

# Pitsford Parish Newsletter

OCTOBER 2015

## CHURCH SERVICES

*ALL ARE WELCOME*

EVERY SUNDAY



**8am Holy Communion (BCP) at Boughton**

**9.30am Holy Communion at Boughton**

**11am Holy Communion at Pitsford**



A big thank you to everyone involved in the Harvest Supper which took place in Pitsford Village Hall on Saturday 26 September - it was one of the best for many years, with wonderful food and a great gathering which filled the Hall.

On Sunday 18 October we will have our Harvest Festival Service in All Saints' Church, at 11am, with the traditional hymns and readings and decorations marking the season when "all is gathered in" for the coming winter.

In today's world we don't really think about where the food will come from once the harvest is completed - we can go to any supermarket and there is always more food than we will ever need, whatever the time of year - unlike our ancestors, who really had a great deal to be thankful for if it was a good harvest, and they gave thanks to God, the giver of our Daily Bread.

But there are still many people not far from us who can't use the supermarket, because they have no money to pay for food. The **Northampton Hope Centre** does a wonderful job of providing hundreds of people with hot food, day after day, an organisation run by local people to care for local people who are in great need.

Please come and celebrate the Harvest with us on 18 October, and bring gifts of food which will go to the Hope Centre, ideally tinned meat or fish or vegetables, or dried food such as rice or pasta. We are hoping to fill several car loads, and to do what we can to help. All gifts will be most welcome - I can't think of a better way to thank God for the harvest and all the blessings which we enjoy. May God bless you!

*Stephen*

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### Pitsford Scout Group

The Beavers have just visited Gallones Ice Cream Factory and had a great visit finishing off with a delicious ice cream. The Beavers will be visiting Pets at Home for their Animal Carer Badge this month, again this will be a very interesting visit. The Sixers who are the oldest ones in the Cub Scout section will have attended a Sixers camp in late September which will have been exciting for them. The theme was 'Survival'. We will be investing all new Beavers and those moving on into the next section on Thursday 8 October. The Scouts are having a survival hike to Fineshade Woods and sleeping under the shelters that they have there so I hope the weather is kind! We are holding a Christmas Fayre at the Village Hall on Saturday 21 November at 11.00 -1.00. **Georgina Miles 07836 555025**



### Pitsford Film Circle

There was a reasonable turnout for *The Imitation Game* on 19 September and it was good to see a lot of new faces. The next film will be *Testament of Youth* to be shown on Saturday 24 October in the Village Hall at 7.30 for 8.00pm. Tickets £5.50 for Adults and £5.00 for Concessions, including a free glass of wine/soft drink. ***Testament of Youth (12A) UK 2015 2hrs 9 mins. Directed by James Kent, with Hayley Alwell, Dominic West, Emily Watson, Miranda Richardson, Nicholas Farrell*** Testament of Youth is a powerful story of love, war and remembrance, based on the First World War memoir by Vera Brittain (who is incidentally is the mother of Shirley Williams), which has become the classic testimony of that war, from a woman's point of view. She abandons her studies at Oxford and became a nurse assisting wounded soldiers. A searing journey of youthful hopes and dreams to the edge of despair and back again, it's a film about young love, the futility of war and how to make sense of the darkest times. It is a thoroughly engaging history drama.

*Far from the Madding Crowd (12A)* is the following film to be shown on Friday 4 December. **Graham Ashworth 882618**

**Pitsford Thursday Club** Our outing in September was to Camden Locks and Market – I must say I wasn't too impressed with my visit but I think it was an eye opener for us country folk! The next outing this year is the Mystery Tour on Thursday 1 October where we will enjoy a Carvery on the way. If anyone wishes to join us please ring Sandra/Barry on 880630. Our Jumble Sale was not such a success this time as the local newspaper failed to include us in the *what's on* guide and there was one going on in Boughton on the same day – however, thanks to all our donations of jumble again we did make just under £200 – not bad considering only 22 people came through the door! Many thanks to all the helpers, some of them had never helped before but said that they had enjoyed the afternoon's experience – hard work but well worth it – our next one will be March/April 2016.

**Sandra Warner**

**Fundraising for Pitsford Village Hall** We are continuing to serve Breakfast/Brunch as it has proved to be such a success. The next one is on 1 October from 10.30am to 12.30pm – you don't need to reserve this but if you wish to, please ring Sandra/Barry on 880630 or Wendy on 880797 and we will try to keep to the time that you book to save you having to wait. The slogan being "We Cook It – You Eat It!" at £4.50. The Cream Teas have finished now until next July but we will be doing Mince Pies and Mulled Wine on Sundays during December. We are also having a Table Top Sale again on 24 October in the Village Hall, 11 am – 4 pm, like last time the tables will be £6 so please reserve as soon as possible. Refreshments will be on sale! Our Village Hall is looking good and the toilets and staircase are the next areas to be decorated – there is still quite a lot to do so our fundraising will continue – thanks to everyone for your loyal support to enable us to do this – it is very much appreciated.

**SW/WB**

**Pitsford WI** members were treated to a very interesting talk and demonstration "Life in the Past", by Mark Taylor from 'Dressed to Kill', a company based locally dedicated to the promotion and production of impressive medieval-style suits of armour. Mark brought to life many aspects of this fascinating period through his knowledge and obvious life-long enthusiasm. This month the meeting will be our AGM, on Tuesday October 20 in the village hall, at 7.30pm. New members are always welcomed.

**CP**

# Pitsford Royal British Legion REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Sunday 8 November 2015



As in previous years the Remembrance Sunday Parade will form up by the flagpole for our flag ceremony at 10.30am ready to march to the church at 10.45. We will be joined by the Pitsford Scout Group. If you wish to take part in the parade, please wear your medals and decorations and join the ranks of the Pitsford RBL. If you wish to stand in the ranks but feel unable to march, you will be given the opportunity to 'fall out' before we march off. Please join us on this important day.

**Poppy Appeal** Just a reminder that the annual Poppy Appeal is just around the corner. We will be collecting between 24 October and 11 November. Please give generously to the work of the British Legion in caring for many veterans and their families. **John Hancock**



## **Neighbourhood Watch**

Fortunately, Pitsford remains remarkably crime free. But we still need to take care of our property and houses and also to guard against falling victim to fraud, whether it is by fraudsters cold calling or through the internet. To help with this, we have invited our Police Community Support Officer - PCSO Natalie Halling - to talk to any interested villagers about recognising when someone is trying to defraud us. We still have to confirm a date when she will be able to visit us in Pitsford but it is likely to be in November or early December. When we have the date, I'll make sure that it is circulated through the Parish Newsletter. We have done one more thing to deter criminals - replaced the rather tired Neighbourhood Watch signs around the village with new, bright yellow, ones. **MS**

**The next edition of the newsletter will be published in November.  
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