sunday 2nd: 4th before Advent 10.30 a.m.: Holy Communion ( CW)**

**PLEASE NOTE: That we have now two informal services of Morning Praise in the month which are geared for families and all ages. If you haven't been to St Denys' before or haven't been for a long time then I do recommend these services to you. You are assured of a genuine and warm welcome and an enjoyable time**

## **PARISH REGISTER – St Denys' Church with sympathy to the family and friends of:**

Funerals: 2nd July: Iris Mayfield of Kinnersley

9th August: Basil Moss of Stoke Gardens, Severn Stoke.

### **CHURCH CLEANING – SEVERN STOKE**

#### **OCTOBER**

3rd Mrs Bedwell and Friend

10th Mrs Henderson and Mr Henderson

17th Mrs Cox and Mr Cox

24th Mrs Humphrey and Mr Humphrey

31st Mrs Everitt and Mr Everitt

#### **NOVEMBER**

7th Mrs Joan Price and Friend

14th Mrs Hanmer and Mrs Ewins

### **CHURCH FLOWERS – SEVERN STOKE**

#### **OCTOBER**

4th Mrs J Westwood

11th and 18th Mrs Opie

25th and 1st November Mrs Doreen Ewins

#### **NOVEMBER**

8th and 15th Mrs Henderson

Further copies of this Newsletter can be obtained on-line:

**[www.stmaryskempsey.org.uk](http://www.stmaryskempsey.org.uk)** and click on **Home Page** for St Denys' news and events.