

## Vicky Miller (The Reluctant Blogger)

A few weeks ago, my husband suggested that I should have a blog and publish my sermons. so, reluctantly, I am going to publish some of my sermons, prayers and musings on faith in the 21st century. I do not claim to be a great theological mind nor am I anything other than a Christian with a gift for talking about the word of God and what it means to us all today. I hope you enjoy reading the sermons and, maybe, God willing, there may be something to inspire you, challenge you, or nurture you.

<https://sermonsfromthelayside.wordpress.com/>

## Reg Bott

Reg is now in a Care Home at Knowle. He would be pleased to see visitors at any time. His address is:-

Knowle Gate Care Home  
1331 Warwick Road, Solihull, B93 9LW  
Tele: 01564 332233

## Audrey and Colin Gibson

Copies of our Mission Partners latest Newsletter are available from the display board at back of church.

If you're shopping online this week, please sign up to support F&L Church with easyfundraising. It doesn't cost a penny extra and you'll be helping to make a difference.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stfaithandstlaurence](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stfaithandstlaurence)

**Parish Website:** [www.saintfaithandsaintlaurence.co.uk](http://www.saintfaithandsaintlaurence.co.uk)



### For Visitors and those not in the Planned Giving Scheme:

If you intend to make a contribution to our collection today and you are an Income Tax payer, please maximise your giving by using one of our **Gift Aid** envelopes which are located in the pews. **It is important that you give your name and address, and sign and date the envelope.** Thank you.

## The Parish Church of St. Faith and St. Laurence Harborne

**Sunday 8th October 2017**

### THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

A welcome to everyone especially if you are here for the first time or you haven't been to church for a while.

Refreshments will be served in the hall after the 10 am service, so please do stay.

### TODAY'S SERVICES

#### 8.00 am Holy Communion

<i>Readings:</i>	Deuteronomy 8.7-18	<i>Old Testament p 172</i>
	2 Corinthians 9.6-end	<i>New Testament p 180</i>
	Luke 12.16-30	<i>New Testament p 71</i>

#### 10.00 am Harvest Morning Praise

#### Special Order of Service

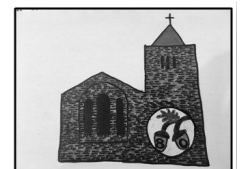
#### 6.30 pm Sung Eucharist

*Readings as at 8am*

<i>Hymns</i>	253(i)	For the beauty of the earth
	432	From heaven you came, helpless babe
	277	All for Jesus
	230	Ye watchers and ye holy ones

*Gluten free wafers available. Please ask the Warden before the service begins if you would like one.*

**Large print available    Hearing loop**



## Collect

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Prayer points - please include these in your personal prayers

#### For Church and Diocese

St Albans (Canterbury, England)  
The Rt Revd Alan Smith,  
The Rt Revd Richard Atkinson  
The Rt Revd Michael Beasley

Archbishops Justin and John.  
For Bishop David and Bishop Anne.

#### For the World, for Peace and an end to Poverty.

For the families and friends of those who died, and those injured in the Las Vegas shootings.

#### For our work with Children and young people.

Please pray for Stay and Play, Messy Church Sunday Club and for the continuing contact with the school.

#### For those who are ill

Pauline Sitford, Catherine Hyde, Frank Bird, Summer Tennant, Emma Peasland, Carol Barnwell, Cheryl Thompson, Evelyn Williams, Derek Fuller, Joshua Jacobs, Jean Perks, Betty Mason and Debbie White.

*As the sick list is long, to concentrate our prayer we will for a time have two lists and pray fortnightly for each person. Please do continue to add people to the list for whom we should be praying.*

#### For the Families and Friends of those who have died including Mavis Horton and Sarah Stevens.

**A Love Your Neighbour Prayer**  
Loving God, who created human beings in your own image, you sent your son Jesus Christ to walk with us on this fragile planet. We thank you for his miraculous presence which turns confusion into hope, anger into gratitude and fear into joy. Strengthen us through the power of your Holy Spirit to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Open our eyes to see your image in the faces of all our neighbours, open our hearts to feel your compassion for all you have created and lead us day by day to love and serve you in the world. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Morning Prayer will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday of this week in the Lady Chapel at 8.15 am**

Mon 9	1.45 pm	Reflections	143 Balden Road
Tue 10	10.30 am	Queen Mother Gardens Service	
Wed 11	10.30 am	Call in for Coffee	Committee Room
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
Thu 12	9.30 am	Stay and Play	Hall
	6.00 pm	Choir Practice	Church
Sat 14	5.30 pm	<b>RSCM Annual Festival Service</b>	
		<b>St Chad's Cathedral</b>	

**Nine of our choristers will be receiving awards at the service. Do come along and support them.**

### Next Sunday October 15th 18th Sunday after Trinity

**8am Holy Communion**  
**10am Family Communion**  
**6.30pm Evensong**

Mon 16	1.45 pm	Reflections	143 Balden Road
Tue 17	1.15 pm	Funeral of Mavis Horton	Church
Wed 18	10.30 am	Call in for Coffee	Committee Room
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
Thu 19	9.30 am	Stay and Play	Hall
	6.00 pm	Choir Practice	Church

**Foodbank shortage:** We need tinned fruit and vegetables please. Peaches in juice, and carrots or mixed vegetables would be much appreciated. There is a box at the back of church, next to the font, which serves as a collection point. Thank you in anticipation.  
**Brenda Stott**

**Emails:** The Vicar's email is [priscillawhite.harborne@btinternet.com](mailto:priscillawhite.harborne@btinternet.com)  
Items for the pew sheet need to reach Peter Stokes by **Wednesday** of each week.  
Email: [peterstokes@talk21.com](mailto:peterstokes@talk21.com)