



Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th October

Harvest Festival

We begin our harvest celebrations through the decoration of the church with food, flowers and gifts that will help the homeless. Gifts of non-perishable food and toiletries will be sent to Croydon Night watch and the Salvation Army for their work with the homeless. Please speak with Anita if you would like to help with decorating the church and also with the distribution of gifts and flowers to housebound members of the congregation.

Harvest Supper: Saturday 5th October, 6:30 for 7pm

Tickets are £5 for adults. Children (under 16) go free

A sign up list for providing food will be available at the back of the church. We also need to have volunteers to prepare the hall and tidy up afterwards and for people willing to entertain us with humorous poems, favourite songs, sketches and musical performances. Please speak to Sylvia if you can help.

Harvest Festival All- Age Worship

Sunday 6th October, 10am

We give thanks for God's good creation and our gifts are gathered.

A new Reader ministry at St Oswald's

Sunday 6th October, 6pm

Leonora will be licensed as a Reader at Southwark Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. We will celebrate with her at St. Oswald's on **Sunday 20th October**.

Journeys to St Oswald's

Saturday 12th October, 6pm

An evening marking Black History Month with reflections on the journeys that have brought us from our places of origin to St Oswald's.

Wear costumes from your 'home' country and bring a plate of finger food that reflects the cuisine of your cultural roots.

Diocesan Spirituality Day 'To be a Pilgrim'

Saturday 19th October, 10am – 4pm (at Southwark Cathedral)

Book direct to join this day conference of prayer and reflection

Cost: £8 if booked online before 6th October, after that £10 on the door



Saturday 26th October, 7 for 7:30pm

Quiz night with fish and chip supper

Tickets £10 includes supper, served half way through the quiz

Bring a team of friends and family to this always enjoyable quiz night.

Bring snacks and drinks to enjoy as you exercise your brains and with the delicious fish and chip supper. Tickets are available in advance from Bevon West.

Sunday 3rd November

All Saints and All Souls



The main **10am** service will be an All-Age celebration of the great saints who are remembered for their part in the life of the church.

At **4pm** we remember those friends and relatives who we have known personally and who have guided and supported us in our own lives of faith.

In a service of evening prayer, with traditional language and familiar hymns, we light candles to remember those who have lit the way for us and we hear their names read aloud.

Please invite any of your friends who you feel would value this time of personal remembering. The sheets for listing names to be read at the service will be available after the Harvest Festival weekend. Please write each person's name clearly on a separate line.

Sunday 10th November Remembrance Sunday

Once again we will be taking the act of Remembrance and two minutes of silence outside the church offering an open invitation for others from the parish to join us. This will take place on the green, at the front of the church.

To enable this to happen we will begin our Eucharist at the slightly earlier time of 9:50am and members of the community who would not feel able to be a part of a church service will be invited to gather outside the church from 10:45



St. Oswald's, Norbury

Newsletter: September 2019

Dear Friends

As Summer turns to Autumn, churches across the country begin to celebrate their harvest festivals, and we look forward to ours during the first weekend of October.

The month of September is widely becoming known as a time when church communities are encouraged to reflect on their relationship with God's creation and our treatment of the environment.

We hear regular reports about the damage that is being done to our world through human activity. Bishop Jonathan has reflected on this in a blog posting in which he observes that human beings are actually very poor at recognising an emergency when its effects on us are not immediately obvious. He encourages each of us to take up something that will help us to recognise the cost of our actions on the environment:

'Do something now – something that costs. Money, time, energy, comfort: it doesn't matter, really, as long as whatever you do is a commitment. Make yourself committed; make this your emergency. Don't be taken in by the deceptive fact that your individual action won't make much difference. Yes it's true, but what will make a difference is when enough people think preserving our planet is their own priority, not someone else's. Then change will happen.'

[\(https://clarkinholyorders.blog/2019/09/01/whose-emergency/\)](https://clarkinholyorders.blog/2019/09/01/whose-emergency/)

I wonder what we might take on as a challenge for us as a church?

That is a question that we should be considering over this season of Creationtide and perhaps we can share with one another the small actions that each of us is taking. Yes we must continue to give thanks and praise to God for his glorious creation, and especially as we sing our harvest hymns. Yes we must continue to support those in need through our harvest offerings. But I hope that this year we can also commit to showing our gratitude to God, and our love for our fellow humans by committing as individuals and as a church community to action that will help to diminish the damage that we all do, day after day to our planet. There will be an opportunity for us to do this during our harvest festival service on 6th October.

With my love and prayers



Saturday 16th November, 7pm

English Sacred Music from
the 19th and 20th Centuries

A concert given by the Triptych Singers

Followed by light refreshments.

A retiring collection will be taken in support of the work of Crisis

Saturday 30th November, 11:30am – 3pm



St Oswald's
Christmas Fair



Come to enjoy seasonal stalls, food and an opportunity to meet Santa!

If you can help with the fair in any way, please contact Bevon on 07944 473423

**Details of our events for Advent and Christmas will be made available
in the next newsletter**