

News for the Pews

Date: 24th July 2022

Sunday: Trinity 6



News and Views

We have launched our new website: www.thebridgesgroup.org.uk Please take a look and let me know what you think! We have included some pictures that we hope reflect who we are, with information about church life. The pages will look a bit different depending how you access the website – smart phone, tablet, laptop etc. The text still needs tweaking a bit, particularly to include details about accessibility in each of the churches (availability of toilets, car-parking, baby-changing, wheelchair access etc.) And up-to-date news will depend on you letting me have details of what's going on – preferably in jpg format please!

Next Sunday – 31st July – is a fifth Sunday, so we are having our annual outdoor Gathering. This will take place at 10.30am at Holt Farm (the home of Angie & Neil Adkins), Holt Road, Napton, CV47 1AJ. If the weather is good, we will be in the wild flower meadow. If it is not so good, it will be in the barn. Seating will be provided. If you can help with serving refreshments or can provide a cake, please let me know. Jesus often gathered people together in the open air – not in a building – beside a lake or in the wilderness, challenging people to think about God in a new way. And he calls us to come out of the confines of our church buildings and experience the wide open spaces of God's love for us. Please join us!

Over the six weeks of the school holidays, Stockton Church will be providing a free lunch on Tuesdays from 12noon. If you know anyone who might be struggling because of the economic crisis or who just wants to meet up for a chat, please let them know. It would also be helpful to let Wendy Turner know numbers please!

Events for the week

Monday 25th July – the funeral of Jill Carter at 12noon at St. Leonard's Church, Priors Marston

Monday 25th July – Group Council BBQ at 6.30pm at Sycamore Lodge

Tuesday 26th July – the funeral of Alice Williams at 2pm at St. Lawrence's Church, Napton

Tuesday 26th July – Family lunch from 12noon at Stockton Church (see above for details)

Tuesday 26th July – Lower Shuckburgh PCC meeting at 7pm in church

Wed 27th July – Midweek BCP Holy Communion at 10am at St. John the Baptist Church, Lower Shuckburgh

Thursday 28th July – the funeral of Barbara Farndon at 11am at St. Lawrence's Church, Napton

Saturday 30th July – interment of ashes of Frances Sherlock at 12noon at St. Leonard's, Priors Marston

Saturday 30th July – Afternoon teas at St. John the Baptist Church, Lower Shuckburgh

Looking ahead

Saturday 20th August – "How wild is your churchyard?" - Napton Bioblitz from 11am – 3pm

Sunday 21st August – Messy Church Goes Wild with a Great God-family picnic and outdoor adventure from 4pm - 5.30pm at Holt Farm, Holt Road, Napton, CV47 1AJ – more details to follow.

Service next Sunday – 31st July – Outdoor Gathering, 10.30am at Holt Farm, Holt Road, Napton, CV47 1AJ

And finally

It was a great to have the schools in church this week for their leavers' service. I introduced them to Edith the eagle and encouraged them to soar like eagles, to be strong and courageous, to stay focussed on their goals and to rise above the storms. As they get ready to leave the nest, they can soar like eagles, knowing that God is always with them, to protect them, to catch them when they fall. (See Isaiah 40:27-31).

Let us pray for our school leavers: "Lord, we ask your blessing on our young people. May they be reminded of the love and care that their schools have shown them, the seeds that were planted and the many things they have learnt. If there are hurts, fears or worries that they are carrying, help them to lay them down and instead to take up hope, love and courage as they get ready for secondary school. Amen"

God bless,
Gillian

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