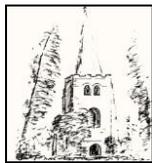


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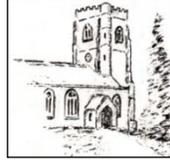
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June/July 2017

Dear all,

I am writing this page in the Leam Valley newsletter as Diocesan Rural Officer, and part of my role is to support those rural churches that are in interregnum (i.e. without a vicar).

The word “interregnum” also means an interval or a pause which can be a good description of this time of the year as we come into summer. Lots of us are “pausing” our normal lives as we take a summer break away from our regular and often busy routines.

A Bible quote that has always meant a lot to me is from Matthew ch. 11 v. 28 “Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” There are times in our lives when we all need some rest and respite though often it might be difficult to recognise this, and that is why holidays are such a good thing – it gives us time away to relax, to take stock of our lives, enable us to see things in perspective, and to plan for the future.

Lots of young people are also having an “interval” time in their lives as they finish their studies, are waiting for exam results, planning college and university places and their future careers. At the other end of the education process – little children are visiting their nursery or infant school ready for entrance in September.

It is important to remember that God is always with us during these changes in our lives – he is with us during both times of relaxation and of stress. We may not always be aware of his care but in the words of Psalm 139 “Your right hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast” we just have to remember this – often this hand of support can appear in what might seem an unlikely way, for instance in the practical help of a neighbour.

Prayers are said in our churches at every service; please do ask a churchwarden if you would like prayers said for a particular situation. Please do continue to support and pray for your churchwardens as they take on additional responsibilities during this time of interregnum.

With love and God’s blessing to you all, Revd. Canon Barbara Clutton.

Church News and Notices

Farmers’ Market

Our next markets will be on Thursday 1st June and 6th July from 10.00 am until 12.30 pm. Please come along and support our stallholders and enjoy a chat, while having a cup of coffee and cake in the Cafe.

W†W

‘Welcome †o Worship’ is a 30 minute service held on the third Sunday of the month for everyone of all ages to come together and enjoy worship at St Peter’s Church, Grandborough.. Next Services are on Sunday, 18th June and 16th July. We are looking forward to welcoming a baptismal family with their baby daughter, Poppy Rose, at our service on Sunday 16th July.

Leam Valley Benefice Office Hour

All Saints’, St Mark’s, St Peter’s and St Nicholas’ Churches

The Benefice Office deals with all enquiries relating to baptisms and weddings in The Leam Valley Benefice.

If you want to find out about baptism for yourself or for your child, would like to book a wedding service in any of the above churches or have any enquiries, then please come along to the Leam Valley Benefice Office Hour at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Broadwell on the first Monday of the month between 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm. One of the team will be there to talk with you and answer any questions. Next dates are Monday 5th June and Monday 3rd July.

Healing Services

The monthly healing service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Broadwell, is a time to stop in the ‘busyness’ of the week and to reflect; to meet with God in a quiet but very spiritual place. It is an opportunity to spend time in quiet contemplation and prayer and to pray for family, friends, neighbours and our communities. Please come and join us on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm and meet with God; perhaps in a new way. Next services will be on 20th June and 18th July.

Bible Study Group

In the ‘Healthy Churches’ surveys conducted in all four parishes recently, a number of people said that they did not enjoy reading the Bible alone. If you are one of them, why not try the Bible Study group and share with others. The group will be meeting at 10.00 am on Tuesday 20th June and 18th July at Sutton’s View, Castle Lane, Woolscott. Everybody is welcome. If you would like more information ask Sarah on 01788 810344 or Karen on 01926 812363.

Flecknoe

Coffee Morning

A very successful coffee morning and evening was held by Jane Lee on Tuesday 25th April. This raised the excellent sum of £380 for church funds. Many thanks to all who came to support us and to those who brought 'bring and buy' gifts.

Holiday Club

Clare Grant is again organising a **Holiday Club** for children aged between 5 and 10 this year from **Wednesday 16th to Friday 18th August**. It will be based, as before, in Flecknoe Village Hall, running each day from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. The theme this year is 'Floods' and will feature Noah's Ark and climate change issues. If you would like further information, please contact Clare on 01788 891076.

