

News for the Pews
Date: 21st May 2023
Sunday: Easter 7



News and Views

We, as churches, find ourselves in a place of transition, in a liminal place between what was and what will be. We are working together on agreeing the way forward and we are definitely stronger together, despite our differences of tradition and opinion. This place that we find ourselves in can be a refreshing place in that we don't know what the future will bring and so all we have is now, and now, and now. Yes we can learn from the past and yes we can look to the future but now is all we really have and it's up to us to make the best of it collectively and individually. By prayerfully seeking God's presence and direction for us as churches and as individuals we will find a way through this uncomfortable and difficult of preparing and waiting for our next priest.

I have heard that the rumours are already going around so I thought I had better let you know my news! On Thursday last week we put our house on the market (we have been thinking for a while about down-sizing). Within 24 hours we accepted an offer for it and made an offer for a house in Harbury which has been accepted. It is still very early days so nothing is settled yet. And we did all that while we were enjoying our first Airbnb adventure with thanks for your generous retirement gift. Dave and I spent 3 days in Kew, visiting the National Archives, Kew Gardens, Richmond Hill and Ham House - making good use of my new bus pass! We had a great time. Love from Gillian.

Services this Sunday, 21st May, Easter 7:

9.00 am – BCP Holy Communion at Priors Hardwick
10.00am – BCP Holy Communion at Lower Shuckburgh
10.30 am – CW Holy Communion at Napton
10.30 am – Morning Worship at Priors Marston
4.00 pm – Messy Church at Priors Marston
Bible readings for the week Acts 1:6-14, John 17:1-11

Services next Sunday, 27th May, Pentecost

10.30am - Morning Worship at Wormleighton
1.30am - Communion at Stockton
3.00pm - 4th Sunday at Priors Marston
5.00pm - Evensong at Napton
Bible readings for the week Acts 2:1-21

And finally –

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

God bless,

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