

**News for the Pews**  
**Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022**  
**Sunday: Trinity 16**



**News and Views**

As there isn't much news this week, I thought you might like an insight into a fairly typical week in the life of a vicar (me, this week!)

Monday – morning prayer; out of the house by 9am to set up for the Napton School harvest festival in church; catching up with backlog of emails; out to Little Lawrence's harvest festival; preparation for the Group Council meeting; Stockton weekly prayer meeting; Group Council – back to the house just before 10pm.

Tuesday – morning prayer; car at the garage so no outings; 3 agendas to prepare; paperwork (a week past deadline) for my annual peer review; 2 very difficult pastoral telephone calls (bereavement and sexual abuse); approval of headstone applications; several building issues; wedding queries (for 2024!)

Wednesday – morning prayer; BCP Communion service; preparation for HfD interviews; programme for delivering Christian input to the RE curriculum for the Arc School; preparation for school governor safeguarding training (then cancelled); more emails.

Thursday – a day off but time spent writing this; preparing and delivering baptism preparation for 3 families.

Friday – my second day off – visiting NT Hanbury Hall orchard to pick heritage apples; plus some preparation for Sunday's services and letting the organist know the hymns.

Saturday – attending the Diocesan "Greenhouse" session to "reflect, dream and plan for new things" in our parishes; (missing coffee morning at Shuckburgh - sorry); finalising plans for Sunday; Stockton harvest supper.

**Events for the week**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Stockton School Harvest Festival in church at 9.30am

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Priors School Harvest Festival in church at 1.30pm

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Group Treasurers' meeting at 7.30pm via Zoom

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Priors Marston PCC meeting at 2pm in church

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October – "Belong & Believe" Celtic course at 7.30pm at Harbury Village Club

**Looking ahead**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October – The Gathering at 10.30am at St. John the Baptist Church, Lower Shuckburgh

**Services next Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Trinity 17**

9.00am – BCP Holy Communion at St. Peter's, Wormleighton

10.30am – CW Holy Communion at St. Leonard's, Priors Marston

10.30am – Morning Worship at St. Lawrence's, Napton

10.30am – Methodist-led Holy Communion at St. Michael's, Stockton

5.00pm – Harvest Festival at St. Mary's, Priors Hardwick

Bible readings for the week are: 2 Kings 5:1-5a, 7-15c and Luke 17:11-19

**And finally**

Thursday this week was the Patronal Festival of St. Michael & All Angels. The bible readings for the day are dramatic and visionary (Daniel and Revelation), focussing on the defeat of sin and Satan. At the heart of Michaelmas is the reality and presence of angels – the heavenly host – and their participation and ultimate victory in the war against darkness. The collect for the day is: "Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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."

God bless,  
Gillian

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