Grandborough

Easter Flowers

Thank you to all the ladies who helped to decorate St Peter's for our Easter service. They made a splendid job with a wonderful selection of arrangements and the church looked beautiful.

Pennies from Heaven

A big thank you to everyone in Grandborough for the 'small change' collected in their boxes over the last six months. The total sum received amounted to £167.60 for which St Peter's is very appreciative.



Our next meetings will be held on Thursday 1st June and 6th July. New visitors are always welcome. We meet at 4.30 pm and finish between 6.15 and 6.30 pm.

For more information visit our web page at: www.stpetersgrandborough.co.uk or contact (dorothyjohnson@outlook.com).

Women's Institute

We will be meeting at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall on Wednesday 21st June when our Speaker, Eva Proudman will be giving us a talk on the 'History of Hair and Hair Loss Solutions.' Visitors welcome.

On 19th June we will be going on an outing. Venue to be advised.

Christian Aid

Dorothy Johnson would like to say a big thank you to everyone in Grandborough, Woolscott, Grandborough Fields, Sawbridge and Onley who very kindly donated towards Christian Aid. We collected the sum of £710 from our door to door collections and a further £140 was raised at the Coffee Morning held at St Peter's, making a grand total of £850. The sum of £445 was gift aided which will add another 25%.

A special thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make this happen. This was an excellent result.

Chapel

Preachers for June and July are as follows. Services are held at 6.30 pm.

June	Preacher	July	Preacher
Sunday 4 th	Mr Brian Baker	Sunday 2 nd	Songs of Praise
Sunday 11 th	Rev D Collinson	Sunday 9 th	Rev Charity
Sunday 18 th	Rev Charity (HC)	Sunday 16 th	Circuit - Daventry
Sunday 25 th	Mr Andrew Brown	Sunday 23 rd	Rev Andy Hardwick
		Sunday 30 th	Rev Charity (HC)

Songs of Praise will be held in the Village Hall on Sunday 2nd July at 6.30 pm and will be led by Rev Andy Hardwick. Refreshments will be served afterwards. We would be pleased to see you there.

Leamington Hastings

Do you like working with children??

We are looking for new team members to assist with School assemblies at Leamington Hastings C of E Academy on Monday afternoons. If you think you would like to get involved with this ministry please call Karen Hatch on 01926 812363.

We are also looking for new team members to help in Messy Church on a Saturday morning. Please talk to Karen if you would like to help.

Afternoon Worship - Come and join us for tea and cake on the fourth Sunday of each month at 4.00 pm, during the short worship service at All Saints' Church, Leamington Hastings. The service is for all ages and children are especially welcome. The next dates are 25th June and 23rd July.

Christmas Market!!!

I know that this is **really early**, but planning is very important. The market is to be held in the church on 18th November from 10.30 am to 2.30 pm. If you are interested in having a stall or are able to help at the Market please contact Karen on ingrianna57@gmail.com We also need prizes for the tombola stall and the Prize Draw; again, please contact Karen if you can help. Thank you.

Baptism Reunion

Were you, your children, or grandchildren baptised at All Saints' Church, Leamington Hastings? We are having a 'Baptism Reunion' and celebration on Sunday 25th June at 4.00 pm. Please come and join us for a short act of worship and celebration, including tea and cake, in the middle of the service! We look forward to seeing you there.

Open Church

Please come and join us for Coffee and Biscuits or Tea and Scones at our Open Church Event on Saturday 1st July between 10.30 am and 3.00 pm at All Saints Church. There will be some art work on display from the children at the Leamington Hastings C of E Academy.

LH Bowls Club

We are looking for new members and would like to invite you to come and have a bowl, for free, to see if you have a hidden talent.

We meet at the Leamington Hastings Parish Hall every Wednesday from 6.00 pm, the bowls green is next door (did you know, we also have a tennis court available for hire)?

Everyone is welcome, irrespective of age or ability and children are always encouraged to come and play. If you have any questions, please call Susan on 01788 336913.

Willoughby

Evensong - Please note that our Evensong services will now be held at 4.00 pm.

Thank you - A special thank you to all in Willoughby who kindly donated to our Pennies from Heaven collection. We raised £222.50.

