

The Benefice & Team Ministry of Tettenhall Wood and Perton
The Parish of Tettenhall Wood

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Dear Friends,

I hope you are well and keeping your spirits up, even as new restrictions come into place. Thankfully we are still allowed to gather for worship. As has been publicised for several weeks, this Sunday we have a joint service of Holy Communion at 10.00am at Christ Church. (There will be no service at Good Shepherd – but you can access the service at home in the normal ways.) The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will follow directly after the service. All the papers are available on the parish website.

With today's mailing is the sermon from Jane Brough and intercessions from Richard Shreeve.

Readings: Philippians 2: 1-13 Matthew 21: 23-32

Collect: *Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

This Saturday, 26th September, would have been the annual MacMillan coffee morning at Good Shepherd. Whilst this can't take place, the cause is as good and necessary as ever. There is now a link on the parish website through which we can give our support.

Next Sunday, 4th October, is Harvest Festival at both churches. Although it's hard to have a real sense of festivity at the moment, nevertheless we do well to make a point of being thankful for God's extraordinary provision, even in tough times. We hope to make the service a little bit different from standard and more accessible to families.

Normally at Harvest, our custom is to bring donations of tins and packaged foods for the ministry of the Little Brothers of the Good Shepherd. Demand for the Good Shepherd's food service has increased during the pandemic with 626 different people attending for a takeout meal between April and June, and over 7500 hot meals and food parcels served. Due to current regulations, however, and with only a limited number of volunteers still allowed back in to organise food donations, the charity is asking supporters to consider making a financial contribution if at all possible. Many of us like to give something tangible at this time of year as a sign of our offering to God. So, what I suggest, for those who wish, is to bring a single tin to offer up symbolically, along with an envelope with some money – a thank offering to the God of the harvest.

Wishing you every blessing for the week ahead,

Phil