

Harvest Festival 5th October

The Harvest Festival this year is, at our request, an Own Arrangement. It will be a Songs of Praise with readings, prayers and maybe more.

I should be very grateful for your suggestions of your favourite Harvest hymns. Perhaps you would like to tell everyone why you made your choice, but please still join in even if you don't want to speak during the service.

Please give me your choices as soon as possible.

Sue

Wednesday Friends

Next meetings:
1st and 15th October

Refreshments

Everyone welcome

Stay all afternoon or just call in for a 'cuppa' and a chat.

Thank you

Thank you to my Southside Friends for all the cards I received on my birthday in late August – very much appreciated.

Geoff

Southside Church Council

Our next Church Council meeting where we plan the running of the church will be
Thursday 9th October
at 7.30 pm.

All who attend worship or are involved at Southside are welcome to attend.

Church Members are encouraged to attend.

November Newsletter

If you have anything you would like published in the October edition, please send your article
in by **Midnight**
Sunday 19th October 2025

Thank you (Ed)

A Season of Change: Autumn Reflection for Our Church Family

As the leaves begin to turn and the air carries the crisp whisper of autumn, we find ourselves in a season of visible transformation. Nature reminds us that change is not only inevitable—it is sacred. Trees shed what they no longer need, making space for rest and renewal. The harvest is gathered, and we pause to give thanks for the fruits of the earth and the labour of love that brought them forth.

In our church, too, we are entering a season of change. We welcome Rev Colin as our new superintendent—a new shepherd for our flock, a new voice to guide us, a new heart to walk alongside ours. And while change can stir uncertainty, it also opens the door to growth, to fresh vision, and to deeper trust in God's unfolding plan.

Scripture speaks to this rhythm of change with gentle wisdom:
"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"
— Isaiah 43:19

God is always at work, even in the unfamiliar. Just as the earth turns and the seasons shift, so too does the Spirit move among us, calling us to let go of what was and step faithfully into what is becoming.

Autumn is a time of gathering—of harvest festivals, shared meals, and warm fellowship. As we celebrate the abundance of creation, let us also celebrate the abundance of community. Whether around the communion table or the dinner table, we eat together as one church family. We give thanks not only for the food, but for the hands that prepared it, the stories shared, and the grace that binds us.

So let us embrace this season with open hearts. Let us welcome Rev Colin with joy and prayer. Let us trust that even if we don't like change, God is in it. And let us remember that just as the harvest is gathered in love, so too are we—gathered, held, and nourished by the One who never changes.

Suzanne