

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

First reading: 1 Timothy 6:6–10
Second reading: Matthew 6:25–33



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Services today

10 am Combined Harvest Service at St Nicholas, Dersingham

Today we celebrate Harvest with a combined service for the Benefice at 10 am. This year, as part of our harvest offering, we are collecting non-perishable food items for the Food Bank and new maternity and baby items for Baby Basics. If you are able to contribute, please bring your donations to the church service. All donations will be gratefully received and put to immediate use to help local people. Thank you. – Rev Mark

Next week, 10 October

9.30 am The Gathering – Contemporary accessible worship at St Nicholas, Dersingham

11 am Traditional Worship – Holy Communion at St Nicholas, Dersingham

11 am Holy Communion – Harvest at Anmer at St Mary the Virgin, Anmer

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?”
– Matthew 6:25–26

Bible Readings for Sunday 10 October

19th Sunday after Trinity

First reading: Hebrews 4:12–16
Second reading: Mark 10:17–31

Anmer only

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Second reading: Matt. 6:25–33

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:25–33

‘Search Party’ – Sam Bruno

Dear Friends. Greetings! It is good to share with you today. Jesus instructs in Matthew 6 v25 that we are not to worry about our life, food, body or clothing. But we do worry, don’t we? I suppose it all boils down to a lack of faith. We think we can do life on our own, and what’s more we want to be the first and the best. Two examples spring to mind. Loo paper and fuel. We don’t want to be without either, so we feel that we need to be at the front of the queue, stocked up and worry free. Me first.

Car drivers are coming to terms with a new concept of merging in turn [Highway Code Rule 134]. The theory is that slow-moving traffic changing from two lanes to a single lane do so by politely letting traffic from the left filter into the single lane alternately without excessive braking – the practice in reality is that some people feel it is their right to gain every inch of road irrespective of other road users, and to cut in on others to be first and best. Me first.

At this Harvesttime we see the same attitude towards food shortages on a global scale. How dreadful that many people go hungry day by day, with famine and malnutrition, while our best example of being deprived is a late delivery at the supermarket. How disturbing for us that the newspapers arrive an hour late. We need a wider understanding of the world’s needs, and a deeper faith in the care that God has promised.

Dressing a church beautifully at Harvesttime is a visual reminder of all that God has given to us. ‘All good things around us, are sent from heaven above’, including tins of marrowfat peas and tinned custard. To emphasise that two-thirds of the world are underdeveloped without the basic things of life, I remember years ago in a Lancashire parish we dressed the chancel at Harvesttime so that one third was prepared in the usual way – flowers, fruit & veg. – all beautifully done, with the other two thirds with sand and grit – old wood, empty hessian sacks, empty bowls and water bottles. It was incredibly challenging, so much so that someone wrote to the bishop saying the church had been defiled! At another church we had a harvest supper at £10 a head for a meal. 60 people booked, 20 had a great three course meal with wine, 40 had crackers and cheese and half a glass of water. The fortunate ones were chosen at random by a mark on the ticket. You could talk to whoever you wanted to. A great evening. Point made.

We are not to worry. We are to trust God. We are to ‘seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness’ [Matthew 6 v33]. More a case of full of faith before full of food. – With every blessing, Derek the Cleric.

Wordsearch: Do not worry

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BIRDS
LIFE
WEAR
RIGHTEOUSNESS
FAITH
FATHER
EAT
HEAVENLY
SEEK
LILIES
SOLOMON
DRINK
KINGDOM
WORRY

Thanks to Carol for this week's puzzle. The words can be found in Matthew 6:25-33.

Thank You

The 2nd Dersingham Brownies and 1st Dersingham Guides would like to thank everyone who supported their Fund-Raising events last Saturday.

Both events were very successful, raising £276 – Coffee Morning (Brownies) and £360 – Bingo Evening (Guides).

These were the first fundraising events possible for 18 months and the success was not just in raising funds but in the opportunity for people to get together and enjoy a social occasion.

Once again, many thanks to all.

– 2nd Dersingham Brownies and 1st Dersingham Guides

Prayers for persecuted Christians around the world: Brunei

Population 445,000
52,000 Christians (11.7%)

Please pray: • for believers in Brunei to be strengthened and encouraged and for opportunities to share the Gospel with their communities. • That God would protect and provide for believers from Muslim backgrounds who face persecution from their families. • For the Sultan of Brunei, that God would transform his heart and reveal his love and mercy to him.

[Serving Persecuted Christians Worldwide - Brunei - Open Doors UK & Ireland](#)

A prayer for Brunei from Open Doors

Lord God, may Your kingdom come in Brunei. Pour out Your Spirit on the church there. Transform the heart of the Sultan, that he will come to know Your love and mercy. Make the church in Brunei a city on a hill that the darkness can never overcome. Amen.

A Harvest prayer

from a Church of England Thanksgiving

For our daily food,
and for those whose work and skill
bring your good gifts to us,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever. Amen.

Prayer points

- + those who have died and those who are grieving
- + those who have been lost to violence
- + hope, encouragement and peace in all circumstances
- + our nation and community
- + wisdom in decision-making
- + all affected by coronavirus
- + GPs, NHS staff, carers and key workers
- + care home residents
- + anyone who is poorly
- + all who have lost livelihoods or fallen on hard times
- + all who are homeless
- + all who are treated unjustly
- + our families; our elderly
- + our schools, teachers, staff and students; our children, young people, parents and caregivers
- + our Armed Forces
- + our Ministry Team and volunteers
- + all who come to church, in person, online or who visit us via social media
- + Baby Basics and the families they serve
- + thanks for God's love, peace, goodness and provision
- + thanks for Harvest and our many blessings