

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

(Deuteronomy 8.7–18)

The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

PSALM 80: Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.**A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.** (2 Corinthians 9.6–15)

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you

because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. (Luke 12.16–30)

Jesus told the people a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So, it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.'

HYMN NUMBERS:**251 - All Things bright and beautiful.****250 - All creatures of our God and King.****253 - For the beauty of the earth.****275 - We plough the fields and scatter.****272 - Praise and thanksgiving.****NOTICES****100 CLUB RENEWALS ARE DUE NOW PLEASE**

– it is £20 for the year, with a chance to win your money back! This raises important funds so please support us. See Jan Coleman for details etc.

A big THANK YOU to all who donated time and talents and to those who came and supported the Earnley Church Quiz. We were able to make over £1000.00, a real boost to church funds.

NOTICES contd....

THE BOOK STALL WILL BE DISCONTINUED AT CHRISTMAS: . So, please, no more book donations.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HARVEST – SUNDAY. We will be collecting for the Chichester Food Bank.

SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER: There will be no Healing service as Fr. Steve will be Baptising his Granddaughter, Phoebe

AS ANNOUNCED BY FR. STEVE,

Fr. Steve will be retiring as **from 1st November.** After that service, we will be having a celebratory lunch when friends of Fr. Steve and Earnley congregation are invited to join with us at the service and our lunch.

ADVENT QUIET DAY – 12th December

An Advent Quiet Day is being planned – This will be a day to *‘take a breath and still your mind’.*
More details later

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

(more information later)

Saturday 21st November: St. Anne's Hoedown

December 4th-6th: Christmas Tree Festival & Fair

December 12th – ADVENT QUIET DAY

PHOTOS, IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE TO BARBARA

REGULAR EVENTS:

BIBLE STUDY:

MONDAYS – 2.00pm at St. Anne's church

QUIET PRAYER “PEACE ADVENTURE”:

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, at Wind Demons,
West Brack Drive from 2pm-4pm
& 7pm to 8pm

HEAR HERE CLINIC: 11-12noon

FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

WATCH FOR UPDATES

Services this Week

All services at St. Anne's unless otherwise stated

TUESDAY 7.00pm – Said Eucharist

WEDNESDAY 10.00am Said Eucharist

Midweek services are held in the side chapel

Services Next Sunday

(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)

11th October 2026 – Trinity 19

8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne's

9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley

10.15am Sung Eucharist St. Anne's

Readings: Isaiah 25: 1-9

Philippians 4: 1-9

Matthew 22: 1-14

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WEDNESDAY EVENING.

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We welcome all visitors to our churches.

All communicant members of Christ's church are warmly invited to receive the Sacraments. If you do not receive the sacraments then please come forward for God's Blessing.
(All services are at St. Anne's unless indicated)

4th October, 2026

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Before the service and after the second bell, talk to God through quiet prayer and silent devotion, bringing to the Lord those events of your past week, and after the service, then talk to your friends.

If you are a visitor to our church, making a donation in the collection, and you are a taxpayer, the PCC would be very grateful if you could put your donation in one of the envelopes available at the end of the pews, and sign the Gift Aid Declaration on the envelope. In this way, the Church can claim a further 25p for every £1 you give. Thank you.
PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO "E.W.P.C."

Services today

(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)

8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne's

9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley

10.15am Sung Eucharist St. Anne's

4th SUNDAY of the month – Healing & Anointing

Intercessions

The sick and those who have asked of our prayers:

Fr. John, Judy Williams, Nick Carter, Lorraine Hall, Florence Sumakoloyl, Margaret Bate, Ava Kirby, Michael Pettman, Karen Grunert, Joan Whiteside, Greg Brooke, Bob West and members of our congregation who may be unwell today.

From our families and friends, we remember

Matthew Finch, Dot Finch, Sherline Smith, Jules Pettitt, Ben, Jess and family, Kelly Saby, Tula Hunt and her family, Robin Leney, Lizi Benjamin, Ann & Jeff Parks, Pat & John Cox, Barbara Woodley, Jon Hall, Hamish Ilton, Rose, Helen Hocky, Simon Gray. Also, all those in our local nursing homes & rest homes, the housebound, those who care for them, and all who have been recently bereaved

The Recently Departed

Colin King, Matthew Kennewell, Vlasta Reed

Those whose years mind falls at this time

Dolis Leach, Donna Dixon, Nancy Denham,