

## SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2016

ALDERTON      WASHBOURNE      DUMBLETON      WORMINGTON

1st Sun                                      6.00 pm                                      10.30 am  
 Oct. 2nd                                      Harvest                                      Mattins  
 Trinity 19  
 Green      Readings: Hab. 1 1-4, 2. 1-4; 2.Tim. 1 1-14; Luke 17 5-10

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2nd Sun                                      10.30 am                                      9.00 am  
 Oct. 9                                      P.C.C.W                                      P.C. C.W  
 Trinity 20      Mrs. R. Smith

Green      Readings: 2 Kings 5 1-3, 7-15c; 2 Tim. 2 8-15; Luke 17 11-19

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3rd Sun                                      8.00 am                                      9.00 am                                      10.30 am                                      6.00 pm  
 Oct. 16                                      H.C. B.C.P.                                      P.C.C.W                                      P.C. C.W.                                      Harvest  
 Trinity 21                                      G.C.G Agg                                      Harvest                                      Evensong

Green      Readings: Amos 8 4-7; 1 Tim. 2 1-7; Luke 16 1-13

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4th Sun                                      10.30 a.m.                                      9.00 am  
 Oct 23rd                                      P.C. C.W                                      H.C. B.C.P.  
 Bible Sun.      M.Newman  
 Green      Readings Isa 45 22-25; Rom. 15 1- 6; Luke 4 16-24

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5th Sun                                      10.30 am  
 Oct. 30th                                      All Age Worship  
 4 before                                      for the 4 Churches                                      :  
 Advent

Wednesdays Evening Prayer 4.30 pm in October Stanley Pontlarge 5th;  
 Toddington 12th; **Alderton 19th**; Stanway 26th

### CHURCHWARDENS

#### ALDERTON

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#### DUMBLETON

Mr C. Matthews, Yew Tree Cottage, Dumbleton 01386 881383

#### WORMINGTON

Mr. J. Evetts, Wormington Grange, Wormington 01386 584353  
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## THE OAK HILL GROUP OF PARISHES

(Alderton, Gt. Washbourne, Dumbleton & Wormington)

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## OCTOBER 2016

Dear Friends,

Isn't it good to have a 'whipping boy' in our lives? The origin of the phrase dates back to the time when the country believed in The Divine Right of Kings i.e. that the Monarch was directly appointed by God and was God's elect. One of the 'spin offs' was that nobody could lay a hand on the Monarch or his/her offspring. If a young prince behaved badly in lessons (private tutor!!) he could not be beaten. A boy the same age as the Prince was beaten instead!! It was hoped that there was a built up empathy between the Prince and the Whipping Boy which stopped the Prince from behaving badly and getting his 'friend' into trouble. It sometimes worked!!!! Charles 1st made his long time friend and Whipping Boy the Earl of Dysart!

Nowadays we see the term Whipping Boy in far more general terms. During the Second World War the Jewish race (even among a sizeable proportion of the British population) was seen as fair game, and all the ills of the world were put on their shoulders. In the 1950's I can well remember signs in the front window of local hotels and Bed and Breakfasts NO IRISH NO BLACKS NO DOGS. More whipping boys! And today we seem to blame Brexit for everything under the sun! Economy not doing well...blame Brexit! NHS in trouble...blame Brexit. Vicar bruises his toe...blame Brexit! When you think about it, it is a superb concept because it negates any sense of personal and corporate responsibility....blame an outside force and absolve yourselves of any blame. It's the Russians to blame...it's the Germans to blame...it's the EU to blame... It's the Muslims to blame. NO ...all these problems have nothing to do with me! I seem to remember a Roman Governor once tried that route.....no, nothing to do with me, not mine. I wash my hands of the whole affair. It's your fault, not mine. You want him crucified... you get on and do it but it's all down to you! Don't drag me into it. And Jesus became another Whipping boy! I am certainly **not** saying don't stand by your beliefs and principles....they are a fast disappearing commodity! I love the story of the chap that stands outside the Pearly Gates. He is invited in. Suddenly God steps forward and starts inspecting the chap's arms, legs and chest. He turns him round and looks carefully at his back. 'What are you looking for?' asks the chap. 'Your wounds' God responds. 'Wounds? I haven't got any wounds'. God sighs 'Was there nothing in your life worth fighting for?

Your principles are important but own up to them. Your beliefs are important....be responsible for them. But never rely on Whipping boys to justify your own beliefs.... who knows...one day you may become the Whipping Boy!!!

Best wishes,  
 Rev'd Nick

### WELCOME

Many new houses on the estates are now inhabited. We wish all new occupants well. Who knows after 40 years living here you may become a local!!! In case you think that is sarcastic I speak from experience. As a youngster we moved into a Yorkshire village

of 528 residents. My mother lived in the village for 52 years and when she died (aged 89) she was still referred to as a 'comer in'. I can assure you....Alderton is much friendlier than that! If we can help in any way ...just ask.  
Rev'd Nick Carter

### The new Bishop of Tewkesbury

The Ven Robert Springett will be ordained and consecrated as Bishop of Tewkesbury by the Archbishop of Canterbury on the morning of 30th November in Canterbury Cathedral. He will also have an official service of welcome in the Diocese on Sunday 11th December in Gloucester Cathedral and all are welcome to go along and support him as he starts this new ministry

**ALL AGE WORSHIP, October 30th 10.30 am in St. Mary's Church Great Washbourne,** for the 4 churches. All are most welcome. There will be refreshments after the service.

