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share and experience
with others in life,
an inclusive,
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WORSHIP LEADERS

SEPTEMBER

13th National Service led by Revd Brian Talbot

20th HARVEST Service led by Revd Clifford Curry

OCTOBER

18th Service led by Mr Stephen Thomas

NOVEMBER

15th Service led by Mr Stephen Thomas

DECEMBER

20th Christmas Service led by Revd Clifford Curry

Zoom at 3.30pm

Druitt Hall at 10.30am

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STEWARDS

SEPTEMBER

20th Church Duty - Jane Pike

Tea/Coffee - Deb Sutton

OCTOBER

18th Church Duty - Julie Wight

Tea/Coffee - Anita Turner

NOVEMBER

15th Church Duty - Jane Pike

Tea/Coffee - Deb Sutton

DECEMBER

20th Church Duty - Caroline Buick

Tea/Coffee - Steph Drake



The offertories taken at the Services during July, August and September will be donated to Dorset Mind charity. Those that will be taken during October, November and December this year will be donated to Helping Homeless Veterans UK www.hhvuk.org If you have a suggestion for another charity that we can support in this way, please talk to a member of the church committee.

Ministers Messages

Do you enjoy the harvest services, the familiar hymns and the autumn colours of fruit and vegetables as much as I do? It is a time of thanksgiving for the natural food the Lord gives us and it is also a time to consciously thank Him for our spiritual food; for the goodness and love that nourishes our spirits. I like to thank Him for the Bible too at this time as it gives me guidance and spiritual goal posts in my life.



The Word gives us many images of sowing seeds, which spiritually means truths that are implanted in our minds through reading the Word, hearing preaching and teaching from it. These truths germinate as we put them in action and produce the fruit by which we are connected with the Lord by serving Him and our neighbours usefully.

Just like the cycle of nature — there is seedtime and harvest along the path of our spiritual development too. If we look back on our lives and how much we have changed spiritually over the years we can see the Lord's work in us. Whilst at the time we think we are making the effort, the reality was the Lord's actions causing us to develop and change just as He causes the crops, plants and trees to do so.

Happy harvest everyone, from Gillian.

Solar Eclipse

I wonder if you were one of those who were fascinated by the recent eclipse of the sun?

Even though it was a partial eclipse we saw in England, the shadow of the moon still slowly moved to cover about 90% of the sun, reducing its brightness, before moving away. Those who travelled to Spain would have seen the shadow totally cover the sun, leaving just the corona - a ring of flame - visible, in a total eclipse. Commentators in the media spoke to people about this event, and it was interesting how many described it as a spiritual experience, and that it was deeply moving.

This reminded me of the words in the 8th Psalm *"When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?"*

Swedenborg explains, that in the natural world that we see all around us are pictures that correspond to spiritual realities from which we can learn, and illustrations of spiritual insights through which we can be inspired. So many of the Lord's parables encourage us to see his creation in this way.

It is no surprise then, that the experience of a solar eclipse moves people inwardly. The energy of the Sun's fire corresponds to the good of love - pure Divine Love from the Lord - beaming down into our everyday world, whilst its light is the truth of his Divine Wisdom to illuminate our way.

Just as the sun powers the seasons of the natural world, so the sunshine of the Lord's love powers the life within our hearts and minds. This enables us to bear the spiritual fruits of love and service through all the changing seasons and scenes of our life's journey. Sometimes his loving care for us might from our viewpoint seem to dim. But that is like the eclipse which is only the moon's passing shadow before the sunshine returns. Nothing can permanently separate us from the love of the Lord.



Peace be with you Clifford

*We need to find God, and He cannot be found in noise and restlessness.
God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass - grows in silence;
see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence...
We need silence to be able to touch souls. - Mother Teresa*

We hope that you have coped all right during the four UK heatwaves this summer, and that you have stayed fit enough to do regular watering for those who have gardens. There are a number of our church members and friends who have had, or who are undergoing health issues currently, and we send them our best get well wishes, and pray that they are given the right help and treatment that they need. Some of you may remember Derek Gibson from Apple House, who used to be a regular member of our congregation for many years before the Covid pandemic. He is well looked after now in his New Milton Care Home, where Clifford and Marion visited him recently, and he talked to them about the church and the friends that he remembered by name. He recalled without prompting that Marion played the organ, and occasionally the flute!