

## News for the Pews

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022**

**Sunday: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**



### News and Views

It was great to be back in the schools on Monday for assemblies. We talked about gifts & talents, and how we all have different gifts that God wants us to use to make a difference. I took a variety of brushes with me – toothbrush, dog brush, dustpan and brush etc – they are all brushes but each have a special “gift”. Mr. Emms at Priors School decided to brush his hair with the toilet brush .....

And on Wednesday, St. Mary’s Church hosted the Prayer Book Society’s service of sung Matins which was a joyous occasion – it took me back to my school days! Well done and thank you to everyone who took part.

Also on Wednesday, I attended the Fosse Foodbank Steering Group meeting. As you can imagine, the number of clients is increasing significantly while the donations are decreasing (but not so significantly). I attach some statistics for your information. And another thank you to everyone who supports the local foodbank – whether that is volunteering or donating – your support is much appreciated.

### Events for the week

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May – “Growing the Heart of England” roadshow at 7.30pm in St. Paul’s Church, Leamington

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May – BCP Holy Communion at 10am at St. John the Baptist Church, Lower Shuckburgh, celebrating Ascension Day (I know, it’s a day early!), followed by coffee and cake

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May – Celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Coventry Cathedral, with Archbishop Justin at 11am

### Looking ahead

The Platinum Jubilee celebrations for the Queen are happening across our group of parishes from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June but there are far too many events to list them all here. Most of them will be in the parish magazines and some are on our website – please go and join in the fun with your local community. But here are the details of the special Songs of Praise Church celebrations that are happening. Don’t forget to nominate your favourite hymn by email to [admin@thebridgesgroup.org.uk](mailto:admin@thebridgesgroup.org.uk) or message your church Facebook page.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 4.30pm in St. Lawrence’s Church, Napton – with tea and cake served from 4.00pm

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June – 10.30am in St. Michael’s Church, Stockton – with coffee and cake afterwards

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June – 11.00am for an open air service on the green in Priors Hardwick (in church if wet)

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June – 3.00pm in St. Leonard’s Church, Priors Marston – with tea and cake afterwards

### Services next Sunday – 29<sup>th</sup> May – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10.30am – The Gathering at St. Mary’s Church, Priors Hardwick

Bible readings for the week are to be confirmed

### And finally

I have a sense that a lot of people are struggling with things at the moment and we have lost the joy of being Easter people. As I was reading Psalm 147, this prayer was included alongside it. I hope it helps. “Great is our Lord and mighty in power. Compassionate God, as you know each star you have created, so you know the secrets of every heart; in your loving mercy bring to your table all who are fearful and broken, all who are wounded and needy, that our hungers may be satisfied in the city of your peace; through Jesus Christ who is our peace. 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)