

St Helen's Church, Whitley Chapel

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2026

The Revd Chris Simmons plans to be in church as often as possible on Saturdays at 4.00 pm to say a simple form of Evening Prayer and to make ready for Sunday morning. If anyone wishes to join him, they will be very welcome. He will be away next weekend, but that does not stop prayer continuing as usual.

Our service next Sunday will be led by the Revd Jeremy Thompson, whom some of us will remember from a few years back as Vicar of St John Lee and Area Dean of Hexham. Please make him welcome.

We now begin looking forward to our Harvest Thanksgiving service on Sunday 4th October at the usual time of 9.30 a.m. The form of service will be based on Morning Prayer rather than Holy Communion, and we hope to be joined once again by St Mary's Choir with their director and organist, Paul Berry. We should be able to sing well-known harvest hymns with particular gusto! As in past years, we will be asking for suitable items to be given to the West Northumberland Food Bank, and we are also planning a symbolic presentation of as many "fruits" of the harvest as we can gather in. More details will follow shortly!

We remember today those who have gone to their rest at about this time of year: Angus Pickworth (1982), William Dunsmore Lee (1990), Audrey Triffit (1990), Lyall Charlton (2003), Robert Hamilton (2007).

Many thanks to those who responded positively to our service last Sunday, commemorating John Bunyan. It was particularly helpful to be joined by David Ratcliff, who not only led the service jointly with Chris Simmons, but also provided hi-tech musical accompaniment to the hymns, and reflective music before and after the service. Just a lap-top and a small speaker was all it took. Maybe it's something we should think about.