

Bridges Group News

Date: 9th July 2023

Sunday: Trinity 5



News and Views – hosted this week by Napton

Greetings from Napton!

Last Sunday at St Lawrence, we read the banns for the forthcoming marriage of local farmer Sam Grant and his fiancé Laura. They were with us to hear the announcement and very gladly no objections were raised! Chatting to them both it was a joy to hear how they are to make the event a truly local celebration with fun and speeches continuing at the village hall. I'm sure tractors will be involved! The church role in the local community is not just a symbol, it gives solemnity and due reverence to oaths sworn to each other before God. Absolute respect to a young couple who want to mark this big event in their lives this way.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep Sam and Laura. May the Lord mercifully grant them the riches of his grace. Amen.

*With a big apology to our group administrator for not saying before, please may we point out that St Lawrence Church Napton will not have church service on Sunday 16th July as it is Napton Bike Ride that day. The church is heavily involved with this, both on the village green and en route. Rev Andy (Area Dean) is coming along to bless the riders so please join in as well. Messy Church will be participating with activities and goodie bags!

Next Week's Bridges Group News will be hosted by Priors Marston

Looking ahead

- Friday 14th, Funeral, Napton
- Friday 14th 2.00pm Priors Marston PCC
- Sunday 16th July - No church service at Napton due to the Napton Bike Ride, 10.30 am for 11am start.
- Sunday 16th July Messy Church 'on tour' at Napton Village Green from 2pm
- Afternoon Teas at Lower Shuckburgh Church every Saturday until August Bank Holiday 2pm-4pm
- Deanery Synod : Thursday 21st September & 7th December, 7.30pm at the Tom Hauley Room in All Saints Harbury

Services this Sunday: 9 th July, Trinity 5	Services next Sunday: 16 th July, Trinity 6
10.30am – Morning Worship at Napton 10.30am – Holy Communion in the Methodist Tradition at Stockton 10.30am – CW Communion at Priors Marston 5.00pm – BCP Evensong at Priors Hardwick	9.00am – BCP Communion at Priors Hardwick 10.30am – Morning Worship at Priors Marston 4.00 Messy Church 'on tour' at Napton Village Green
Bible readings for the week are: Zechariah 9:9-12, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end	Bible readings for the week are: Isaiah 55:10-13, Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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