



### SHOE BOX APPEAL 2024

The P.C.C. has decided that this year we should renew our tradition of having a Shoebox Appeal for Christmas.

Under the scheme church members each fill a box with a variety of useful small gifts. You can collect from

church a leaflet (and a empty shoebox) which explains all the details. It contains suggestions of gifts for all family members, so no-one is left out, and includes items such a shower gel/shampoo, family games, stationery items, ideas for mum and dad and grandparents, as well as sweets, soft toys, hats and scarves, and lots more.

The filled boxes are then brought to the church to be collected by a charity, which takes them abroad to be distributed to needy families as Christmas gifts. The charity we will be working with this year is a Christian organisation called Link to Hope. Their annual family shoebox appeal has been running since 1992 and has sent over 800,000 boxes to hundreds of different locations. Link to Hope's aim is to combat poverty and give humanitarian aid and has special concern for the most disadvantaged.

This year our shoeboxes will go to the poorest people in Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria and Romania.

Link to Hope believe that sending shoeboxes shows love from British people to those in war-torn or poverty-stricken circumstances, regardless of their background, colour or creed.

We will be launching the scheme at St. John the Baptist in October - watch out for details - and we will send the boxes off in early November.

### COLOUR FOR THE VICARAGE GARDEN

Dear friends - the vicarage garden is beautiful and green but needs some other colours. If any of the gardeners amongst the congregation have any surplus plants we would be really grateful. As we are not knowledgeable gardeners please message Emma on [emma@sivyer.org.uk](mailto:emma@sivyer.org.uk) / 07851688610 to arrange a time when you can come to the vicarage and suggest where we should plant what you have. Thank you Emma and Steven

**THE CHURCHES TOGETHER LIGHT PARTY** is returning on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 at Coombes Community Centre. We need at least 35 volunteers from our partner churches to make this event possible. Please would you share details of the event with your congregations and ask them to contact Louise Bradley as soon as possible if they are able to help at the event. We are also seeking volunteers for a prayer team who will be on site, in an upstairs room, praying for the event and the families who join us. Please contact Louise Bradley on 07742 927160 or [louise@louisebardleyva.com](mailto:louise@louisebardleyva.com)

# Royston Parish Church

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – HARVEST FESTIVAL

### The diocese's Living God's Love Prayer

**Living God, draw us deeper into your love;  
Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve;  
Holy Spirit, make us heralds of good news.  
Stir us, strengthen us, teach and inspire us  
To live your love with generosity and joy,  
Imagination and courage; for the sake of  
your world and in the name of Jesus, Amen.**

**Please note: The Parish Office email has changed to [admin@roystonparishchurch.org.uk](mailto:admin@roystonparishchurch.org.uk). If you would like regular copies of the Notice Sheet emailed to you please email this account.**

If you wish to make a donation to the church, then please hold your phone's camera over this image then touch the link that appears:



### Sunday 29

9 am Said Communion Service  
10.30 am HARVEST FESTIVAL FAMILY SERVICE with Church Choir and followed by refreshments (see notices for more details)

### Tuesday 1 October

9 am Morning Prayer in the Chapel

### Wednesday 2

9.30 am Celtic Prayer in the Chapel  
11 am Said Communion service followed by refreshments  
1 pm Knit and Natter in Church  
7 pm Men's Group meeting in Wetherspoons

### Thursday 3

9 am – 11 am Tots in Church  
2.30 pm Ladies Group meeting in Church

### Saturday 5

10 – 11.30 am Church Café

### Sunday 6

**NO 9 am or 10.30 am services**  
10 am Sung Communion Service with Guest Mission Speaker for CMS Katie Jenkinson, Church Choir, Children's Church and followed by refreshments

**We pray for all Christians worldwide:**

For all Christians in **Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela**

For all who are worship at Bassingbourn Parish Church: Revd. Helen Orr

For the work of our mission partners: Global Care

**We pray for the community of Royston:**

For our local health centres

For all who visit and volunteer at Royston Market Stall holders

**We pray for our world and ECO projects:**

Pray for Harvest Festival: St. Francis of Assisi – patron saint of animals and the environment (Feast Day 4<sup>th</sup> October)

