# **Sundays in September**

## at Westcote Methodist Chapel

6 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Morning Service led by Mr Ian Prince
13 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Morning Service led by Mr Tony Gibson
20 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Morning Service led by Rev Dr Stephen Blake
27 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Harvest Service led by Mr Tony Gibson

If you wish to contribute items for the Foodbank, please bring and arrange them at the front yourself, either on 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>. If you are not able to attend but wish to donate some items, please leave them outside the chapel door.

As seating is limited for services in the Chapel, please could you let Tony know if you plan to attend. This way no-one will be turned away at the door. Thank you.

A full risk assessment has been completed.

Please Note: You must wear a face covering (mask or visor)



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There will be no Thursday Fellowship or Busy Bees during September

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# WESTCOTE METHODIST NEWSLETTER



While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

Genesis 8 v 22

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There is no Village Book Swap & Coffee this month,

Many thanks to Frank Hemming for allowing me to use the picture of him with some of his harvest produce on the front cover.

#### **Note from the Treasurer:**

#### **Standing Orders**

If anyone would like to set up a Standing Order for their regular giving to the Chapel, please contact me and I will provide you with the bank details. If you have signed a Gift Aid form, I can still claim the tax refund if you pay by Standing Order.

# **Child Sponsorship**

We obviously will not be able to offer a Harvest Lunch this year in support of the Tear Fund and World Vision child sponsorship schemes. If you would like to make a specific donation to help us maintain our annual donation of approximately £400, please place this in the collection plate marked 'Sponsorship', send me a cheque (made out to Westcote Methodist Church), or do an on-line payment marked 'Sponsorship'. Many thanks.

Helen B



#### **Monthly Prayer Breakfast**

No Prayer Breakfast this month

If you have any prayer requests, please let one of the stewards know.

### **HARVEST**

Congratulations to Frank, he looks very happy with his harvest. It can be a very satisfying time, but it can also be very disappointing. I think the farmers are getting very mixed results, due no doubt to some extreme weather through the seasons. Remember the interminable rains in the winter and then drought in the spring! Even with my small vegetable patch I have a good idea of the difficulties of bringing a crop to fruition.

In the Bible our lives are compared to a seed bed and the fruits we produce are either those which come from our "sinful nature", they are too depressing to dwell on (we all know them), but the fruits of the Spirit, who lives in every believer, are surely what we want to produce but don't do well in our own strength. "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control".

To produce that kind of seed bed will require daily times in prayer and scripture readings. If you can I encourage you also to access Bible teaching and worship on YouTube. There is some wonderful teaching out there, which has been a real blessing when we were unable to meet for worship. The Evenlode Vale Benefice has streamed some wonderful services, including one from the chapel.

May the Lord reap a good harvest from us all, he has made an incredible investment!

Best wishes Tony