

Bridges Group News
Date: 26th May 2023
Sunday: Trinity Sunday



News from Priors Hardwick

On Trinity Sunday we think about the greatness of God – way beyond anything we can imagine, and also the ways in which He is also part of our lives as people on earth.

“There was a man who owned a chain of supermarkets. He was an extremely influential and powerful man. On day he took his five-year-old son with him on one of his ‘rounds’ of the shops. The little boy looked on in awe and wonder as the staff in each shop lined up to greet their employer with the utmost deference and respect.

After visiting all five big shops they returned to the car when the little lad said, thoughtfully “Daddy, do all these people know that you can talk like Donald Duck?”

We worship a great and awesome God, but we know Him too as the baby of Bethlehem, the carpenter turned evangelist who died on the cross, rose from the dead, returned to his Father in heaven in order to return to earth in his recognisable presence in the lives of people on earth.

“Can we by searching find out God or formulate his ways?

Can numbers measure what he is or words contain his praise?.....*Elizabeth Cosnett 1936 – 22.01.24^d*

Sincere apologies from Margaret Clarke

It's been brought to my notice that in the June Parish Magazines, in the grid of Bridges Group services (p.10) I've used 'CP' where I should have used CW, which stands for Common Worship. This is the prayer book used at Priors Marston, Stockton and Napton. Common Praise (CP) is the hymnbook published as a partner to Common Worship but is only used at Priors Marston. In all, 6 different hymnbooks are used across our parishes!

Rectory reflection from Rev Andy

I wonder if you managed to spot the Northern lights recently? As we approach solar maximum this year, the Aurora was visible much further south than normal, and so if you ventured outside in the early hours in the second week of May and looked towards the North, you might have seen the ethereal wisps of red and green, the result of charged particles interacting with the Earth's magnetic field, and causing our atmosphere to fluoresce. The red colour is produced by nitrogen and the green from oxygen. People will sometimes go on expensive trips to the arctic circle in order to view the Aurora in all its glory, but sadly of course, nature is unpredictable and such trips can sometimes be fruitless. In April there was a total solar eclipse in America, another awe inspiring natural event, and there are regular meteor showers throughout the year which can be viewed, if the weather cooperates! All this reminds us of the wonder and majesty of God's creation, and the uniqueness of our planet. As Psalm 19 puts it, 'The Heavens declare the glory of the Lord'. Genesis tells us that God tasks humanity to look after the Earth, something we are sadly not doing a very good job of. God uses His creation to point us to Him, because, among the immensity and glory of the Universe, he is concerned that every human being should live in that sustaining relationship with him, and find their true purpose and destiny. May that encourage us as we face troubling times and an uncertain future.

Prayer

You are above me O God. You are beneath. You are in light. You are in air. You are in earth. You are beside me. You are within. O God of All

you have made your home on earth, in the broken body of Creation.

Kindle within me a love for you in all things.

Looking ahead...

- Monday 27th May: SPRING BANK HOLIDAY and school half term until 31st
- Funeral for the late Alexander More in Priors Hardwick, 11am, Thursday 30th May
- Sunday 30th June The Napton Bike Ride
- Childrens Leaders meeting, 3rd June 7.30pm

<p align="center">Services this Sunday: 26th May Trinity Sunday</p>	<p align="center">Services next Sunday: 2nd June Trinity 1</p>
<p>9.00am BCP Holy Communion at Lower Shuckburgh 10.30am Morning Worship at Wormleighton 10.30am CW Holy Communion at Stockton 3.00pm "4th Sunday" at Priors Marston 5.00 Sung Evensong at Napton</p> <p>Bible readings for the week are: Isaiah 6:1-8, John 3:1-17</p>	<p>9.00 Morning Worship at Priors Hardwick 10.30am Morning Worship at Priors Marston 10.30am CP Holy Communion at Napton 10.30am Morning Worship Lay let at Stockton</p> <p>Bible readings for the week are: Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Mark 2:23- 3:6</p>

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

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