

News for the Pews

Date: 16th October 2022

Sunday: Trinity 18



News and Views

On Tuesday this week I showed our Area Dean Andy and Associate Archdeacon Tim around our villages as they are both fairly new in post and don't know our area at all. We visited each church. They met some of the Create & Play mums in Stockton and saw the boundary wall that could cost us £100,000 to repair. They were impressed with how accessible the building is for use by the wider community. At Lower Shuckburgh, Niki kindly provided us with a cup of coffee while the men were fitting the new pew runners. Tim loved the "Moorish" brickwork. Then onto Napton where they were amazed by the 360° views from the top of the hill and the opportunities offered there for Forest Church. They were struck by the number of visitors who come to the church and enjoy the hospitality. After a delicious lunch at the Kings Head, we moved on to Priors Marston. The wonderful trees in the churchyard were admired as were the glass screen and open space at the back of the church. Some useful advice was given about the potential disposal of the old organ. At Priors Hardwick, Tim was immediately struck by the grandeur of the organ. And I had an opportunity to explain the plans for the re-ordering of the church. On the way to Wormleighton I showed them the devastation being caused by HS2. At the church we were welcomed in the churchyard by the sheep "safely grazing" and inside by the electricians fitting the new heated pew cushions. Tim was particularly interested in the memorials on the walls. The day was a valuable chance to share with Andy and Tim some of the joys and frustrations of rural multi-parish ministry. They were both impressed with how well kept all the churchyards are and the variety of activities that take place in our parishes – well done everyone!

As a result of the meeting, Tim is going to speak to Archdeacon Barry about the next step in filling our House for Duty posts. I will keep you informed.

Events for the week

Monday 17th October – Napton PCC meeting at 7pm at Jayne's home

Wednesday 19th October – midweek BCP Communion at 10am at St. John the Baptist, Lower Shuckburgh

Wednesday 19th October – soup lunch from 12noon in Stockton Church

Sunday 23rd October – the baptism of Amy and Emilia at 2pm in St. Lawrence's Church, Napton

Looking ahead

Sunday 30th October – the Gathering at 10.30am at St. John the Baptist Church, Lower Shuckburgh

Services next Sunday 23rd October – Trinity 19 – Bible Sunday

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

10.30am – Morning Worship at St. Peter's, Wormleighton

3.00pm – Café Church for Bible Sunday

5.00pm – BCP Evensong at St. Lawrence's Church, Napton

Bible readings for the week are: Romans 15:1-6 and Luke 4:16-24

And finally

The collect for this week: "God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given 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)