



Dear all,

As we continue to live through all that daily life brings, in all things, let us be encouraged by the words of the Apostle Paul who said:

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:18

As Christians, let us firmly fix our eyes on Jesus and place our hope in Him. Even when the waves threaten to overcome us (as they did for Simon Peter), Jesus is always there, within an arm's reach to take hold of us. He will not, never, ever, let you go!

Harvest Thankyou

Thank you to everyone who contributed to over 100kg of food for the Foodbank – it is much appreciated. Thanks also to those who helped decorate the Church for the Harvest services and provided such a splendid display.

Exciting News

As announced recently, we will be welcoming into the life of the church a new curate called Christopher Scott next July! Do book Sunday 3rd July in your diary now! More details to follow.

Operation Christmas Child

An opportunity to bring the joys of Christmas to children throughout the world. Shoeboxes available in church or pack a box online. [Click here to visit the Operation Christmas Childs website.](#)

Creation Care News

We were pleased to hear that our work to make the Churchyard a better place for wildlife, as well as people, has been recognised by a Bronze Award from the Wildlife Trusts. Thank you to those who've 'adopted' some of the flower beds, to the Ground Force team and to others who help in the Churchyard.

There is more information on the [creation-care](#) web page, including the latest newsletter. Since then the team have discovered that birds have made use of six of the seven [nest boxes](#) that were put up last year.

Alongside thanksgiving for harvest, we reflected on our responsibility to care for God's creation. You may be tired of hearing about climate change and the COP26 Conference in Glasgow next month. But as followers of a just and loving God we must pray for honesty and fairness in the discussions there, for boldness in the decisions that are made, and for generosity and justice towards those who are much less well off than we are.

Remembrance Sunday

Taking place on Sunday 14th November, do join us for this combined service:

10am Refreshments served in church (back at last!)
10.45am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial (bring a coat!)
11.15am Return to Church for last part of service including Communion

Reserve the date

Sunday 21st November @ 5pm
Commission and launch of new Kitchen (all going well!) followed by Church Tea.

Under Aslan's paw,

Tim – Vicar, St Mary's Eaton Socon