

News for the Pews

Date: 5th June

Sunday: Pentecost



News and Views

Thank you to everyone who came to the Gathering at St. Mary's in Priors Hardwick last Sunday – it was lovely to have a church full of people and singing. A special thank you to Alan & Annette Hone for sharing the story of their mission in Papua New Guinea. £350 from the collection will be going to the Mission Aviation Fellowship. And also thank you to the fantastic team who welcomed us and managed to serve refreshments to so many people! What a joyful morning!

The Group Council looked at the first draft of the Parish Profile on Monday. This is part of the process for recruiting two House for Duty Associate Ministers to live in the vicarages in Priors Marston and Napton. I attach the list of priorities that we agreed, plus the draft advert. If you have any comments, please talk to your Group Council representative.

The next national Tesco Foodbank collection is coming up. We are looking for volunteers to help in store at the following times: Thursday 30th June 12-4pm; Friday 1st July 11-5pm; Saturday 2nd July 11-5pm. Volunteers can sign up for 2 hour shifts. We are aiming for 2-3 volunteers per shift. Volunteers will be showing shoppers our shopping lists, thanking them for donations and packing donations into boxes. Anyone who is able to help please contact Fiona, the Foodbank manager: fiona@fosse.foodbank.org.uk.

I attach a poster about a special service in Coventry Cathedral on 7th June for Christian business leaders. Isabella Moore is involved with this organisation and I know she would appreciate your support.

And also see the poster about a special outdoor Summer Solstice service at Napton at 4.00am (yes, that is correct) on 21st June.

Events for the week

Monday 6th June – Messy Church planning meeting at 7.30pm in Stockton Church

Tuesday 7th June – the pupils from the ARC school in Napton will be visiting the church between 10am & 2pm

Wednesday 8th June – Stockton PCC meeting at 7.00pm in Stockton Church

Services next Sunday – 12th June – Trinity Sunday

10.30am – CW Holy Communion for Trinity Sunday with Archdeacon Barry Dugmore in St. Leonard's Church, Priors Marston – everyone is encouraged to come along to hear and chat with the Archdeacon.

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

Bible readings for the week are: Romans 5:1-5 and John 16:12-15

And finally

As we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a prayer for Her Majesty: "O God, you provide for your people by your power, and rule over them in love: receive the gratitude which we offer this day for your servant Elizabeth our Queen. Send your blessing upon her work, that under her we may be wisely governed, and all people may serve you in faith, hope, and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

God bless,
Gillian

(For more details of events and diary dates, see our website: www.thebridgesgroup.org.uk or the parish magazines)