

## A LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

October is a month which is bookended with giving thanks. We begin the month giving thanks for the Harvest, and Creation, and we end the month giving thanks for those we have loved who have died.

The Community of the Churches in the Benefice of Milborne Port, Milborne Wick, Goathill, Charlton Horethorne and Stowell all celebrate their own Harvest Festival service, and as a rural community with many local farmers, please support those who work hard to tend and preserve our land, provide us with food, and often experience such difficult times financially. Can you look at our Harvest Festival times and see which one you can attend?



**(Goathill:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 6.00 p.m.)

**Milborne Port:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 10.30 a.m.

**Stowell:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 6.00 p.m.

**Charlton Horethorne:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 6.00 p.m.

**Milborne Wick:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 9.00 a.m.

All Saints Day (1<sup>st</sup> November) and All Souls Day (2<sup>nd</sup> November) are sometimes collectively known as All Hallows Tide, with All Hallows Eve (Halloween) preceding them. With regards to All Souls, we are offering the chance to come into Church in Milborne Port at 4 p.m. on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October to remember those we have loved and lost. There will be candles, gentle hymns, readings and a time to reflect. This year we are delighted to be offering some beautiful hearts which have been made by our community creative folk as take-away mementoes.

As we talk about remembering, and memory, I need to confess that I somehow managed to make a mistake with the Bible reference I mentioned last month in the Magazine. There are two wonderful readings in John's Gospel that people often quote; I quoted one, and gave the reference for the other! Thank you to those kind souls who noticed and yet didn't comment and embarrass me. Amusingly I had a dream that I had corrected it with the magazine editors – something I genuinely thought was real until the magazine was published. Whoops!



So, John 3:16 is (of course) *'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.'*

And John 10:10 is (of course) is the moment when Jesus tells us that his mission was to give us life in all its fullness.

I pray that October would bring you much to be thankful for.

*With every blessing, Rev Rona*