

Churchwardens' Chat

A very warm welcome to the Abbey today, as we celebrate Harvest Festival. This is an opportunity to come together to give thanks for the food we enjoy and to pray for those less fortunate than ourselves. We also welcome our Junior Choir (and their Mums and Dads and other fans) as they contribute to this morning's musical activities.

Join us tonight for Harvest Choral Evensong at 5pm:

Hymns: 337, 397, 259, Pss 123, 124, Readings: Isaiah 49: 13–23, Luke 12: 1–12.
Responses: Radcliffe, Setting: Dyson in F, Anthem: Like as the hart – Howells
Voluntary: Dietrich Buxtehude's Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne in C.

This week we pray especially for:

The sick: Zorina Bell, Isabel Davidson, Marion O'Connor, Julia Parker, Roy Pulsford, Jennie Rackham

Recently deceased: Audrey Filby

Years Mind: Reginald Fish, Florence Seaman, Mollie Warman,
All who have lost loved ones.

For the family of George Britten in preparation for his baptism next Saturday

Parish Nurse, Ramona Chenery is waiting for her own telephone line but can be contacted via 01953 605671 or parishnurse@wymondhamabbey.org.uk

Coming up soon!

The next **Deanery Synod** is at 7.30pm in Cloverfield Community Ch., Thetford on Tuesday 15 October. The speaker is Sue Brice, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser. This is an open meeting. Please ask Barbara Randall for further details if you would like to attend.

The last **Organ recital** of the year is on **Saturday 19 October** at 11am given by Peter O'Connor, our regular Sunday evening organist. It will include works by Brewer, Buxtehude, Bach, Ernst, Cabanilles, Couperin, Reger, Hindemith, Stanley Vann and Langlais. Coffee from 10am. Donations for the Abbey.

Green Halloween family event on **Thursday 31 October** with Wymondham Nature Group from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. Join us in the Abbey and churchyard for a blessing of the churchyard, bat, moth and bug-hunting, craft activities, and delicious pumpkin soup! Come in old clothes and wellies and bring a torch! More information from Hilary 01953 605672.

The Abbey bookstall needs further supplies of second-hand fiction. Do bring in your pre-loved books, (but fiction only please). Thank you, Hilary.

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The hymns, readings and prayers for the day:

Hymn NHWS 241 **O God of earth and altar** King's Lynn

Gloria St Peter's Mass Goodrich

Ps 126 

R. The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy!

1. When the Lord on our tongues songs of joy! **R**
2. Then the nations Indeed, we were glad! **R**
3. Bring back our exiles will sing when they reap! **R**
4. They go out bearing their sheaves! **R**

Hymn NHWS 22 **Beauty for Brokenness**

Sanctus & Benedictus Mass of St Thomas Thorne

Agnus Dei Mass of the Holy Angels Gerard Chiusano

Anthems Harvest samba (Juniors) Mark & Helen Johnson

All things bright and beautiful John Rutter

Hymn **We plough the fields** Wir Pflügen NEH 262 descant Oxley

We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain.

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

He only is the maker of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star;
The wind and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;
much more to us his children, he gives our daily bread.

All good gifts...

We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food:
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts;
but that which thou desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.

All good gifts...

Voluntary Postlude on 'All things bright and beautiful': Thomas Hewitt-Jones

The Collect

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The first reading: Joel 2: 21–27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Gospel reading: Matthew 6: 25–33

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?’

Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?”

For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

This week at Wymondham Abbey

Mon 7 Oct	10am	Morning Prayer
	10am	Newborn parent support group
	3.45pm	Evening Prayer
Tue 8 Oct	10am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Centering Presence
	1.30pm	Funeral of Audrey Ellen Filby
Wed 9 Oct	3.45pm	Evening Prayer
	10am	Morning Prayer
	10.30am	Said Eucharist
	10.30am	Crochet and Conversation
Thu 10 Oct	3.45pm	Evening Prayer
	9.30am	Parent and toddler group
	10am	Morning Prayer
Fri 11 Oct	3.45pm	Evening Prayer
	10am	Morning Prayer
Sat 12 Oct	9am	Baptism of George Maxwell Britten
	12pm	Welcomers' lunch in St Benedicts
Sun 13 Oct	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	5pm	Evening Prayer with hymns

Pastoral visits: If you know anyone who might welcome a pastoral visit please let Fr Andrew know: vicar@wymondhamabbey.org.uk
Tel: 01953 605671 (office) Mobile: 07543 593903 (direct).
Please avoid disturbing Fr Andrew on a Monday which is his regular day off.

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