

Upcoming dates for your diary

Pantomime rehearsal (St Mary's)	Mondays	7pm
Harvest Festival	Sun 4 th Oct	10am
Harvest Supper	Mon 5 th Oct	7pm
Family Time Together (with a 'Harvest' theme)	Sun 11 th Oct	3-4.30pm
'Bygone Chartham' exhibition (in St Mary's)	Sat & Sun Oct 24-25 th	
Light Party (for primary school age)	31 st Oct	5-6.30pm
Confirmation Service in Canterbury Cathedral	Sat 7 th Nov	11.00am
Church Pantomime – "A lad in a manger"	Sat & Sun Dec 12-13 th	Afternoon

Pop-Up Café Proposal – from Mike Potts

We are exploring the possibility of opening a café a couple of times a week to serve the local community and to address the needs of home or hybrid workers, young parents, and indeed anybody who may like a social meeting place in the heart of Chartham. So, we have designed a survey to help us understand local needs & preferences and would be most grateful if as many people as possible could complete this – it should take no more than 3 minutes of your time.



The survey can be accessed via <https://forms.gle/qD5AJPhbWxqgbfSf8> or the QR code.

Thank you for your help with this. **Mike Potts**

Disability Inclusion Conference

Saturday 3 October 2026 from 10am - 4pm, at St Mary Bredin Church, Canterbury, CT1 3JN

Many people in your congregation may be neurodiverse and/or living with disabilities or health conditions. This conference invites church and worship leaders to explore what welcome and inclusion could look like in their church.

The day will include talks and workshops covering practical, spiritual and theological aspects of disability awareness and inclusion, with opportunities to:

- Explore accessibility options for buildings and worship.
- Discuss the theology of disability, healing & wholeness.
- Learn some practical tips to support people in your context.
- Have a Q&A with the disability adviser to the Bishop of Dover and members of the ENABLE team who have a range of lived and professional experiences.

There is no fee to attend, but a [donation](#) to support the work of the ENABLE Team would be much appreciated.

Follow this link or the QR code: [Register for the Disability Inclusion Conference.](#)



Youth Confirmation Course – Sundays 5-6pm at the Rectory. Please pray for our young people as they prepare for confirmation.

Harvest Festival service on Sunday 4th October: Can you help us decorate our church with pumpkins, gourds, fruit and vegetables? Please contact Genista if you can help and bring them along to church before 10.30am on Friday 2nd October.

We will also be collecting donations of food on the Sunday to give to our local food banks - Thank you for your help.

Harvest Supper – Monday 5th Oct @7pm in St Mary's Church

Our annual Harvest Supper is coming up, and **EVERYBODY is welcome**. We'll be having a 2-course meal with Fish & Chips (or Sausage/Chicken & Chips) as well as dessert. Tickets £15 to include all food - bring your own drinks.

Please contact Tim Kidd on 07725 316617 or tim@timkidd.com. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**

Family Time Together 11th October 3 - 4.30pm.

For children aged 3-11 and their parents/carer, this month's theme is 'Harvest', with bible story, song, lots of crafts and cake.

'Bygone Chartham' exhibition 24-25th October: We are hosting a special exhibition from the Chartham Archives and are looking for volunteers to help welcome visitors with refreshments and cake (all proceeds in support of St Mary's Church). Please save the date and contact Rev Andrew if you can help.

Light Party on 31st October

For primary school age children. Dress code: costumes but nothing scary! Think super-heroes and princesses. From 5-6.30pm in St Mary's – no charge.

Any queries to Alex Potts or Laura Gilbert.

Collects and readings

Sun 27th Sept: Holy Communion

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless
'til they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts
and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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.

Exodus 17:1-7 & Matthew 21: 23-32

Sun 4th Oct: Harvest Festival

Creator God
You made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Luke 12: 13 - 21

Sun 11th Oct:

Exodus 32: 1-14, Matthew 22:1-14

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