



## The Parish of Burchetts Green

St John the Evangelist, Littlewick Green; St Mary the Virgin, Hurley; St James the Less, Stubbings

‘Seeking to know Jesus, to share his love and make him known  
in word and action.’

### Programme Card September to November 2017

This card details much of what is going on in our Parish during September to November 2017. Please keep your eye on the Notice Sheets and website, we may be Anglican, but occasionally things do change!

#### Special Services & Events

Below are some special services and events taking place in the Autumn term

##### Harvest Festival

###### Harvest services:

24<sup>th</sup> September  
Hurley 10.30am  
Littlewick Green 5.00pm  
Stubbings 10.30am

###### Harvest Meals:

**Hurley:** 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 6.30 for 7.00pm in  
the Priory Room

**Littlewick:** 24<sup>th</sup> September 5.45 for  
6.15pm following the Harvest Service

**Stubbings:** A ‘Soup-er Lunch’ to raise  
funds for the church and the support  
of Mark & Rosalie Balfour. Saturday  
30<sup>th</sup> 12.00-2.00pm in the Soltau  
Centre, pop in any time.

For full details and how to obtain  
tickets see weekly Notice Sheets

##### Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

5<sup>th</sup> November 5.00pm Stubbings  
A chance to give thanks for the lives of  
those we love but no longer see and to  
light candles in their memory

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##### Remembrance Sunday

There will be traditional Remembrance  
Sunday services in each church on 12<sup>th</sup>  
November starting at 10.45am

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##### Bishop Andrew visits the Parish

The Bishop of Reading will preach and  
preside at a Parish Service on 26<sup>th</sup>  
November at 10.30am in Littlewick  
Green. During the service, the Bishop  
will dedicate the new lighting we trust  
will have been installed in the church.

#### Contact Details

**Parish Office:** The Parish Office is in the Soltau Centre behind Stubbings Church. Gilly Miall, our Parish Administrator, will help with all enquiries including baptisms, weddings & funerals. Normal office hours: 9.30am to 11.30am Monday, Tuesday & Thursday. Tel: 01628 820077 Email: [bgparish@btconnect.com](mailto:bgparish@btconnect.com)

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## Sunday Services September to November 2017

### Jesus' final briefing of his disciples

During September and October, we will consider what Jesus had to say to his closest associates immediately before his arrest, trial and crucifixion. In an emotional, moving discourse Jesus demonstrates what Christian leadership entails, warns them of troubling times to come, reassures them, promises them the indwelling Holy Spirit, and that, despite all that will happen, their joy will be complete for he has overcome the world.

#### September 3<sup>rd</sup> John 13:1-7 'Master Service'

*Knowing that the time for him to leave the world was near, Jesus teaches his disciples that they must follow him in sacrificial servant leadership as he washes their feet*

10.30am Stubbings, Parish Service

#### September 10<sup>th</sup> John 13:18-38 The Betrayal

*As he predicts his betrayal by Judas and that Peter will disown him, Jesus gives his disciples a 'new commandment' to love one another.*

8.00am Stubbings, HC (BCP); 9.15am Littlewick Green, HC (CW); 10.30am Hurley, Communion Together with Explorers Sunday School; 11.15am Stubbings, HC (BCP)

#### Sept 17<sup>th</sup> John 13: 36-14:14 Why Jesus must leave (1) To prepare a way to the Father

*Jesus reassures his bewildered, alarmed friends that his leaving is for their benefit as he will prepare the way for them to come to the Father. If they continue to believe in him they will have a powerful ministry.*

8.00am Stubbings, HC(BCP); 9.15am Littlewick Green, Communion Together; 10.30am Hurley, HC(CW);

#### September 24<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival

8.00am Stubbings, HC (BCP); 10.30am Hurley, Harvest Family Service; 10.30am Stubbings, Harvest Service; 5.00pm Littlewick Green, 'All-age' Harvest Service

#### October 1<sup>st</sup> John 14:15-31 Why Jesus must leave (2) To send the Holy Spirit

*Although Jesus is leaving them his disciples will not be left on their own, for Jesus will send the Holy Spirit to indwell them and guide them into all truth*

10.30am Stubbings, Parish Service (with Sunday School)

#### October 8<sup>th</sup> John 15: 1-17 Be fruitful

*Jesus has chosen the disciples will have a lasting impact for good but they must stay closely connected with him.*

8.00am Stubbings, HC (BCP); 9.15am Littlewick, HC (CW); 10.30am Hurley, Communion Together with Explorers Sunday School; 11.15am Stubbings, HC (BCP)

#### October 15<sup>th</sup> John 15:16-16:4 Tough times are coming, but stand firm!

*Jesus warns his disciples that they will be hated and opposed without good reason just as he was, it will be easy to fall away ...*

