

East Loveden Churches And Parish News OCTOBER 2026



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FROM THE RECTORY

October — A Season of Change

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

October is a month of change.

The days become noticeably shorter, the mornings cooler, and the familiar green of summer gradually gives way to the rich colours of autumn. Leaves begin to fall, fields are harvested, and nature seems to remind us that nothing stays the same forever.

Perhaps that is one of the reasons I have always found autumn such a reflective time of year. We can sometimes resist change. We become comfortable with what we know and familiar with the way things are. Yet change is a natural part of life. There are seasons when we flourish and grow, and there are seasons when we have to let go of something in order to make room for what comes next.

The trees offer us a wonderful picture of this. A tree does not cling desperately to every leaf. When the time comes, it lets them go. It trusts the season. Perhaps there is something for us to learn from that. Are there things we are holding on to which we need to place into God's hands? A disappointment, a worry, an old hurt, a regret, or perhaps simply something that belongs to a previous chapter of our lives?

Letting go is not always easy. But Christian faith reminds us that we never let go alone.

God is with us in every season. The Bible is full of people who experienced change.

Abraham left his home and travelled into an unknown future.

Moses led God's people through the wilderness.

Ruth began a completely new life.

The disciples left behind what they knew to follow Jesus.

None of them knew exactly what lay ahead. But they trusted the God who did.

October also brings us back to the theme of harvest. We give thanks for food, for farmers, for creation and for all those whose work provides what we need. But harvest can also make us think about the harvest of our own lives.

What has God been growing in us?

Perhaps patience. Perhaps courage. Perhaps kindness. Perhaps a deeper faith.

Sometimes we don't notice how much we have grown until we look back.

And so, this October, perhaps we can pause and give thanks — not only for the beauty around us, but for God's faithfulness through all the seasons of our lives.

There will be times when life feels like spring, full of new beginnings.

There will be summers when everything seems to flourish.

There will be autumns when we are asked to let go.

And there may be winters when life feels quiet, difficult or uncertain.

But God is present in every season.

The promise of Scripture is not that life will always be easy. It is that we are never alone.

As the leaves fall and the evenings draw in, may we remember that God's love does not change.

So perhaps this October, as you see the autumn colours around you, take a moment to stop and notice them.

Give thanks.

Rev Georgie

PRAYER FOR OCTOBER

Heavenly Father

October is the month when our thoughts turn to Harvest and we lift up to You our farmers who have endured such a hot and dry summer. We take time now to give thanks and praise for all the produce that we have to eat. We pray that many food charities will benefit from generous donations and we give thanks for all the volunteers who share Your love in such a very practical way.

Amen.

BENEFICE PRAYER

Heavenly Father

As we put our trust in you, send Your Holy Spirit to bring vision to our planning, and guidance and direction for the future of our churches.

May we be the salt and light to this place as we embrace our diversity and work together in unity to make disciples of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

AROUND THE PARISHES

ANCASTER

The church is open most days.

The foodbank box is available in the church for donations, also available is an Ink Jet recycle box.

Ancaster Coffee Morning:

1st Friday every month. 10:00 am till 12:00 noon.

In Ancaster Village Hall.



HARVEST SERVICES IN OCTOBER

BELTON
4th @ 11:00

ANCASTER
18th @ 10:00

WELBY
18th @ 16:00

BARKSTON
25th @ 09:00

*Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good.*

PSALM 107:1



St Martin's Church



HARVEST

PLOUGHMAN'S & PUDDING

Traditional ploughman's lunch followed by a delicious
pudding

Sunday 18 October 2026

12.30 pm

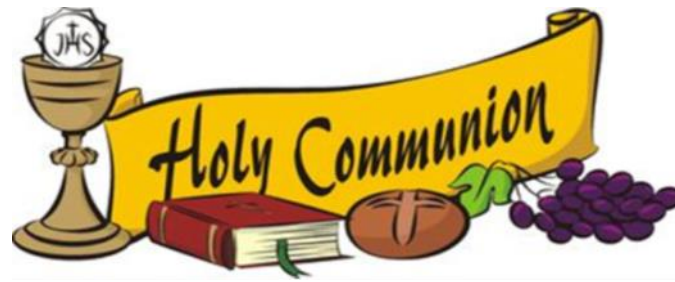
Ancaster Village Hall

£12 PER PERSON

To book, call 07773 493032



EAST LOVEDEN GROUP



4TH OCTOBER

10:00 ANCASTER MORNING PRAYER

11:00 BELTON BCP HARVEST

11TH OCTOBER

09:00 SYSTON BCP SERVICE

11:00 ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION

18TH OCTOBER

10:00 ANCASTER HARVEST PRAISE

16:00 WELBY HARVEST PRAISE

17:00 WILSFORD VILLAGE HALL COMMUNITY PRAISE

25TH OCTOBER

09:00 BARKSTON HARVEST HOLY COMMUNION

11:00 WILSFORD HOLY COMMUNION

ALL WELCOME