



The Parishes of Hannington, Old, Scaldwell and Walgrave

This is the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity - 24th September 2017

You are invited to use this Collect as a prayer during the week

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your Love; grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 forever. Amen

Today's Readings

Philippians 1:21-
end Paul urges the Philippians to live in a way that is worthy of the Gospel and to remain strong because God has granted them the privilege of suffering.

Matthew 20:1-16 Jesus tells a parable about a generous vineyard owner. He hires workers at different times of the day, from early morning to just an hour before work ends and pay them the same wage. Those who have worked all day complain that it is not fair. The vineyard owner asks them if they are jealous because he is generous.

Harvest Collect (Walgrave)

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and 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

Genesis In the beginning, God's Creation was very good

Prayers

We pray for families and all those preparing to return to College and University, especially those preparing to go for the first time.

Services and Events for this Coming Week

Date	Time	What	Where
Monday 25th September	10.30am	'Open the Book' Assembly	Primary School Walgrave
	7.30pm	PCC Meeting	St Peter Walgrave
Tuesday 26th September	10.30am	Bible Study	Baptist Chapel Walgrave
	3.15pm	Good News Club	Primary School Walgrave
Wednesday 27th September	7.30pm	Youth Club	Community Centre Old
Thursday 28th September	11.00am	Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Nurses	Community Centre Old
Sunday 1st October	9.00am	Family Communion	Scaldwell
	9.30am	Harvest Festival	Old
	10.00am	Family Communion	Walgrave
	2.30pm	Cursillo Service and Welcome Back	St Michael and All Angels, Kettering

Future Events

There will a Quiz Night at Hannington Village Hall on Friday 13th October. For details contact Elaine Greatrex on 781969 .

For a visit from a Lay Pastoral Minister, please call Judith Willis on 01536 791008 or Gill Hewer on 01604 781152.

For a visit or to speak to Canon Káren, please call on 01604 781974.

A Message From Canon Káren

Having had an afternoon of discussions with the Diocesan representative who was to lead our Vision Day, we have concluded that due to a number of important factors it would not be in the best interest of the Benefice to go ahead with the proposed day.

There are a number of reasons some of which I set out below .

One reason is the response has been short of enthusiasm and until yesterday morning only two people had said they were coming. However, that was far from not the main reason.

We concluded that the Benefice was **already** growing and is known in the Diocese as a growing Benefice because of the following:

- The Benefice has a number of trained Lay Ministers - Readers, Pastoral Ministers, Lay Worship Leaders and a Reader in training .
- Ten Church members are involved in the worldwide Cursillo movement within the Anglican Church, meeting together monthly for prayer and to share study.
- The number of Bible Study participants has increased and we will probably need to start another group because a large number attending Alpha Courses run in the Benefice has helped to encourage new Christians to engage with Church.
- The Good News Club is an after school club now in its 13th year led mainly by lay people
- 'Open the Book' Assemblies which will give eight church members an opportunity to take Christian bible stories into school and share with the children.
- The Youth Club under the Church umbrella was the vision of one of our church members and is now starting its 3rd year
- Regular Men's Breakfast begun in Scaldwell encourages friendship and Christian values is also in its 3rd year.
- Lent Lunches was the idea of a member of Walgrave Church and now attracts participants across the Benefice
- Benefice Services encourage and allows people regularly to come together and worship in the different churches.
- Monthly Coffee Mornings in Scaldwell Church following the mid morning Communion Service have just begun as an initiative by a Lay

- Pastoral Minister.
- Bell Ringing Teams have been formed and are being taught by a member of Hannington.
- Parish Quiz' Evenings, Safari Suppers, Church Open Gardens, Art Exhibitions, Summer Fete, Christmas Fayre are all visible signs of the churches is active in the communities in the Benefice.
- And so much more.....

All these reasons have helped us to grow the Benefice

At the meeting I attended it was suggested that we organise a **Celebratory Event** to recognise and encourage each other as part of God's amazing plan for this Benefice and grow further from where we are now.

I am therefore asking all PCC members and regular Church members to come to a special Celebratory Service in Walgrave Church on Advent Sunday, 3rd December, the beginning of the New Church Year, at 10am.

Your presence is required. Please, come and hear from those involved - **WHICH MEANS YOU** - and give thanks together.

Bless you all

Káren