News for the Pews Date: 4th September 2022 Sunday: Trinity 12



News and Views

Well done and thank you to:

The Stockton team for the fantastic Arts & Crafts Exhibition (+ tea and cakes) during the Stockton village festival over the bank holiday – what great talents there are out there! And for the amazing scarecrow of our "hero" Jesus the Good Shepherd! Also for providing lunch for lots and lots of families over the summer. To Niki at Lower Shuckburgh for the delicious tea and cakes on Saturday afternoons – and the important opportunities they provided for some significant conversations. (Don't forget the fete next week.) To the Napton team for providing yet more occasions to drink tea and eat cake and have chats on Sunday afternoons; for encouraging me to have a Pet Service (my first ever) – and making it happen; and also to Helen and Caroline for providing friendship and support for the mums and tots at the holiday club. I'm sorry if I have missed anything else going on – it has been a busy few weeks! But well done everyone – both for organising and taking part in lots of summer activities that have built community and fellowship.

Events for the week

Monday 5th Sept – Parish Safeguarding Officers' meeting at 7.30pm in Stockton Church Wednesday 7th Sept – the licensing of Rev. Richard Suffern at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Church, Long Itchington Friday 9th Sept – Napton's Harvest Supper at 6.30pm at Holt Farm (tickets available from PCC members) Saturday 10th Sept – Lower Shuckburgh Fete and Heritage Open Day from 2pm- 4pm in church Saturday 10th Sept – the wedding of George and Heidi at 2pm in St. Lawrence's Church, Napton

Looking ahead – Harvest Festivals

Sunday 25th September at 10.30am at St. Peter's Church, Wormleighton Sunday 25th September at 4pm at St. Lawrence's Church, Napton Sunday 2nd October at 10.30am at St. Michael's & All Angels' Church, Stockton Sunday 2nd October at 3.30pm at St. Leonard's Church, Priors Marston Sunday 9th October at 5pm at St. Mary's Church, Priors Hardwick

Services next Sunday – 11th September – Trinity 13

9.00am – BCP Holy Communion at St. Peter's in Wormleighton
10.30am – CW Holy Communion at St. Leonard's in Priors Marston
10.30am – Methodist Communion at St. Michael's in Stockton
10.30am – Morning Worship at St. Lawrence's in Napton
5.00pm – Patronal Festival, celebrating the birth of our Lady the Virgin, at St. Mary's Church, Priors Hardwick, with Bishop John, the bishop of Warwick.
Bible readings for the week are: Exodus 32:7-14 and Luke 15:1-10

And finally

A prayer for those starting or returning to school: "Loving God, let me be strong today as I meet new people in new places. Make me brave when I am worried. Show me how to learn from everyone around me and help me to do my very best. Amen." (Actually, it could probably apply to all of us, every day!)

God bless, Gillian

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