

## News for the Pews

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Sunday: All Saints' Day



### News and Views

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, we are holding the next in our series of "Celtic Church" (we haven't agreed a definitive name yet!). The date marks that time of year when "summer goes to rest" and the "darker" half of the year begins. We think about darkness, death and decay as the clocks change, trees and plants die back and animals go into hibernation. As Christians we look for hope in the darkness. You are invited to join us at 7.00pm at St. Lawrence's Church for a time of reflection and to be drawn into God's presence within his created world. There will be opportunities to wander around outside or be inside as we use the imagery of trees to focus on the condition of our own Christian life. (Please dress for the weather – but there will be hot chocolate and blankets!)

### Events for the week

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Celtic New Year at 7.00pm at St. Lawrence's Church, Napton (see poster)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – the funeral of Rita Cook at 12noon at St. Mary's Church, Priors Hardwick

### Looking ahead

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Messy Church goes to Priors Marston, from 4pm till 5.30pm, in church. We will help people understand how everyone can be part of God's family. There will be crafts, a story and food!

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November – annual Bereavement service at 4pm, followed by refreshments, at St. Lawrence's Church, Napton. This is for anyone who has lost loved ones recently (or not so recently).

Please forward invitations to either of these events to anyone you know who might find them useful.

### Services next Sunday – 6<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent

9.00am – Morning Worship at St. Mary's, Priors Hardwick

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: Job 19:23-27a and Luke 20:27-38

### And finally

A prayer for All Saints' Day: "God of light, you have called your saints in every age to live lives of transparent integrity, to be honest in their faults and failings, to be open in their weakness and vulnerability that your all-sufficient grace may shine through them. Inspire us now to follow your saints in faith and hope. Shine through our living with your one true light, revealed in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen."

God bless,  
Gillian

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