

*Weston Bampfylde and Little Weston  
Newsletter October 2023*

October and autumn is really here.

Please see the notes about the Harvest Thanksgiving and refreshments and Christy Casely's licencing as a Lay Minister and her first service at Weston Bampfylde. Everyone is welcome at both events.

Please also note the announcement of the appointment of a new administrator for the Cam Vale Churches

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## Services in Cam Vale October 2023

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October**

9.30am BCP Communion at Sparkford

10.00am Harvest Thanksgiving at Corton Denham

11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving at Queen Camel

4.00pm Tea @ Four at West Camel

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

**10.00am Harvest Thanksgiving at Weston Bampfylde**

10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving at West Camel

11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving at Sutton Montis

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

9.30am BCP Holy Communion at Queen Camel

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

**Together at Ten at Weston Bampfylde (Christy will preach at this service)**

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

6.00pm United Service with the Methodists at West Camel

*Church open for Prayer*

The church is open for private prayer, or as a quiet space for all in our community, daily from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

### *Harvest Thanksgiving*

Our annual Harvest Thanksgiving service this year will be on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October. We have decided to hold the service at 10.00am and follow the service with cider and apple cake in the church. The service and refreshments are for the whole community. Everyone is welcome at either the service or the refreshments or both. We welcome gifts of fresh, tinned or dried produce for display in the church. Please leave them in the church porch by Friday evening, 6<sup>th</sup> October.



### *Cristy Caseley*

Christy is being licensed as a Lay Minister (Reader) in Wells Cathedral on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 2.00pm.

Welcoming a new reader to the Cam Vale Churches is something to celebrate. The service at Wells is open to all, so please come along to support her on this very special day on her journey of faith. The Cathedral would like to have an indication of numbers attending the service, so please let Christy know if you plan to go to the service at Wells.

Email [findyourway@openpathwaycentre.org](mailto:findyourway@openpathwaycentre.org)

Telephone 01935 850266

Christy will be preaching at the Together at Ten service on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. We shall welcome her to the benefice at a celebration in the village hall after the service. Please put this date in your diaries and come along and welcome Christy to the leadership team.

### *A date for your diaries*

Our Diocesan Bishop will be visiting all the Deaneries in the Diocese during the Autumn. The Right Reverend Michael Beasley, Bishop of Bath and Wells, will be visiting our Deanery on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Everyone is invited to meet them at Batcombe Village Hall from 7.00pm to 9.00pm on that evening. Please put this date in your diaries. More details will be given nearer the date.

### *Cam Vale Churches Administrator*

Mrs Kerry Pike has been appointed administrator for the Cam Vale Churches. She will be starting work at the beginning of October. She will be in the office at The Old School, Queen Camel on Tuesday and Friday mornings, 10.00am to 2.00pm. She will be working with Julia Skelhorn as she becomes familiar with the job.

### *Parish Letter*

Autumn is a season of change, beauty, and abundance. The leaves turn vibrant hues of red, orange, and yellow, the air becomes crisp and cool, and the harvest is gathered in. Autumn can also be a time to reflect on the goodness of God and the blessings of His creation.

Although our summer has been a bit erratic this year, the longer days have now finally given way to cooler temperatures and shorter days. The trees are beginning to shed their leaves, preparing for the winter dormancy ahead. This change can be bittersweet and it is a reminder that God is in control of all things. He is the one who sets the natural order and who sustains all of creation. And He is also the one who brings about change in our own lives.

Just as the trees shed their leaves in autumn, we too must sometimes let go of things in order to move forward. This may be a difficult process, but it is one that God can use to bring about good in our lives. He may be calling us to leave a job, a relationship, or even a way of life behind. But He will always be with us, guiding us and providing for us every step of the way.

Autumn is also a season of great beauty. The colour of sunlight on trees which are ablaze with different hues. Ripe berries, hips, haws and nuts are in profusion this year. I have a hazel tree outside my kitchen window and each morning it's a race to harvest the nuts that have fallen between me, my dogs and the squirrels. It's another reminder of how God provides for all his creation. Many farmers have been fortunate with gathering two harvests of silage this year and the grass has been green and sweet for animals to eat.

I am looking forward to seeing the starlings and the field fares return to eat the haws and blackberries.

When we take the time to appreciate the beauty of autumn, we are reminded of the goodness and grace of God. He is the one who created all of this beauty, and He is the one who sustains it all.

God's blessings are not just limited to physical abundance. He also blesses us with spiritual abundance, such as His love, His peace, and His joy. And when we take the time to appreciate the abundance in our own lives, we can be reminded of how much God loves us.

Not all areas of the world are as fortunate, whether we blame political issues or climate change, culture or greed. As we yield and store what we have gathered in this year think about how God maybe is prodding us to be caring, sharing what we have in order to to help others in their need.

Julie Ebsworth