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Harvest Festival

It was a wonderful funeral, wasn't it, full of the richness and ceremony we do so well in Britain. But I came across an article soon afterwards in which the author expressed surprise that Her Majesty's funeral was so simple, and so like everyone else's.

Well, I suppose if you take away the thousands of beautifully choreographed military personnel in their various splendid uniforms, the royalty and dignitaries, replace the large and highly proficient choir with a smaller and less capable one, and reduce the number of clergy (enough to minister to a small diocese by the look of it) to one, then I suppose that's just what it was: a funeral like anyone else's. And what it was is exactly what it should have been.

The Queen's funeral was, understandably, a major state occasion, and many of us would have been comforted by all the ceremonial. But the Queen, apparently, viewed herself as an ordinary person doing an extraordinary job, which was the job God wanted her to do.

I wouldn't use the word 'ordinary' to describe anyone, because we are each unique, but the word does encapsulate what all of us have in common- our humanity and, to a large extent, our needs. We and the Queen have the same fundamental human nature and the largely the same physical, emotional and spiritual needs. And we all meet God as we are, without the trappings of our earthly lives.

That sounds scary, because we tend to be attached to our roles and our possessions, but it's not, because God loves each one of us, and accepts us in that humanity despite our different roles in his world.

May Her Majesty rest in peace and rise in glory- and may the rest of us, in our turn, do the same.

Please note the New Date





A Musical Afternoon

Bach to Roots*

David Johnson, David Chew and Blas Rivera St Swithin's Church, Sproatley Sunday 30 October at 3.00pm

*Enjoy an afternoon of musical delights from Bach to Argentinian and Brazilian Tango as David Johnson, former long term member of the Cologne Philharmonic Orchestra, returns to his roots here in Sproatley. David is joined by renowned cellist, David Chew and master of Tango-jazz, Blas Rivera

Free admission—Retiring collection

October Service Schedule.

Sunday 2nd October Hedon 9-30am Holy Communion Sproatley 9-30am Morning Prayer Paull 11-15am Holy Communion Preston 6-00pm Holy Communion.

Wed 5th October Celtic Eucharist at Hedon- 10-00am Friday 7th September Evening Prayer at Hedon- 6-00pm

Sunday 9th October Hedon Holy Communion 9-30am Preston 11-00am Joint Harvest Festival at All Saints' Sproatley Morning prayer 9-30am

Wednesday 12th October Celtic Eucharist at Hedon- 10-00am Friday 14th October Evening Prayer at Hedon- 6-00pm

Sunday 16th October Preston and Sproatley Harvest Festival 9-30am (joint service at Sproatley)

Sunday 23th October Hedon Harvest Festival 11-15am (followed by 'bring and share' lunch- everyone welcome) Preston and Sproatley Holy Communion 9-30am (joint service at Preston) Paull Harvest Festival 6-30pm

> Wednesday 26th October Celtic Eucharist at Hedon- 10-00am Friday 28th October Evening Prayer at Hedon- 6-00pm.

> > Sunday 30th October Paull Benefice Communion 10-00am.

St Augustine's Hedon:

Every Tuesday morning coffee mornings, and Pantry (foodbank) 10-30 to 12-00 noon every Thursday

St Andrew's Paull

Saturday 1st October Car Boot Sale,
Paull Village Playing Field 9-00am to 1-00pm
This should be the last one this year, weather permitting.

The Café in the Church at St. Andrew's Church, Paull has now closed for the Winter season but will reopen next Summer.

St Swithin's Church, Sproatley

- 9 October 11am to 4pm re-scheduled Scarecrow Festival (postponed from 11 September as a mark of respect on the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II). Lots of fun on the scarecrow trail (maps available from The Green on the day at £1) plus refreshments, tombola etc.
- 30 October 3pm Bach to Roots an afternoon of musical delight with David Johnson, former long term member of the Cologne Philharmonic Orchestra, international award winning cellist, David Chew, who also works brings music to the communities in need in Rio de Janeiro, and the exciting Argentinian saxophonist and pianist Blas Rivera. Be enthralled as David Johnson, still living in Germany, returns to his roots here in Sproatley where his grandparents farmed. Not to be missed!
- Coffee Mornings second and fourth Mondays of the month in

the Village Hall, 10.00am to 11.30am. All welcome.

• Church open five days per week, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at least between 10.00am and 4.00pm, and Sunday afternoons until 4.00pm, subject to services taking place (regular and occasional).

All Saints Preston

Preston Church is open on Saturday Mornings for Coffee/Tea and Biscuits and CHAT

All Welcome

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10am -3pm

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