

News for the Pews

Date: 3rd July 2022

Sunday: Trinity 3



News and Views

I'm back from two glorious weeks in the New Forest! The cottage was charming, the garden glorious. We had lots of walks, exploring areas of the Forest new to us and re-visiting favourite places from the past. We played scrabble and we read. We met up with old friends who we haven't seen for 30 years and had the two eldest grand-daughters for a sleepover! (If you are ever in the area, I highly recommend the Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium.) It was all just what I needed. And every day I thanked God for the beauty of his amazing creation and all his blessings! And it's good to be back!

This weekend sees the annual summer Foodbank collection at Tesco's. Did you know that the Trussell Trust supports a network of over 420 foodbanks (including our Fosse Foodbank)? It provides a minimum of three days' emergency food and support to people experiencing crisis in the UK. In 2020 the foodbanks supplied 2.5million emergency food parcels – more than half a million of these went to children. (And the numbers are increasing all the time.) Stopping hunger is about more than just food which is why foodbanks offer additional advice and support to tackle the underlying causes of crisis. The Trussell Trust undertakes research to identify the structural issues behind foodbank use and to find solutions; works to raise awareness of the issue of hunger in the UK and campaigns on a national level for long-term change. If you would like to get involved, I am happy to have a chat with you.

Events for the week

Sunday 3rd July – The baptism of Sophie at 2pm at St. Leonard's, Priors Marston

Monday 4th July – Building Managers' meeting at 7.30pm in Stockton Church

Tuesday 5th July – Forest Church meeting at 7pm in Napton Church

Wednesday 6th July – Priors Marston PCC meeting at 2pm in church

Saturday 9th July – the wedding of James and Peggy-Sue at 2pm in St. Leonard's Church, Priors Marston

Saturday 9th July – afternoon teas from 2pm to 4pm at St. John the Baptist Church, Lower Shuckburgh

Services next Sunday – 10th July – Trinity 4

9.00am – BCP Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church, Wormleighton

10.30am – CW Holy Communion at St. Leonard's Church, Priors Marston

10.30am – Methodist Communion at St. Michael's Church, Stockton

10.30am – Morning Worship at St. Lawrence's Church, Napton

5.00pm – BCP Evensong at St. Mary's Church, Priors Hardwick

Bible readings for the week are: Deuteronomy 30:9-14 and Luke 10:25-37

And finally

At the Archdeacon's visitation this week, we were reminded of the importance of "enabling new things" – identifying our gifts, working together collaboratively as teams – clergy, churchwardens, PCCs, congregations and communities.

Let us pray: "Loving God, take all that we do and give to it the grandeur of your will, the wonder of Christ's abundant life and the truth and power of your Holy Spirit. Carry our life into the world which you so love, that we may be part of the bringing in of your reign, witness to your justice and peace and friends to all who long for love. This we pray in your name. Amen." [© Dorothy McRae-McMahon]

God bless,

Gillian

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