

## News for the Pews

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Sunday: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



### News and Views

Some sad news, I'm afraid, to begin and please excuse the impersonal nature of relaying it to you. I learnt last week that Rev. Michael Greig (my predecessor and to whom I owe my life), has just been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer (he has given me permission to share this with you.) He has asked for prayer for the successful control of the pain and for a speedy appointment with an oncologist. We should also remember Zena, James and Josh and the rest of his family who are still reeling from this diagnosis. He would prefer us not to telephone him but please do contact him via email or post if you would like to.

On a lighter note, last week we had unexpected guests for lunch – Alan & Annette Hone all the way from Papua New Guinea (via several other places!) We heard all about their experiences with MAFF and I'm looking forward to hearing more when they come to talk at the Gathering on 29<sup>th</sup> May at Priors Hardwick.

This year, Coventry Cathedral is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee. There will be a special celebration of thanksgiving with the Archbishop of Canterbury on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00am. See attached poster.

The diocese is running two more BCDM courses later in the summer. Here are the details:

**Mission-Shaped God:** *This is a 'why-to' rather than 'how-to' module about mission, which will help you to understand what God is doing in the world and how you can join in. We'll look at the 'five marks of mission' and find that, though evangelism is an essential and important part of mission, it's not the whole story...* On Zoom - Monday evenings 19.00-21.30 6th June-4th July – led by Charles Higgins

**Encountering God: Spirituality:** *This module is designed to help us take stock of where God is at work in our busy lives. Whether through prayer, scripture, the great outdoors or the simple encounters of everyday life, God can and does speak to each one of us and uses us to speak to others. Come along to find practical ways to experience more of God's presence in your life.* At St Nicolas, Nuneaton - Thursday Evenings, 19:00-21:30, 16 June -14 July. To enrol in any of the above courses, please follow the following link - <https://www.equiphub.org.uk/category/bcdm/>

A group from Napton attended the Christian conference "Spring Harvest" in Easter week in Minehead and had a wonderful time! You might spot them if you watch Songs of Praise on BBC1 (8<sup>th</sup> May).

### Events for the week

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May – the funeral of Neil Justice at 11.00am at St. Leonard's Church, Priors Marston

### Looking ahead

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May – A service of Matins led by members of the Prayer Book Society at 11am at St. Mary's Church, Priors Hardwick. All are welcome

### Services next Sunday – 15<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

9.00am – BCP Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church, Priors Hardwick

10.30am – CW Holy Communion at St. Lawrence's Church, Napton

10.30am – Morning Worship at St. Leonard's Church, Priors Marston

4.00pm – Messy Church at St. Michael's Church, Stockton

Bible readings for the week are: Acts 11:1-18 and John 13:31-35

### And finally

A prayer for the week: "Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen."

God bless,  
Gillian

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