

News for the Pews

Date: 11th September 2022

Sunday: Trinity 13



News and Views

It was with deep sadness that I heard of the death of her Majesty the Queen on Thursday evening. She was such a special lady: devoted to the people of this country and the Commonwealth, a wise leader and a faithful Christian whose trust in God was the bedrock of her life of service. She lived out her faith every single day. I am sure everyone joins me in giving thanks for the Queen's life, remembering those who are grieving and to pray for our new King Charles III.

So many people have expressed to me that it feels like our "comfort blanket" has been torn away in this ever-changing and increasingly fragile world. It has brought out a great sense of mourning, not just for the loss of the Queen, but also other deeply held (often hidden) griefs. Let's be kind to each other at this time.

As soon as the Queen's death was announced, Operation London Bridge kicked into action and a whole process of arrangements had to be put into place, with guidance coming thick and fast from Lambeth Palace and the Diocese! There were short services of prayer and reflection held in our four larger churches on Friday (all very well attended). There are books of condolence and a place to lay floral tributes in each church. Arrangements were made for the bells to be tolled. And new plans put in place for our Sunday services this week and next – which will focus on the life of the Queen and include prayers for King Charles.

Events for the next two weeks – there will be no News for the Pews next week

Thursday 15th September – Deanery Synod meeting at 7.30pm in the Tom Hauley Room, Harbury

Friday 16th September – the funeral for Rev. Michael Greig at 3pm in the Parish Church in Buckingham

Sunday 18th September – the baptism of Harrison at 2pm in Stockton Church

Wednesday 21st September – Soup lunch at 12noon in Stockton Church

Friday 23rd Sept – The Autumn Equinox – Forest Church celebration at 6.30pm in Napton Churchyard (see poster)

Saturday 24th September – the wedding of Scott and Cath at 1pm in St. Lawrence's Church, Napton

Looking ahead

Saturday 1st October – Stockton Harvest Supper at 7pm in Stockton Church

Services next Sunday 18th September – Trinity 14

9am – Morning Worship at St. Mary's Church, Priors Hardwick

10.30am – CW Holy Communion by extension at St. Lawrence's Church, Napton

10.30am – Morning Worship at St. Leonard's Church, Priors Marston

Bible readings for the week are: Amos 8:4-7 & Luke 16:1-13 (these may change to reflect the period of mourning)

Services on Sunday 25th September – Trinity 15

10.30am – CW Holy Communion at St. Michael's Church, Stockton

10.30am – Harvest Festival at St. Peter's Church, Wormleighton

3.00pm – A celebration of the Season of Creation (see poster) at St. Leonard's Church, Priors Marston

4.00pm – Harvest Festival at St. Lawrence's Church, Napton

Bible readings for the week are: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 and Luke 16:19-end

And finally

A prayer for King Charles III: "Everlasting God, we pray for our new King Charles III. Bless his reign and the life of our nation. Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

God bless,
Gillian

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