

News for the Pews

Date: 5th March 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent



News and Views

Last week, Jan and I loaded up a car full of nappies, lots of other baby necessities, toiletries, sanitary products, cleaning things, basic food stuffs and lots more to make a delivery to Carriers of Hope (a charity working with refugees) in Coventry. It was the turn of our home group to be "donor of the week". Thank you so much to everyone who contributed. The volunteers at the warehouse were overwhelmed by your generosity. They gave us a tour of their warehouse and explained all the different projects they run, including a furniture project for families who are moved into empty homes; a baby project with everything a new mum and baby will need during their stay in hospital; a toy project for children who have none. They support families with school uniforms. They take emergency items to newly arrived families. They run a World Foods Hub with reduced cost world foods. With just a small team, they are truly amazing!

Two invitations:

On Sunday 12th March at 10.30am, the President of the Methodist Conference (the head of the Methodist Church) is preaching at Stratford-upon-Avon Methodist Church, Old Town, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 6BG and you are invited to go along. There will be NO MORNING SERVICE at Stockton that day.

On Thursday 6th April, Maundy Thursday, the Chrism Eucharist is taking place at 10.30am in Coventry Cathedral. This is when clergy reaffirm their vows, as well as marking the commemoration of Christ's passion. If you would like to come along and support me, please let me know. There is also an opportunity to stay for a light lunch after the service.

Events for the week

Monday 6th March – Parish Safeguarding Officers' meeting at 7.30pm at Sycamore Lodge

Wednesday 8th March – Lent Lunch from 12noon in Napton Village Hall

Wednesday 8th March – Lent course at 7.30pm in Stockton Church

Saturday 11th March – Joint PCC meeting to discuss future plans for the Group. 9am for 9.30am in Stockton Church. Please bring something for the shared lunch. Drinks will be provided. Let me know if you are coming.

Looking ahead

Sunday 26th March – Napton Easter Craft Fair, including the Napton Knit & Natter ladies, from 11am till 3pm in Napton Village Hall – all proceeds to St. Lawrence's Church

Services next Sunday 12th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent:

9am – 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

2pm – Baptism of Oliver at St. Michael's, Stockton

5pm – BCP Evensong at St. Mary's, Priors Hardwick

Bible readings for the week are: Romans 5:1-11 and John 4:5-42

And finally

The collect for this week: "Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; 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)