

News for the Pews

Date: 12th June 2022

Sunday: Trinity Sunday



News and Views

What an amazing 4 days of celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee! It was very busy with flower festivals, fetes, beacon lighting, plant sale, village history displays, a picnic by the lake, songs of praise services and lots of opportunities for cake and conversations! Well done and thank you to everyone who made it such a special time for our six parishes!

It was lovely to welcome the pupils from the Arc School in Napton on a visit to the church. We had a treasure hunt, wrote lotus flower prayers that opened up in the font then heard the story of the Lost Sheep (having found the stained glass window of the story!) They were well behaved, listened attentively and asked some challenging questions!

We are hoping to get the advert out for the two House for Duty Associate Minister appointments in the next couple of weeks. Please pray for this process – that the right people might be nudged by God to apply!

Next month, I plan to re-introduce the shared cup and bread for communion, served at the altar rail. There will be clear instructions to those on duty but if you prefer not to receive the wine, please leave the rail once you have had the bread. Please do not dip your bread into the wine – this is less hygienic with the risk of fingers touching the wine – and it leaves a sludge at the bottom of the chalice which I then have to consume!

Events for the month

Wednesday 15th June – Stockton Church lunch – soups and puddings – from 12noon in church

Thursday 16th June – Deanery Synod at 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room in Harbury

Monday 20th June – Napton PCC at 7pm in church

Wednesday 22nd June – Midweek Matins (NOTE – not Holy Communion this month) at 10am at L. Shuckburgh

Wednesday 29th June – the Archdeacons' visitation for churchwardens at 7.30pm in St. Mark's Church, Bilton

Services for the next 3 weeks:

Sunday 19th June – Trinity 1 - Bible readings for the week are: Isaiah 65:1-9 and Luke 8:26-39

9am – Morning Worship at St. Mary's Priors Hardwick (NOTE – this is not a Communion service)

10.30am – Communion by Extension at St. Lawrence's, Napton

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

4pm – Messy Church gets fishy at St. Michael's, Stockton

Sunday 26th June – Trinity 2 - Bible readings for the week are: 1 Kings 19:5-16, 19-end and Luke 9:51-end

10.30am – CW Holy Communion with guest preacher, Graham Howe, at St. Michael's, Stockton

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

10.30am – Morning Worship at St. Peter's, Wormleighton

5pm – Evening Worship reflecting on the Living Water of Christ at St. Lawrence's, Napton

Sunday 3rd July – Trinity 3 - Bible readings for the week are: Isaiah 66:10-14 and Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

9am – Morning Worship at St. Mary's, Priors Hardwick

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

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

10.30am – Morning Worship at St. Michael's, Stockton

And finally

A prayer for Trinity Sunday: "Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever."

God bless,
Gillian