



Weston Bampfylde and Little Weston Newsletter October 2024

This month is the season for Harvest Thanksgiving with services in most of our churches in Cam Vale. We are really looking forward to our Harvest Supper on October 12th and the Thanksgiving service on 13th October.

If you have items for inclusion in the November edition please let me have any information by 26th October.

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Cam Vale Benefice Services October 2024

Sunday 6th October

10.00am Harvest Festival at Corton Denham

11.00am Harvest Festival at Queen Camel followed by lunch in the Memorial Hall.

4.00pm Tea at Four at West Camel

Sunday 13th October

9.30am Harvest Festival at West Camel

10.00am Harvest Festival at Weston Bampfylde

10.00am Harvest festival at Sutton Montis

Sunday 20th October

9.30am BCP Communion at Queen Camel

9.30am BCP Holy Communion at Sparkford

Sunday 27th October

10.00am Together at Ten at Queen Camel

Prayers in Church

Caroline is holding regular time of prayer in each of the churches in Cam Vale. Dates and times are as follows:-

Queen Camel Mondays at 9.30am

Weston Bampfylde Mondays 7th and 23rd at 6.00pm

Sparkford Mondays 14th and 28th at 6.00pm

Sutton Montis Tuesdays 1st, 15th and 29th at 5.00pm

Corton Denham Tuesdays 8th and 22nd at 5.00pm

West Camel Wednesdays 9th and 23rd at 12.30pm

Please join Caroline at any of these times for prayer or for a chat.

Weston Bampfylde Church is open daily for private prayer or a quiet time from 10.00am to 4.00pm. All are welcome to use the church at these times

Harvest Supper

Publicity for the Harvest Supper on Saturday 12th October has already been distributed. We look forward to seeing you there.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service

The Harvest Thanksgiving service for Weston Bampfylde is on Sunday 13th October at 10.00am. This is a service for the whole community and all are welcome to join us. Gifts of fresh produce or tins or packets of things like tea, coffee, pasta fruit or veg etc will be very welcome. They will be displayed in the church for the service and then given to a local charity.

Pat Davall

Many of you will have heard of the sad, sudden death of Pat Davall. Pat was a good friend to many throughout the Cam Vale parishes. A thanksgiving service for Pat's life will be held at Sutton Montis church on Thursday 10th October at 2.00pm.

Marion Hemborough

We were sad to hear of the death of Marion Hemborough. She has been a regular worshiper at Weston Bampfylde church for many years, and was one of the oldest residents of Sparkford. Marion's funeral will take place on Thursday 17th October at 12 noon at Weston Bampfylde church.

Rose's Blog

After a long break Rose has published a new blog. If you would like to read some reflections on our holiday in Sicily have a look at <https://rosesoccasionalramble.com/>

The Open Pathway

Christy has asked me to publicise the following events at The Open Pathway Retreat Centre.

First Thursday of the month at 7.00pm Taizé Evening.

Dates October 3rd, November 7th and December 5th.

They are evenings of prayer, song and readings in candlelight with songs/chants from Taize.

David Cole/Brother Cassian, a lay monk of the Order of St. Aidan and St. Hilda, Lindisfarne Community, is coming from 6th-8th December to hold a weekend retreat on Celtic Advent. Please ask Christy for further details: there is a charge for this but bursaries are available for anyone who needs one.

Meditation and Mindfulness classes are also available. Please ask for details

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Curry and Quiz Night 2024

In aid of Asha



Saturday 9th November 2024- 7pm

@ The Gateway, Addlewell Lane, Yeovil

Guest Speaker : Freddy Martin, Director of Asha

(Suggested min donation £5 but please be generous!)

Tickets available at The Gateway Reception

Please buy tickets in advance to help with catering.

This event often fills quickly, so tickets may not be available on the door.

For further details and to book a ticket contact Revd
Caroline Walker on carolinehwalker@btinternet.com

Please bring a favourite drink to share

Parish Letter

We seem to be in a season of opposites. On the one hand, there is the concern amongst many people about the forthcoming budget, about taxes of all kinds, prices going up and whether the outcomings will be more than the incomings – alongside the very real worry of some about whether they will be able to feed and clothe their children and keep a roof over their heads.

On the other hand, we are in a season of nature's abundance here in Cam Vale. We can see it everywhere and for those of us who have gardens or allotments, we have an abundance, certainly of apples and walnuts, and also other fruit, seeds and vegetables. So much so that apples left outside garden gates with invitations to 'help yourself' are not taken. The question that often haunts me is 'how can we get our abundance to those who could really do with it'?

It is most important that we value and respect what God gives us, not just in crops but in the second meaning of the word in the dictionary: 'overflowing fullness'. Jeff Foster in his book 'The Deeper Meaning of Abundance', describes it as: "the delight with which you savour each unique moment, the joy within with which you greet each new day. It is knowing yourself as presence, the power that creates and moves worlds. It is in your open heart, how deeply moved you are by love every day, your willingness to embrace, to hold what needs to be held".

Jesus said, 'I am come that they might have life and have it abundantly'. (John 10:10). And in Galatians 5:22-23, we read 'the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control'.

So, in this autumnal season, we can use nature's abundance as a hint to allow Jesus more fully into our lives that we might live in the abundance of spiritual life. How do we do this? One way could be to go slower in order to enjoy the 'unique moment' – to appreciate the beautiful colours of autumn and all the changes that come with it. Then perhaps to appreciate the changes that appear within our day – seeing them as opportunities to develop the fruits of the spirit, in particular, kindness and gentleness towards ourselves as we adjust to that change, and also exercising self-control, so that we do not see change as a problem.

We could try more to be generous by not judging others, rather accepting them as they are- for we know that is what Jesus would have done.

Joy is one gift that can be elusive in our everyday life. Try watching and listening to animals and allowing the joy they have to filtrate your being. Laugh when you hear birds carolling out for the sheer joy of singing: watch the bees dancing as they fly around to get pollen: experience the joy of horses kicking up their heels. And the chuckling of children delighting in simple things: taking time to enjoy the simple things for ourselves.

Above all, we could practise opening our hearts still more, so that we have love in abundance – not only for our friends and families but also to welcome and appreciate God's abundant love and live in his presence, if only for a few minutes now and then.

Well, that only leaves peace, patience and faithfulness to cultivate! Autumn has always been a time of new beginnings, so now is a good time to recommit to daily prayer for ourselves and for everyone. Then we will receive all of the gifts of the Spirit and live in abundance.

Christy Casley

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