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Sunday 11th October. Our Service of the Word will be led by Jane Sutton. The readings will be: Isaiah 25 vs 11-9 and Matthew 22 vs 1-14.
Stuart has prepared our intercessions this week, and Rev Pam McKellen has compiled our Sabbath Sustenance. Thank you.

Sunday 18th October: Rev Janice Macdonald will be leading Holy Communion.

Electoral roll

In time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which we expect to be in November, the electoral roll must be brought up to date. If you filled in a form last year you don't have to do anything but if you live in the parish or have been attending St Mary's regularly for six months and have not filled in a form and wish to be included on the roll please either collect a form from the church, complete it and post it to Jo Fageant at 1 Howard Court, 37 Howard Road, Newbury, RG14 7QF or contact Jo either at <u>jofageant@hotmail.co.uk</u> or on 01635 32657 to obtain a copy of the form.

Harvest giving. St M's people were characteristically generous with their offerings on Harvest Sunday. There was a pile of tinned and packet goods to go off in the boot of Jackie's car to the Food Bank. Our Treasurer reports that £300 has also gone off to the Food Bank from St M's. That will include the Gift Aid he has added to donations where appropriate. Who could have imagined last year that the Food Bank would be so desperately needed by so many.

Brian N Thanks everyone for their enthusiastic donations of pots for his Christmas bulb extravaganza. You can stop now.. he has enough.

Thank you to Margaret and to Jo for editing Pew News recently and for adding a different slant, for which you are probably grateful!

Thank you all for your kind card and other good wishes for our golden wedding which John and I celebrated with champagne, with a view of splendid Welsh

mountains bathed in sunlight. When we were married all those years ago, in Christ Church Sidcup, it was the day before Harvest Festival, so the church was copiously decorated with flowers, fruit and vegetables, and the choir suffered tearfully from an artistic arrangement of onions directly in front of the choir stalls. Funny what significant things you remember from 50 years ago.

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