8.00am Stubbings, HC (BCP)s; 10.30am Hurley, Family Service; 4.00pm Littlewick Green, 'All-age' service

**October 22<sup>nd</sup> John 16: 5-15 Don't grieve for me, be inspired!**

*Yes, Jesus is leaving and they will face opposition, but the Holy Spirit will inspire them and prove those opposing them to be wrong*

8.00am Stubbings, HC (BCP); 9.15am Littlewick Green, Communion Together; 10.30am Hurley HC(CW); 10.30am Stubbings, Family Service

**October 29<sup>th</sup> John 16: 16-33**

*With his disciples still not fully understanding what he has told them, Jesus promises them future joy and peace as he has overcome the forces of this world.*

8.00am Stubbings, HC (BCP); 9.15am Littlewick Green, Songs of Praise; 10.30am Hurley, God in Quiet; 11.15am Stubbings, Matins

**November - A Time of Remembering**

During November, we return to the readings set by the Church of England with an underlying theme of remembering.

**November 5<sup>th</sup> All Saints Day. Hebrews 12: 18-24; Matthew 5: 1-12**

*We rejoice in being part of a glorious company of believers across the centuries, now part of the heavenly Jerusalem, and hear Jesus give the qualities of the blessed in familiar words from the Sermon on the Mount*

10.30am **Hurley** (note location), Parish Service

**November 5<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**

*We give thanks for the lives of those we love but no longer see and light candles in their memory*

5.00pm Stubbings

**November 12<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday**

*We honour those who have died in the service of our country in the traditional way, including the two minutes silence at 11.00am*

8.00am, Stubbings HC (BCP); 10.45am all three churches, Remembrance Sunday Service

**November 19<sup>th</sup> Matthew 26: 14-40 'Do this in remembrance of me'**

*Jesus institutes the Holy Communion by which we are to remember him*

8.00am Stubbings HC (BCP); 10.30am Hurley, Family Service with Communion; 4.00pm Littlewick Green, 'All-age' Service with Communion

**November 26<sup>th</sup> Our Bishop visits the Parish**

Bishop Andrew, the Bishop of Reading, will preach and preside at a Parish Service at 10.30am in Littlewick Green during which he will dedicate new lighting which we trust will be installed in the church before then!

*(There will be an 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at Stubbings the same day)*

***\*Planned services and times can change so please consult the website or magazine and the weekly Notice Sheets\****

## Social Events – September to November 2017

**Breakfast in Hurley:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 9.30am -11.00am in Hurley Village Hall - a free breakfast - yes, it really is free, but donations are welcome. Bacon Rolls, Croissants and Pastries, Coffee, Tea Juices. Everyone welcome.

**CAMEO:** Older people gather in the Priory Room, Hurley, for tea, cake, a quiz, and to enjoy one another's company. 3.00pm 14<sup>th</sup> September; 12<sup>th</sup> October & 9<sup>th</sup> November

**Harvest Festival Services and Meals:** Please see the front of this card for dates and details

**'Knit and Natter' Craft Group:** Do you enjoy knitting, crochet or sewing with friends? Come along to 'Knit and Natter' at the Soltau centre, have a cuppa and join us. We meet in the Soltau Centre 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month 2pm to 4pm: 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September; 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> October; 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> November

**Parish Walks:** Come and walk with us! Once a month, rain or shine, we meet for a country walk. Walks are carefully chosen to include a welcoming pub for refreshment! Please watch the weekly notice sheet or Parish website for details.

**Young at Heart:** Older people from all three churches gather for a delicious home cooked lunch and friendly chat at the Soltau Centre 12.30pm alternate Wednesdays. Do come and make this a regular date: 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> September; 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> October; 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November

### Oasis Prayer Meetings

**Oasis** is a chance to create space for us to unwind and let the silence in, making ourselves ready for God to come to us. We bring before God our own lives, the lives of those we know and the wider world at 2.30pm, Priory Room, Hurley for about an hour, starting with coffee and refreshments. Dates: 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September; 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> October; 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> November

### Pebbles Toddler Service and Playgroup

**Pebbles** is a short service for Pre-schoolers and their parents/carers to come and share a story from the Bible, some 'Pebbles songs' and a prayer. Then we have drinks and biscuits and the children play. Adults have a well deserved chat while their young ones have fun! 10.30am every Thursday (including school holidays) in the Priory Room, Hurley.

### Wednesday Communion

"We pause in the silence, in the presence of God" So begins our midweek service on Wednesday mornings in Stubbings at 11.30am using the memorable words of the Book of Common Prayer. Please come and join us in the quiet of St James the Less. Once a month the service includes traditional hymns.