### ALDERTON

**A Cake and Coffee Morning with Produce Sale** in lieu of a Harvest Supper, will be held in the **Gardeners' Arms on Saturday 1st October 10.00 am –12noon.** - in aid of Water Aid. Come along to meet old friends and make new ones while supporting a very good cause. Local homemade preserves and garden produce and homemade cakes will be for sale. If you cannot attend you can still support our 2016 nominated charity by placing donations in the church gift box in the village shop, Please give your generous support as always.

**"It shouldn't Happen to a Vicar" Friday October 14th 7.30 pm** in St. Margaret's Church. The Rev'd Nick Carter has agreed to 'tell all' in aid of church funds. Join us for an evening of humorous tales with nibbles and wine. Tickets will be on sale from Helen West (620587), Ros Smith (620560) and Joy Edwards (620417) from the first week of October. Cost £8 to include one drink and canapes. Bar available.

**Ring the Changes.** Bell ringing is a great tradition and lots of fun. New recruits are needed. Please contact Paul Smith, Bell Tower Captain if you are interested in learning to ring the bells on 620130

**Evening Prayer** will be said in Alderton on Wednesday 19th October at 4.30 pm.

### **R.I.P.**

September 2nd - Pamela Burr

### **MOTHERS' UNION**

On Tuesday 4th October we are invited to the Deanery Harvest Bring and Share Lunch to be held in Ashchurch Church Hall at 12.30 pm. Please let Carla know by Sunday 2nd if you are able to go along.

Our monthly meeting will be on Thursday 20th October in Beryl's home at 2.30 pm.

### GREAT WASHBOURNE

**Harvest Thanks giving Service** will be held on Sunday October 2nd at 6.00 pm in St. Mary's Church ( please note there will not be a Communion Service that Sunday) This will be followed by a Bring and Share Supper at Orchard Cottage, by kind invitation of the Harrington Family.

We would be grateful for donations of tinned or dry food which will be given to the North Cotswold Food Bank. It is good opportunity at this harvest season to think of those less fortunate than ourselves so please give as generously as you can. We will also be donating collections to Water Aid this year

**Snippets from Past lives** - Supper and a Talk about the history of Great Washbourne. Looking at the history of Great Washbourne from a collection of photos, oral records and the Gloucestershire Archives. Friday 11th November. Please make a note of the date, more

### DUMBLETON

**The Friendly Coffee Mornings in the Cricket Pavilion** will be on Tuesdays 4th and 18th Oct. !0.30 am—12 noon - fundraisers for St. Peter's Church

**Gift Day** raised £1027. Many grateful thanks to all who kindly donated funds for St. Peter's and who came along to support us. Especial thanks to Gail Braham for decorating the church so artfully and staging the fascinating photograph exhibition and running the craft workshop, to Ian for his music, to all who gave the wide selection of scrumptious cakes, to our photographers and to all who helped. It was the first time we have had some 21st century technology in church showing Gail's own electronic photo exhibition, and the first time we had used our new refreshment area.

**Refresh Project Celebration Event** on Sunday 9th October has had to be postponed, due to a technicality raised by the Diocese, which is now resolved. Another date will be set for this event.

**Harvest Festival**—Sunday 16th October 10.30 am All help is welcomed from anyone willing to help decorate the church on Friday morning 14th Oct. We need foliage from gardens, and fruit and veg etc. Please contact Jenny Maher on 01386 881474 if you can assist. Gifts of tinned or non-perishable food will be gratefully received to be donated to the Winchcombe Food Bank

**Harvest Supper - Sat. 22nd October in the Village Hall** 7.30 for 8.00 pm with bar & raffle. Another excellent opportunity to get together to enjoy one another's company and excellent food. Any offers of raffle prizes to Jenny and Tricia. Tickets £12, children under 12yrs £6, available from Jenny Maher, Stonelee, Blacksmith's Lane (881474) or Tricia Steggle, Bracklin (War Memorial Corner) (882049).

**Please can you help?** We are most grateful to the people of Dumbleton who so generously contributed towards the building of the new kitchen and toilet facilities in the church, and the repair of the clock. Now we need your help in a different way:-

1. We urgently need more Church cleaners.
2. People to help serve refreshments after the service.
3. Flower arrangers to help decorate the Church
4. Readers for one of the lessons during the service

All of these jobs are arranged on a rota basis and none will take up a great deal of your time. If you can help please contact Tricia Steggle on 882049.

**The PCC** meets on Thursday 13th October at 7.30 pm at the Malt House

### **Holy Matrimony**

September 24th—Jonathan Mark Green and Susannah Rogers

### WORMINGTON

**Harvest Service flowers for Sunday 16th October—6.00 pm**

All are welcome to contribute with arrangements or donations for flowers. Please contact Barbara Smith, Fairways - 01386 584371

**WVS Village Lunch - Monday 10th October 12 noon**

Come and enjoy a sociable two course meal followed by tea/coffee at £5. To be held in St. Katharine's Church. Please book by Friday 7th with Angela Piercy 01386 584416

**Supper and Bhutan Presentation - Saturday 7th October 7.00 pm**

PCC/Friends of St. Katharine's are providing a "Supper" with a "Bhutan Presentation" by Neil Piercy. Additional pictures of Chile from Richard Southerden. There will be a Bar. Venue village marquee. £12 a ticket. Please book with Angela Piercy 01386 584416 - Dairymead. Funds towards the upkeep of St. Katharine's.