

## Service Times

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

- 10am Harvest Mass  
Crabbs Cross
- 10.30am Harvest Eucharist  
Headless Cross
- 10.30am Harvest Eucharist  
Feckenham
- 1pm Baptism Headless  
Cross
- 4pm Harvest Eucharist  
Astwood Bank

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

- 10am Traditional Language  
  
Eucharist  
Astwood Bank

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October

- 10am Mass  
Crabbs Cross

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October

- 9am Book of Common  
Prayer Eucharist  
Feckenham
- 10am Mass  
Crabbs Cross
- 10.30am Service of the Word  
Headless Cross
- 4pm Eucharist  
Astwood Bank

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October

- 10am Traditional Language  
Eucharist  
Astwood Bank

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October

- 10am Mass  
Crabbs Cross

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October

- 10am Mass  
Crabbs Cross

# Christ the King



## Monthly Benefice Bulletin October 2021



### *Farewell to Summer!*

As I start to produce the Monthly Benefice Bulletin for October, the warm fair weather of last week is behind us and the rain is lashing the ground. Autumn is on the way and the nights begin to draw in. I like the changing of the seasons when the leaves fade from green to yellow and brown and people bring out the sweaters and warm winter coats. Lazy summer days give way to the busyness of Autumn, new schools days, back to work and new challenges. As the climatic seasons change, so do the seasons of the Church. Now we enter a period of Remembrance and Thanksgiving. We mark that from Sunday when we celebrate Harvest, giving thanks for God's goodness to us. After a difficult 18 months we much to be thankful for, not just the bounty the earth provides, but for human ingenuity seen most recently in vaccine development. At the same time, we must not lose sight of the challenges we face, whether that be the challenge of those who still live below the bread line here at home and abroad through to the global climate challenge which seems ever more pressing. As part of the communities of faith in South Redditch we remind ourselves that we are part of a long unbroken community of faith that has written its story of faith in God over the eons. We now play our part in building the Kingdom of God, building on what was laid before us and leaving secure foundations for those that will come after us. This season of Remembrance and Thanksgiving culminates in the end of the Church year where we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup> when there will be a chance to come and worship together as one Benefice.

### **A Note on Face Coverings**

**As the Covid rate of infection is increasing at present we would ask you to continue wearing a face covering during worship, we do monitor this closely, as soon as we can safely remove face coverings we will. Thank you**

10.30am Eucharist  
Headless Cross

10.30am Eucharist  
Astwood Bank

12pm Baptism  
Feckenham

6.30pm Evensong  
Feckenham

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

10am Traditional Language  
Eucharist  
Astwood Bank

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October

10am Mass  
Crabbs Cross

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October

10am Mass  
Crabbs Cross

10.30am Service of the Word  
Headless Cross

10.30am Eucharist  
Feckenham

4pm Eucharist  
Astwood Bank

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October

10am Traditional Language  
Eucharist  
Astwood Bank

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October

10am Mass  
Crabbs Cross

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October

10am Mass  
Crabbs Cross

10.30am Service of the Word  
Headless Cross

4pm Eucharist  
Astwood Bank

4pm Eucharist  
Feckenham

## A easy way to pray at home!

There are several apps designed by the Church of England that help and encourage people to pray. These can be downloaded to your phone or tablet. Do you have 20 minutes where you could pray Morning, Midday or Evening Prayer or even Night Prayer? Have a look for these apps in your app store. You can also listen to Daily Prayer as recorded in the app. During Lockdown the app was downloaded 1 million times! Daily prayer can also be found on the Church of England's Website at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>



## Growing Leaders

The diocese are once again running the Growing Leaders Course in 2022 the aim of the course is to explore in a broad sense vocation, and allowing people to develop new understandings and skills in ministry. The course works well for people at any stage of their ministry and is open to anyone. The course runs for 10 sessions across the year. If you would like more details, then please speak to Glenn

## Baptisms

We have a significant number of Baptisms being booked now, do please hold these families in your prayers and pray for the plans and opportunities being developed to follow up with these families. If you would like to support this families by representing the Church at the Baptism service then please let the clergy know, your support would be most welcome!

## Quote of the Month

“Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together.” *Vincent van Gogh*