

**News for the Pews**  
**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023**  
**Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**



### **News and Views**

The Holy Communion service for The Gathering, held at Stockton last Sunday was a very special occasion. It was the earliest opportunity for Bishop Christopher, Bishop of Coventry to come to mark Gillian's retirement and the end of her ministry here. Representatives from the parishes read the lessons and led the prayers of intercession and as usual the Stockton people provided a very well organised event and wonderful refreshments afterwards. Over 40 people attended.

Our thanks must go to Mrs Heather Chamberlain, the organist for the lovely selection of music she played before the service as well as the hymns, and our thanks also to Bishop Christopher for his visit, his inspiring address and his generosity in the time spent with us both before and after the service. It was a treat to note his wonderful white and gold vestments indicating the victory and joy of Eastertime.

### **Looking ahead**

ASCENSION DAY – THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 7.00PM AT PRIORS HARDWICK

Following the popularity of the Easter Carol Services this will be in a similar form. With plenty of well-known hymns and tunes – not to be missed!! Please join us to celebrate the important but often overlooked festival in the Christian calendar.

### **Services this Sunday:**

9.00am Morning Worship following the Coronation, at Priors Hardwick  
10.30am CW Holy Communion at Napton – Priest to be announced  
10.30am Morning Worship at Stockton  
10.30am Morning Worship following the Coronation, at Priors Marston

### Readings for the Week

Acts 7: 55-end and John 14:15-21- (or for the Coronation Ephesians 3: 14-21)

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May – and Monday 8<sup>th</sup> the Coronation – please refer to local notices

Services Next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> May The Sixth Sunday of Easter:

10.30am Morning Worship at Napton  
10.30am Communion at Stockton  
10.30am CW Communion at Priors Marston  
5.00pm Evensong at Priors Hardwick

God bless,

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