

# Our Services for September

Sunday Services	Midweek Services
<b>Sunday 3rd September</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.30am - Ryston, BCP HC</li> <li>11am - Denver, MP</li> <li>6.30pm - Bexwell, EP</li> </ul> <b>Sunday 10th September</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.30am - Crimplesham, HC</li> <li>10am - Southery, SW</li> <li>11am - Denver, Mattins</li> <li>11am - Hilgay, MW</li> <li>8pm - Bexwell Zoom, Compline</li> </ul> <b>Sunday 17th September</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.30am - Bexwell, FC</li> <li>11am - Southery, Harvest</li> <li>11am - Denver, HC</li> <li>6.30 pm - Denver, P&amp;P</li> </ul> <b>Sunday 24th September</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.30am - Crimplesham, MP</li> <li>10am - Southery, HC</li> <li>11am - Denver, FS</li> <li>11am - Hilgay, HC</li> <li>8pm - Bexwell Zoom, P&amp;M</li> </ul>	<b>Every Tuesday</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am - Denver, MP</li> </ul> <b>Wednesday 20th September</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.30pm - Southery - H&amp;T</li> </ul> <b>Key</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BCP Book of Common Prayer</li> <li>EP Evening Prayer</li> <li>FC Forest Church</li> <li>FS Family Service</li> <li>HC Holy Communion</li> <li>H&amp;T Hymns &amp; Tea</li> <li>MP Morning Prayer</li> <li>MW Morning Worship</li> <li>P&amp;M Prayer &amp; Meditation</li> <li>P&amp;P Prayer and Praise</li> <li>SW Service of the Word</li> </ul>
<p><i>For the Bexwell online services, please use the link</i>  <a href="https://www.bexwellzoom.co.uk/join?meetingid=83015183191">is.gd/BexwellZoom</a>  <i>Meeting ID: 830 1518 3191</i>  <i>Passcode: 400888</i></p>	<p><i>You can see our up to date calendar on our website.</i>  <a href="http://www.ousevalleybenefice.org">www.ousevalleybenefice.org</a></p>



# Ouse Valley Benefice

Bexwell + Crimplesham + Denver + Hilgay + Ryston + Southery + Ten Mile Bank

## September 2023 Newsletter

My family are celebrating several new beginnings in September - one has a new job, another is off to university, our eldest grandchild is going up to secondary school and our youngest is starting primary. New shoes have been bought by both old and young, and they are all asking the all important question, 'What if I get lost?'

January, April, September, Advent...there are several points in the year when we mark fresh starts. Depending on your stage in life, some are more important than others, but one thing they have in common is that they all bring change. New beginnings are central to the Bible too. As God's salvation story unfolds, there are radical new beginnings for creation, nations, peoples and individuals. Think about Noah, Moses, Ruth, Jesus' disciples, Paul...the list is vast. In fact, everyone in the Bible faced change!

God knows that change can be daunting and scary. In fact, throughout the scriptures the Lord reassures us that he is with us and ready to help us in every situation we face. This verse sums it up so well: *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand* ~ Isaiah 41.10

Change also brings opportunities for growth. We know our grandchildren will soon be loving their new schools once they find their way around and make new friends. Likewise, stepping out in faith, strengthens our trust in the Lord and helps us to grow spiritually.

September is an exciting new season for the Ouse Valley Benefice. Please read inside to find out more about the fresh ventures God is leading us into. As I said in my August letter, I can't achieve all this alone...It takes teamwork to make God's dreams work! Your ideas, help, support and prayers mean so much. You are a vital part of his work in our communities and I'm excited to see what God has in store for us all.

*With gratitude and blessings, Revd Nigel Moat*

# News and Events

## Harvest Services in the Ouse Valley Benefice

We have a number of harvest services in the Ouse Valley Benefice.

- **September 17th, 11am, Southery** (and bring and share lunch)
- **September 24th, 9.30am, Crimplesham**
- **September 24th, 11am, Denver** (followed by lunch)
- **October 1st, 11am, Ten Mile Bank Harvest Launch Service**
- **October 1st, 5pm, Ryston Evensong**
- **October 1st, 6.30pm, Bexwell Evening Prayer**
- **October 8th, 10.30am, Hilgay Methodist Chapel** (joint service followed by lunch)

For all our other services in September, please see inside this leaflet.

## Harvest Lunches

The bring and share harvest lunch at Southery on **September 17th** follows on directly after the morning service which will be later than normal at 11am. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us.

For those wishing to join in for lunch at **Denver** on **Sep 24th** at **12.30pm** (Denver Village Hall), please book your place by Sunday 17th on the form at the back of the church, or speak to Linden Leeke. The cost is £10 per person. Alternatively, you can book a place using the form: [is.gd/Harvest2023](https://is.gd/Harvest2023).

The reference to the Methodist Chapel above is not a mistake! We have been invited to attend their Harvest service and then join them for lunch. This is a wonderful opportunity to join with our ecumenical friends as we worship God and share a meal together. For more information please speak to Revd Nigel.

## Harvest Coffee Morning, St Mary's, Denver

We also have a harvest coffee morning at St Mary's Church in Denver on September 23rd - 10.30am to 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome!

## Rotary Club ShoeBox Appeal 2023

Sue Sampson now has the shoe boxes ready for distribution for those wishing to pack a shoebox for this year's Rotary Club appeal. If you would like to pack one, please see Sue Sampson at Denver Church. Jo Walton also has a selection of brand new knitted garments for babies through to 8/9 year old boys and girls that would be ideal for adding to the boxes. These can be collected from St Mary's Church in Denver if you want to add one to your box.

## Monthly Prayer and Praise Service - St Mary's Church, Denver

We are launching a new monthly prayer and praise service at St Mary's Church, Denver on the third Sunday of the month - starting **September 17th at 6.30pm**. The services have been designed to provide a space to come and connect with God through prayer and worship and to enable us to welcome those in our community who may not be comfortable in a traditional church service. Everyone is welcome!

## Hilgay Service Times

From September onwards we are changing the format and times of services at All Saints's church in Hilgay. They will now be at **11am** with Morning Worship on the second Sunday of the month and a service of Holy Communion on the fourth. This is partly an outcome of the review of the benefice service schedule as well as responding to feedback from those in the local community.

## Forest Church

As part of Bexwell's desire to experience new forms of worship, we are planning a '*Forest Church*' service on the **17th September at 9.30am**. This will be outside in the grounds of the church, so if you want to join us, come prepared and bring a folding chair if you have one! This will be an all-age service and everyone will be more than welcome. Please invite any families you know.

## Bexwell Feast

The annual Bexwell feast is being held at St Mary's Church, Bexwell on the evening of September 16th. If you would like to know more and book a place, please contact Fraser or Carole Reich at Bexwell Church or email [friendsofbexwell@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbexwell@gmail.com).