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HARVEST FESTIVAL
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Harvest Festival service this morning.

Please find the hymns for this morning on the separate Order. Any donations of food that you have kindly brought will be blessed and given to support the work of Horncastle Community Larder.

Please find below the Notices for the week, with new and amended ones underlined.

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| Sunday 5th October | 10.00am | Harvest Holy Communion |
| | 6.00pm | Taizé Service |
| Wednesday 8th October | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| Thursday 9th October | 2.30pm | Friends' meeting in the St. Catherine's Room |
| | 6.00pm | Choir Practice |
| Saturday 11th October | 10.00am | Coffee in Church |

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our thanks to all those who have prepared the church so beautifully for this weekend's Harvest Festival. There was a wedding here yesterday, and it was lovely the church looked so wonderful for that occasion, as well. Thank you to all those who helped in any way.

TAIZÉ

As many of you will be aware, our regular Taizé services have moved from the last Sunday of the month to the first Sunday of the month. You are warmly invited to the service this evening at 6.00pm.

VISITING PREACHER

The Rev. Peter King, who lives in Thornton and helps lead services across our Group, has kindly agreed to preach for us next Sunday, 12th October. Peter has recently taken up the post of Chaplain to Stanford Hall, the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre, near Loughborough. It will be very good to welcome Peter next Sunday.

REV. CANON JOHN THOROLD

We now have details of the Thanksgiving Service for the late Rev. John Thorold. The service will be here at St. Mary's on Tuesday, 14th October at 11.30am, followed by Committal at Lincoln Crematorium at 1.00pm. We are all welcome to join for both these services.

HARVEST FESTIVALS

We look forward to the following Harvest Services in the Group:

Sunday, 12th October – 3.00pm at St. Margaret's, Thimbleby
Sunday, 19th October – 10.00am at St. Andrew's, Ashby Puerorum

HIGH TOYNTON CEILIDH

High Toynton Church are promoting another 'Ceilidh' in aid of their 'Renewed' project to refurbish the Church. The dance, featuring the 'Higgledy Piggledy Band', will be on Saturday, 25th October at Stanhope Hall, with the doors opening at 7.00pm. Please see the posters for further information, including where to purchase tickets.

CONFIRMATION

A number of people have approached us to talk about Confirmation. Perhaps you are also exploring your Christian faith, and would like to know more about what Confirmation entails? If so, please have a word with the Clergy or Wardens, who can tell you more.

HORNCASTLE CRISIS SUPPORT TEAM

Please see the separate flyer outlining the work of the Horncastle Crisis Support Team. We are extremely grateful for all that they do.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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| Sunday 12th October | 10.00am | Holy Communion with Sunday Club & Youth Alpha |
| | 3.00pm | Thimbleby Harvest |
| Monday 13th October | 3.00pm | Pastoral Teas |
| | 1.30pm | Pastoral Committee |
| | 7.30pm | Deanery Synod meeting hosted by St. Mary's |
| Tuesday 14th October | 11.30am | Funeral Service for the Rev. Canon John Thorold |
| Wednesday 15th October | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| | 7.30pm | Missions Committee meeting at the Vicarage |
| Thursday 16th October | 6.00pm | Choir Practice |
| | 7.30pm | Thimbleby VCC |
| Saturday 18th October | | Prayer Breakfast at 'Costa Coffee' |
| | 10.00am | Coffee in Church |

FUNDING CAMPAIGN

We are launching a Funding Campaign during the month of October. Publicity and a leaflet outlining our present financial situation and asking for your help are being prepared. You will shortly receive this either by hand or E-mail. The campaign will lead up to a 'Pledge Day', which will take place over the first weekend of November. There will be more details about this next week. In the meanwhile, please pray for this important campaign in our Church's life.

PRAYER FOR THE TOWN

Week beginning the 5th October: please pray for the residents and businesses of Prospect Street and Queen Street

If you would like your birthday mentioned, please contact Shelagh Carter. Her E-mail address is neil640lcarter@gmail.com

At our Communion services, if you would like a gluten free wafer, please let the Stewards or Clergy know before the service starts.

Please note, if you wish to leave a gift by Bank Card, you can use the 'Goodbox' near the entrance. Also, to give via your 'phone, you can use the QR code on the cards in the pews. Thank you.

Please look at our website for further details on these notes: www.stmaryshorncastle.org.uk



Collect: O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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.

Habakkuk, 1. 1 - 4, 2. 1 - 4 p. 906

2 Timothy 1, 1 - 14 p. 227

Luke 17, 5 - 10 The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.'

'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

Lord, please give us the confidence to live the love of Jesus Christ with the community here in Horncastle and in the surrounding villages. Amen.