

Notices

Personal prayer ministry is available in the East end of the church after the 10am service on the following dates: **11 and 25 October**.

Our **Harvest Festival** Service at St Mary's will be held at 10am on **Sunday 4th October**. This year, if you have produce to bring, please bring it to church in time for the Sunday service. It will be taken to Cornerstone later where it will be used to help provide food for local families in need of extra support.

Housing and the Home in Ukraine. KHARPP is a British charity which began its work on the Polish-Ukrainian border in March 2022, supporting refugees as they fled the war. Since its inception, KHARPP has also been working to support communities in Kharkiv Oblast, which has been one of the worst hit regions of Ukraine. Much of the region was under occupation until September 2022. Six weeks after the liberation of the region, KHARPP Repairs was launched, working to rebuild homes, hospitals, schools, and community centres in formerly occupied and frontline villages. Now a group of volunteers with KHARPP and others have joined together to produce a small book telling short stories of people who have stayed put in spite of risks, others who have lost their homes due to the war, memories of the places they have left, some of the difficulties of finding a new place to live and an analysis of the housing situation in Ukraine. Most housing is in private hands and the shortage of housing for rent has pushed up costs to unsustainable levels, leading to a serious housing crisis. This will be affecting people from Slatyne now they have had to be evacuated. If you would like to read some or all of the stories in the book, a copy can be borrowed from Rosalind Scott - rosalind.scott@hotmail.co.uk.

St Mary's Church, Charlbury with
All Saints Church, Shorthampton

The Messenger

4th October 2026

Welcome

Harvest

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being: 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. **Amen.**

If you are new to our church, please take a welcome leaflet which you will find by the door.

Please stay for refreshments after the service.

Large print service books and sheets available.

There is a loop system in our church – most effective in the north or south aisle away from the pillars.

Please ask before the service if you need a gluten free communion wafer.

Services

Services today

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Communion Churches Together
6pm Harvest Choral Evensong

Services Sunday 11th October

8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Communion Churches Together
6pm Ignite
6pm Shorthampton Harvest Festival

Weekday services: See porch notice for changes

Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion at St Mary's

Diary

Monday 5th October

2pm Memory Café at the bowls club
7pm People's Emergency Briefing at St Mary's

Wednesday 7th October

7.45pm Bell ringing

Thursday 8th October

10am Font Café

Friday 9th October

9.30am Stay and Play at the bowls club
7pm Choir rehearsal

Prayer for the Week

Prayers for the parish

Vets and the farming community.

Praying for the deanery

St Nicholas, Chadlington. Please pray for Mark Abrey & Ilona Cheyne and the Church Warden Vivienne Davies.

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

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