**We pray for the sick and suffering:**

1 <sup>st</sup> September	8 <sup>th</sup> September	15 <sup>th</sup> September	22/29 September
Sarah Murphy	Paul & Pat Tidey	Baby Forest Pike	Ron Monksfield
Baby Eden	Phoebe Strom	Peter Coates	Neal
Richard Moss	Ann Milton	Jan McElney	Roy Rodway
Jamie Covington	Lee Cockerill	Betty Gladstone	John Hutchins
Jackson Herbert	Helen Yerrill	Val Brown	Pauline Tasker
Jean Coslett	Margaret & John Coates	Angi and Ken Rushall	Kathy George
Mary Atkins	Lynn Fricker	Mike	Cyrine and family

**We pray for those who have died in the faith of Christ:**

**Deceased**

**Bereaved**

**We pray for those whose anniversaries fall at this time:**

02 Oct

Ena Saunders

**NOTICES**

**BISHOP OF ST. ALBANS HARVEST APPEAL 2024** This year the Bishop's Appeal is to

support a project of the Leprosy Mission in Sri Lanka.

Details can be seen on the Mission of the Month notice board in church.

You can also search for more information online, the website page includes videos too.

As a church we already support the Leprosy Mission as one of our regular charities, but

we invite you to support this Appeal if you wish, by making your own individual

donation directly. You can make a bank to bank transfer (BACs) to The Leprosy

Mission using the following details:

Sort code: 20-67-45, Account No: 00197742,

Account Name: The Leprosy Mission Great Britain

If you are giving as an individual, please use the reference: 24RCHARVESTAPPEAL.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!"

**NEW CURATE FOR ROYSTON.** We shall be receiving Curate next year. Jaime Roberts will be ordained deacon on 29th June in St Albans Cathedral and she will then serve her curacy in Royston. She is currently studying at Ripon College in Cuddesdon near Oxford. More information about Jaime will be posted in a few weeks.

**MINISTER OF MUSIC:** We are delighted to welcome Alex Trigg as our Minister of Music, who will also be directing our outreach to schools and families through music.

**A PASTORAL LETTER** will be coming from Steven soon, but we are aware that we do not have everyone's contact details and some people's details may have changed. Therefore, could you please confirm with Joanne, our administrator, your current address and phone numbers by emailing: admin@roystonparishchurch.org.uk

**HARVEST FESTIVAL 29 SEPTEMBER:** We will celebrate a Said Communion service at 9 am only, the 10.30 am will be a sung Family Service.

Harvest gifts of non-perishable goods may be brought to both services. These will be taken to the Food Bank during the week. Help to get these down to the Food Bank would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Joanne if you can help.

**PRAYER WALK NO. 1** Phil and Jeanette Perry are leading a parish prayer walk on 26 October. This will begin at 10.30 in church and finish at approximately 12.00 at The Old Bull for lunch and / or drinks. The purpose of the walk is to :

1. Join together in short prayers for the local community, for the natural environment and for ourselves.
2. To increase our visibility as local Christians.
3. To enjoy fellowship in the great outdoors.

Everyone is very welcome to join us. It would be helpful if you could e-mail us on jeanette\_phil88@yahoo.co.uk [with an underscore between jeanette and phil] if you intend to participate, so that we can reserve sufficient places at The Old Bull.

**ECO:** There are booklets at the back of church titled "Jesus died for the planet" – please take one if any left – and return them after you have read it, so someone else can read them.

**THE ANNUAL ALL SOULS' SERVICE** will take place at Sunday 3rd November at 6pm. During this service there will be some well-known hymns, a reading from the bible, some prayers and a short address. There will be an opportunity to remember and give thanks for those we love who have died, to commemorate them by name and have candles lit as their name is read out as a prayerful expression of remembrance. If you would like your loved one remembered by name then you can contact Joanne Wallis on 07935 774633 or at admin@roystonparishchurch.org.uk.