

Our prayers are also asked:

- for our parish and Cathedral Church
- for pupils, parents, teachers and governors as they start a new school year
- for the peoples of the Holy Land
- for those who are sick, or undergoing medical treatment
- for those who have died including Lily Morris and Neville Wilkins

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The Parish of Hempsted with St Mary de Lode  
and St Mary de Crypt, Gloucester  
in partnership with Gloucester Cathedral



#### SEASON OF CREATION

##### Harvest Festival

8th September 2024

**10.00am Harvest Festival Eucharist** **St Swithun's**  
Readings Psalm 126; Luke 12:16-21  
Preacher Nikki Arthy

*Harvest Lunch*

**3.00pm Choral Evensong** **Cathedral**

**Morning Prayer** via Zoom is on Wednesday and Friday at 9am.  
Compline via Zoom is on Thursday at 9pm.

**Prayers for the City** take place in St Mary de Crypt Church each Friday at 1pm. **Coffee, Cake and Conversation** takes place 11am-12.30pm beforehand in the Old Crypt Schoolroom.

## Services for Trinity 16, 15th September

Parish Eucharist                      St Mary de Lode                      10.00am

The **Gloucester Day Service** takes place in St Mary de Crypt on Saturday 7 September at 12noon. All are welcome to this annual celebration.

This Sunday, 8th September, we celebrate our **Harvest Festival** and are again supporting the Family Haven (<https://www.thefamilyhaven.com/>) and also our own Community Pantry. Donations of fresh and tinned/packet foods or kitchen supplies such as washing up liquid and antibacterial sprays would be much appreciated. The **Harvest Lunch** follows and there are a few tickets remaining at £8 per person should you still want to attend: contact Debbie on 01452 382470 / 07866 747844.

**Heritage Open Days** are a National Celebration of England's Heritage, and take place this year from **Friday 13th—Sunday 15th September**. Debbie Hotchkins will be giving **daily talks at 2pm** in **The Lysons Hall**. The talks are on Friday "Men & Women of Hempsted & Llanthony in WW1"; on Saturday "People & Places of Hempsted & Llanthony"; then on Sunday "The People behind the Stained Glass Windows and Monuments in St. Swithun's Church". St. Swithun's Church will also be open from 12noon to 4pm for visitors to peruse the historical displays. It would be nice to have 2 people throughout to "**meet and greet**"; if you can help please contact Debbie. 01452 382470 / 07866 747844 / [debbie.hotchkins@btinternet.com](mailto:debbie.hotchkins@btinternet.com)

**St Mary de Crypt** will be open over **Heritage Weekend**, and is offering opportunities to visit the Crypt and Bell Tower. For more details and to book tickets (free) visit: <https://www.stmarydecrypt.org/product-page/bones-bells>. **St Mary de Lode** will be open on Saturday 14 10am-3pm with the opportunity to view the Roman pavement.

**Gift Days 14 & 15 September 2024:** once a year the PCC asks for donations towards the upkeep of our 3 churches. You can give digitally in all the churches or via the QR code to be found in each church too. Financial donations can also be made both days in St Swithun's between 12noon-4pm, in St Mary de Crypt between 11am-4pm and in St Mary de Lode between 10-3pm on the Saturday or during the Sunday service. Thank you!

**Gloucester Pride** takes place on Saturday 14 September. The procession will leave the Cathedral at 1130, arriving at Gloucester Park for 12noon. If you would like to walk in solidarity in the procession, and / or spend time supporting the event, do let Nikki know.

**Thank you** to everyone who supported FoSS (Friends of St. Swithun's) **Pimms & Pudding Evening** on Saturday 31st August in the Lysons Hall. A wonderful time was had by all and we were able to raise £572.80 for St. Swithun's Church Building Fund / Children's and Families Work within the Community.

### Prayer for the week

May we always walk gently upon the Earth, in right relationship, nurtured by your love, open to the wind of the Spirit, taking only what we need, always open to the needs of others, making choices that bring wellbeing, living with generosity, striving for justice, honouring all with reverence, reconciling and peacemaking, mindful of those who will come after, recognising our proper place as part of your creation. Grant us the strength and courage, Lord, for such a radical transformation into your Kingdom. Amen.

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