

News for the Pews
Date: 31st July 2022
Sunday: Trinity 7



News and Views

I have just done a quick calculation: following the end of year school services, a wedding, a (triple) baptism and three funerals in the last ten days, I think I have probably shared the Good News of Jesus with around 380 children and 380 adults! What a responsibility, joy and privilege!

On a more serious note, I have just completed part one of my Safeguarding Leadership training. One of the issues they asked us to consider is: what evidence is there in our churches of good safeguarding practice. I think we are good on the tangible evidence: posters on noticeboards, policies and procedures in place, details on the website, Parish Safeguarding Officers in post, items around safeguarding on every PCC agenda etc. But how are we on the cultural side of safeguarding; how well is it embedded in the ethos of the church? What evidence do you see of us providing a safe, welcoming and nurturing environment where everyone can flourish?

Events for the week

Tuesday 2nd August - Family lunch from 12noon at Stockton Church

Wednesday 3rd August- Funeral of Steve Bull at 12noon at Oakley Wood

Saturday 6th August – Afternoon tea from 2pm-4pm at St. John the Baptist Church, Lower Shuckburgh

Sunday 7th August – Teas on the Green from 2pm-4pm on Napton Green (bring your own chair or rug)

Sunday 7th August – The baptism of Darcie Mae at 2pm at St. Mary's Church, Priors Hardwick

Looking ahead

Saturday 20th August – “How wild is your churchyard?” Bioblitz in Napton Churchyard from 11am-3pm

Sunday 21st August – Messy Church goes Wild with a “Great God-family picnic” and outdoor adventure at from 4pm – 5.30pm at Holt Farm, Napton. Bring your own picnic, we'll provide some treats.

Services next Sunday 7th August – Trinity 8

9.00am – Morning Worship 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

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

Bible readings for the week are: Genesis 15:1-6 and Luke 12:32-40

And finally

The theme of our services last week was prayer. I found the words of this hymn very helpful:

Listening God, you hear us when we cannot speak,
when despair and turmoil leave us faint and weak.
In love you call us back to you again
and your grace reminds us how you feel our pain.

Searching God, you find us when we go astray,
as self-centred living takes us from your way.
In love you seek us, show us what we've lost,
And your tears remind us what forgiveness cost.

Suffering God, you lift us from our deepest grief,
when emotion blinds us to our own belief.
In love you touch us with your nail-torn hand
and your wounds remind us why you understand.

Risen God, you show us love too strong for death,
Evil deeds defeated by your living breath.
In love you teach us never to despair,
Your new life reminds us, hope is always there.

God bless,
Gillian

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