Aldermaston and Woolhampton Benefice News

**(the parishes of Aldermaston & Wasing, Beenham, Brimpton, Midgham and Woolhampton)**

# **Sunday 7th September:The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

**COLLECT** God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us:remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that ourthankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**FIRST READING** *Philemon1–21* This reading gives us almost all the short and moving letter from Paulto a friend in Colossae whose house was the church meeting-place.Philemon’s slave had run away; Paul pleads as one Christian to anotherthat Onesimus now be received back as a dear brother

**GOSPELREADING** *Luke14:25–33* Jesus often makes it clear that to choose his way, bringing joy and life,also has a cost. In this passage we assume he is using exaggeratedlanguage to speak about the radical nature of his demands.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** God of all mercy, in this eucharist youhave set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we whoare made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world,in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord

**Service this Sunday**

St Mary’s, Beenham 9.15am Holy Communion

St Peter’s, Brimpton 10.45am Holy Communion

St Matthew’s, Midgham 9.15am BCP Communion

St Nicholas, Wasing 10.45am Holy Communion

**Service on 14th September**

St Mary’s Aldermaston 10.45am Morning Praise

St Mary’s, Beenham 9.15am Morning Praise

St Peter’s, Brimpton 9.15am Holy Communion

St Peter’s, Woolhampton 10.45am Holy Communion

**Prayers and Pastoral Care** In the Benefice we seek to offer care for everyone in our churches and our communites, especially when they are in a difficult period in their lives. If you need to talk to a someone or would like a home visit, please contact the Rector on 0118 9712 891

We pray for those who are ill at this time and remember those who

have recently died and pray for those who grieve:

Graham Jury’s funeral will be on Wednesday 10th September 12noon at St Matthew’s Church.

**The Four Movements of Reconciliation**

## You are invited to a talk

## **by the Bishop of Reading, the Rt Revd Mary Gregory**

## **on Saturday 4th October at 9.30am at Aldermaston Parish Hall.**

## A person in a robe holding a staffThe Street, Aldermaston, Reading RG7 4LW

Bishop Mary grew up in rural Leicestershire and Lincolnshire.  She went to university in Birmingham where she read English Literature.  On graduating, Mary joined the Prison Service, serving for ten years as an officer and, latterly, as a governor.  It was in the Prison Service that Mary first developed her interest in reconciliation, coming to understand that the first movement of reconciliation is personal; that we are to be each reconciled to ourselves. Mary was consecrated as Bishop of Reading on 27th February 2025

**Tickets £5 each** to include a continental breakfast

(gluten free options available)

Available from The Revd Jane Manley

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A group of vegetables and fruits

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**Harvest Festival Lunch St Matthew’s Midgham.**

12noon on *Sunday 28th September* at Midgham Park Farm

For tickets contact Francine Gibbs 01189 712944

[francine@mpfarm.plus.com](mailto:francine@mpfarm.plus.com)

**Beenham Harvest Lunch**

*5th October* 12noon in Victory Hall

Tickets £12.50 adults, £5 children (5-10)

For tickets contact Janette Hammond 07917 818 283

or Pat Owen 079 4747 8840

**Brimpton Harvest Lunch**

*Saturday 27th September* at 12.30 pm in Brimpton Village Hall.

For tickets contact Brenda Scott or Tricia Brims

**Parish of Aldermaston and Wasing**

Join us for our Harvest Festival Service on

*Sunday 5 th October at 1030* **In Wasing Woods**

Refreshments will be served after the service

All donations for the West Berkshire Foodbank will be gratefully received

Please print this newsletter and hand on to anyone you know who does not have internet access

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