

*Harvest Thanksgiving Service 26th September 11.30am
Altar Church - Preacher Mark Dunwoody*

Harvest is a great season for the Christian, because within is so much meaning beyond the usual bunches of grapes and flowers that decorate our churches, as God looks to our harvest - how fruitful are you as a Christian?!

According to that fount of all knowledge - Wikipedia - Harvest is from the Anglo-Saxon word hærfest, "Autumn". It then came to refer to the season for reaping and gathering grain and other grown products. The full moon nearest the autumnal equinox is called the Harvest Moon. So in ancient traditions Harvest Festivals were traditionally held on or near the Sunday of the Harvest Moon. This moon is the full moon which falls in the month of September.

An early Harvest Festival used to be celebrated at the beginning of the Harvest season on 1 August and was called Lammass, meaning 'loaf Mass'. Farmers made loaves of bread from the fresh wheat crop. These were given to the local church as the Communion bread during a special service thanking God for the harvest.

The modern tradition of celebrating Harvest Festival in churches began in 1843, when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall. Victorian hymns such as "We plough the fields and scatter", "Come ye thankful people, come" and "All things bright and beautiful" helped popularise his idea of harvest festival and spread the annual custom of decorating churches with home-grown produce for the Harvest Festival service.

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September Services

5th September 14th Sunday after Trinity

Green Schull 10am Holy Communion 2 JUNE
Altar 11.30am Holy Communion 2 RICHARD

Psalms 139: 1-5, 12-18

Jeremiah 18: 1-11 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14: 25-33

12th September 15th after Trinity

Green Schull 10am Morning Prayer DON
Altar 11.30am Morning Prayer GRAHAM

Psalms 14

Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28 1 Timothy 1: 12-17 Luke 15: 1-10

19th September 16th after Trinity

Green Schull 10am Morning Prayer JUNE
Altar 11.30am Morning Prayer EDWARD

Psalms 79: 1-9

Jeremiah 8: 18 - 9: 1 1 Timothy 2: 1-7 Luke 16: 1-13

26th September 17th after Trinity

Green Schull 10am Holy Communion 2 (Short)
Altar 11.30am HARVEST THANKSGIVING ARAN

Psalms 100

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Philippians 4:4-9 John 6:25-35

**Our charity Collection on Sunday 19th
September is for the Mission to Seafarers.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

31st August - Select Vestry Meeting - The Rectory 8.30pm

24th September - Concert in Schull Church - 8pm.

**26th September - Harvest Thanksgiving - Altar Church 11.30 with
Harvest Lunch afterwards at the Rectory.**

*The season of services in St Brendan's, Crookhaven
was very well supported this Summer. Thanks to all
who attended and special thanks to all those who
came to preach for us. Their sermons were
excellent and much appreciated.*

Our good wishes to Andy Christopher Anderson, son of Avery Anderson and Bridget Pearson, who was baptised in Holy Trinity Church, Schull on Sunday 1st August. Andy is the Great, great grandson on Revd H.H. Pearson who was rector of Schull from about 1894 to 1902. His parents brought him from California for Baptism in Holy Trinity where many other members of the Pearson family have been baptised in the past.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have been bereaved recently.

Kathleen Attridge died on 19th August. We sympathise with her daughter Margaret, her grandchildren, extended family and friends.

Jim Syms died on 23rd August. He will be sadly missed by his wife, Joan, their daughters Barbara and Romilly and their families. We think also of their many close friends.

Hanna Fleury died on 24th August. We think of her son, Tim and all those who were close to her.