

Minister's Musings October 2019

Dear Friends,

'All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above'....'Accept the gifts we offer, for all your love imparts...'

Well no doubt we shall be singing that at our Harvest Festival services on **October 6th** and quite rightly as we give thanks to God for all the gifts of land and sea graciously given by a generous creator. And as we do, we shall remember those who have so little of the world's resources through our financial support of Traidcraft exchange with our non-perishable items going to Rutland Foodbank and we are delighted to welcome Mr. Peter Collins to tell us more of Traidcraft Foundation's work. Our student minister Sarah will be leading our evening worship.

But 'heavenly gifts' come in all sorts of shapes and sizes. One is the gift of prayer and the opportunity to bring ourselves and those we have a concern for in prayer to God for healing and wholeness. Our next such service is on **October 13th** at 6.00pm and all are welcome to come or to use the prayer requests book in the foyer to add a name, situation or need.

Music is a wonderful God given gift too and we are so thankful for those who offer it to God and enrich our worship Sunday by Sunday. On **October 20th** at 6.00pm we shall celebrate such a gift as we welcome Marilyn Baker in concert and be uplifted by her playing, singing and faith story. Don't forget to look for more information about this on the posters around the church and invite your friends for this very special evening. Details of the above are of course in the Autumn New Day Dawns leaflet – our Festival of Faith as part of Churches Together in Oakham - which should be available very soon in the foyer. Please make sure you take one and so are up to speed with all that is happening in the next few months and please pray that all the events may be more than merely entertainment but a way of engaging people with the story of God's love.

But God's gifts don't just come at special times or on special occasions and so we are thankful too for others who lead our worship this month and for those who enable this to happen, giving thanks especially for Graham Stapleton who retires as steward at this time. He has offered his gifts so generously to us as a church and set us an example of faithful and humble service. As we show our appreciation perhaps the best compliment we can pay him is to offer our gifts to God too, whatever they may be, for all His love imparts.

With love in Christ,
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P.S. And two prayer requests please – one for the Church family at Somerby as they hold their final service this month – details on the board in the foyer - and the other as we await news concerning the possibility of a Probationer Minister coming to our Circuit and Church next September.

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