

News for the Pews

Date: Sunday 28th August 2022

Sunday: Trinity 11



News and Views

Thank you to those who responded to my request last week for prayer for recruits for our two House for Duty posts. This week I have had a telephone enquiry Please keep praying!

We also had a very good initial meeting for people interested in being part of the Pastoral Care Team. We had a bible study to understand how God cares for the whole of his creation. We also saw how Jesus' death and resurrection were the embodiment of God's care for the whole of humanity. If we believe our focus should be the Kingdom of God; that we are made in the image of God; that we share the life of Jesus, then caring for others should be an integral part of everything we think, feel, speak and do, woven into every aspect of being a disciple of Jesus. If you would like to join the team, please let me know.

This week saw the penultimate summer holiday family lunch in Stockton Church. We served 30 people with meatballs and pasta sauce, fruit, yogurts and ice-cream. We also had a lot of fun and conversations.

Events for the week

Saturday 27th – Monday 29th August – Art and Craft Exhibition in Stockton Church, with refreshments

Sunday 28th August – Teas on the Green at Napton from 2pm- 4pm

Sunday 28th August – Pet Service on the Green at Napton at 4pm

Tuesday 30th August – Summer Holiday Family Lunch in Stockton Church from 12noon

Saturday 3rd September – Deanery meeting for Treasurers at 10.30am at St. Nicholas Church, Radford Semele (please note change of venue)

Saturday 3rd September – the baptism of Harper at 2pm at St. Leonard's Church, Priors Marston

Saturday 3rd September – Afternoon tea at St. John the Baptism Church, Lower Shuckburgh from 2pm-4pm

Looking ahead

Wednesday 7th September – the licensing of Rev. Richard Suffern as Priest-in-Charge for Long Itchington and Marton at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church, Long Itchington

Saturday 10th September – Lower Shuckburgh Summer Fete and raffle from 2pm-4pm in church

Sunday 11th September – Patronal Festival at 5pm at St. Mary's Church, Priors Hardwick with Bishop John

Services next Sunday – 4th September – Trinity 12

9.00am – BCP Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Priors Hardwick (please note swap with 3rd Sunday)

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

Bible readings for the week are: Deuteronomy 30:15 to end and Luke 14:25-33

And finally

This week saw the celebration of the Festival of Bartholomew, the Apostle. He is probably the same person as Nathanael, who is usually associated with Philip. There are only four mentions of him in the New Testament. Traditionally, Bartholomew served as a missionary in Ethiopia, Mesopotamia, Parthia (in Iran) and Lycaonia (in Turkey) and Armenia. This is his collect: "Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen."

God bless,
Gillian

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