Connecting people with God

## News and Views – hosted this week by Stockton

Last Sunday Stockton celebrated their Harvest Festival. The Church was beautifully decorated by the 'flower ladies' and the congregation enjoyed some traditional harvest hymns and a talk given by Rachel. Rachel had recently been on a silent retreat, based on connecting with God through the beauty of trees. Particularly apt for this time of year.

Tomorrow we will be hosting a harvest supper in Church with food at 7pm and entertainment to follow. 29th September is also the date of Michaelmas - the feast of St Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Archangel Michael is considered the greatest of all angels. As Michaelmas falls near the equinox it is also associated with the beginning of autumn. The traditional meal would have included goose.

We will be eating baked potatoes at our harvest meal. Please join us if you can. All are welcome!

## Looking ahead

- 1-8th Oct...Napton Church eco-week, displays in church on reducing energy & carbon footprint
- Harvest Songs & Supper: an evening of entertainment with Rachel Knight and Clare Langstone at Stockton Church, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm for songs, 8pm for jacket potato supper
- 1-8th Oct...Napton Church eco-week, displays in church on reducing energy & carbon footprint
- Warwickshire Small Mammals Group AGM & practical session, open to all ages, everyone warmly invited (+refreshments) Wednesday 4th October 7pm, Napton Church
- Deanery Synod : 7<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm at the Tom Hauley Room in All Saints Harbury
- WI Lavender Service, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2pm at Stockton followed by tea and cakes

Services this Sunday: 1 <sup>st</sup> October, Trinity 17	Services next Sunday: 8 <sup>th</sup> October, Trinity 18
9.00am Morning worship at Priors Hardwick 10.30am Morning Worship at Priors Marston 10.30am CW Communion at Napton 10.30am Morning Worship at Stockton	10.30am CW Holy Communion at Priors Marston 10.30am Morning Worship at Napton 10.30am Holy Communion – Methodist Led – at Stockton 6.00pm Harvest Festival at Priors Hardwick
Bible readings for the week are: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25 – end, Matthew 21:23-32	Bible readings for the week are: Isaiah 5:1-7, Matthew 21:33 - end

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

Next Week's Bridges Group News will be hosted by Napton.