



# The Lion

A Monthly News Sheet for St. Mark's Church, Basford

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## Seasons and journeys of Change

*I can show you the world, Shining,  
shimmering, splendid, Tell me, princess  
Now, when did you last let your heart  
decide? I can open your eyes, Take you  
wonder by wonder, Over, sideways and  
under, On a magic carpet ride, Unbelievable  
sights, Indescribable feeling, Soaring,  
tumbling, freewheeling, Through an endless  
diamond sky. A whole new world, A new  
fantastic point of view, A dazzling place I  
never knew, But when I'm way up here, It's  
crystal clear, That now I'm in a whole new  
world with you*

Beloved,

No, you are quite right, that is not a quote from the Bible, or even a Saint or religious writer. However, it is words from a fabulous song that features in the Disney movie Aladdin – one of my favourites – both versions – free to borrow should you choose. This isn't a thought on having lots of wishes but I have been pondering over this summer of the different seasons, and the sense of a new season as the next Academic year begins, as well as the journeys that we travel on and through in our lives, whether work, pleasure or spiritually.

The seasons of the church and the journeys of ministry are exciting, challenging and often unknown – we must constantly look at new ways of ministry and mission in the

life of God's Church. It very easy for us to become comfortable and we of course all resist change to our activities, but we must seek the Lord while he may be found and call upon him while he is near.

After discussion of both the PCC's of the churches I am Vicar/Priest-in charge of, a proposal has been agreed to change the service times. So for a trial period of four months beginning in October (starting October 6th) the Sunday morning service will move from 9:30am to 10:15am. This will of course be subject to review as is good practice. I hope you will join me in this new stage of our ministry, our journey, our season, our 'life-in-Christ'.

And so I do 'wish' to give you some Scripture, and I find Psalm 30 wonderful and beautiful with it's honesty in all things, so here are a few verses I ponder a lot:

*Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.*

*Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.*

*By your favour, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain;*

*you hid your face; I was dismayed. You have turned my mourning into dancing;*

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*you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.*

Please pray for me as I pray for you,

*Blessings, In Christ,*

*Your Shepherd, Fr Tommy*

### **Worship Services during September at St Mark's**

|                        |                                      |               |                            |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup></b>  | <b>14<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> | <b>9:30am</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b>      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup>        | Wednesday                            | 10:30am       | Holy Communion (BCP)       |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>        | Saturday                             | 3:00pm        | Wedding                    |
| <b>8<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>15<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> | <b>9:30am</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b>      |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>       | Wednesday                            | 10:30am       | Holy Communion (BCP)       |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Harvest</b>                       | <b>9:30am</b> | <b>Family Worship + HC</b> |
| 18 <sup>th</sup>       | Wednesday                            | 10.30am       | Holy Communion (BCP)       |
| 21 <sup>st</sup>       | Saturday                             | 2:30pm        | Wedding                    |
| <b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> | <b>17<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> | <b>9:30am</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b>      |
| 25 <sup>th</sup>       | Wednesday                            | 10.30am       | Holy Communion (BCP)       |
| <b>29<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Queen Crowning</b>                | <b>9:30am</b> | <b>Holy Communion</b>      |

### **Service Time Change:**

As Fr Tommy has mentioned in his letter, please note that our Sunday Morning Services start time here at St Mark's will be changing from **9:30am to 10:15am on the 6<sup>th</sup> October.**



### *Our Harvest Festival*

*with Holy Communion, will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September.*

*When we intend to double-up on our support for 'Open Door'*

### **Diary Dates for September**

|                  |          |        |                      |
|------------------|----------|--------|----------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Monday   | 6.00pm | Wedding rehearsal    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Monday   | 7.00pm | Baptism Prep evening |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | Thursday | 7.00pm | Wedding rehearsal    |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> | Sunday   | 9.30am | Crowning             |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> | Monday   | 7:00pm | PCC meeting          |

### **Early October Dates**

|                  |           |        |                      |
|------------------|-----------|--------|----------------------|
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Saturday  | 1:30pm | Autumn Fayre         |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Wednesday | 7:00pm | Deanery Synod        |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | Thursday  | 7:00pm | Open Deanery Chapter |

### **Church Queen**

#### **Crowning:**

Come and share in the crowning of St Mark's new church



queen Matilda Nutter during our morning service on **29<sup>th</sup> September at 9.30am.** This will be followed by a 'bring and share' buffet.

### **Autumn Fayre:**

A date for your diaries. Our Autumn Fayre this year will take place on **12<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30pm.** In preparation if you have any items for an accessories stall such as clean bags, scarves, hats etc please let Diane have them. Also, if you have any clean margarine tubs, can you please let Diane have them.