Thank you

Willoughby PCC would like to thank Norman Oates for the work he has done to the wooden screen at the back of the church where some of the wooden carvings had been broken.

Jumble Sale - We will be holding a Jumble Sale in aid of church funds on Saturday 8th July at Willoughby Village Hall from 2.00 pm.

Strawberry Tea

Come and join us for a Strawberry Tea on Sunday 23rd July at St Nicholas' Church at 2.30 pm.



Prayer list

If anybody would like to go on a prayer list, please contact a member of the PCC.

Sponsorship

Karen Nichols is cycling from Lands End to John O' Groats in August to celebrate being 60!! She is raising funds for St. Nicholas' Church as it has a leaky roof and needs facilities. Please sponsor if you can and help support this lovely church. All monies raised will go to the church. Thank you.

A Just Giving page has been created - Just Giving Karen Nichols Lands End to John O' Groats.

Carillon Bells

Would you like the Carillon Bells at St Nicholas' rung exclusively for YOU. For further information, please contact Jackie Gibbard on 01788 891191.

Practise nights will be held every Tuesday between 7.30 and 9.00 pm. It is our intention to ring the bells prior to services. Please come along if you are interested.

Women's Institute

Thursday 15th June 7.30 pm - Usual Venue, Donna Truslove with a Hands-on Flower Demonstration. Have a Go!! Competition – A single bloom.

Thursday 20th July 7.30 pm - Alan Godfrey on 'The History of the Post in Warwickshire.' Competition – An unusual Postage Stamp. Visitors always welcome

Thursday Club

8th June Pub Lunch 12.30 pm at the Arnold Arms, Barby CV23 8UE.
NB changed from second Thursday to first Thursday, just for this month.

15th June 2.30 pm Garden Party at Janet and Jim Rowley's, 16 Main Street, including an auction of the pot we all made with Albrighton Pottery.

6 July Visit to Cotswold Lavender Fields, Hill Barn Farm, Snowhill, Broadway, Worcestershire WR12 7JY. Using our own individual transport this time.

Willoughby Society

Willoughby Festival - An evening of Music and Hog Roast on Saturday 24th June, starting around 5.30 pm and featuring:

Ocho Rios -- Rusty Roots -- The Cordwainers

Adult £15, including 1 Hog Roast bap; Accompanied under 16's: Free entry or £3, including 1 Hog Roast Bap. Tickets from Richard Jackson (891898) or Leonie Tromans (890700). All welcome.

Coming Soon: Saturday 19th August – Village Hall & Garden

From Puccini to the Movies with Fordante

"like Andre Rieu with a smaller orchestra!"

Tickets: £14.00 (U16 free) including pre-show finger buffet in the garden, available from Richard Jackson or a Committee member

Wolfhampcote

Pot-Luck supper - You are invited to join us for a Pot-Luck Supper on Thursday 27th July at Wolfhampcote Historic Church when we will be welcoming Colin Shearer of The Churches Conservation Trust as he cycles 300 miles for the Trust and over-nights in Wolfhampcote. Come to the church between 5 and 8.00 pm for a Pot-Luck Supper or join Colin at Long Itchington Church at 4.00 pm and cycle with him the 7 miles to Wolfhampcote.

Nearly 40 years ago our historic church was one of the first to be restored. John Betjeman and Ivor Bulmer-Thomas found it with broken windows and half a roof, a smashed, rain-soaked ruin and helped set up The Churches Conservation Trust. Now the Trust has chosen Wolfhampcote for a commemorative window in the Church to mark this 40 year anniversary. The Bulmer Trust will help fund the window. Colin is cycling to raise awareness of our historic churches and to raise funds to look after them. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Donations. All welcome.

RSVP christinemsanderson@gmail.com 1. Pot-Luck Supper; 2. Cycle Ride.

Thurs 1 st June	Grandborough	4.30 pm	Messy Church
4 th June	Flecknoe	10.30 am	Benefice HC
11 th June	Flecknoe Willoughby Grandborough	9.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Family Service Evensong
18 th June	Leamington Hastings Grandborough Willoughby	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion WtW.com Evensong
Tues 20 th June	C of GS, Broadwell	7.30 pm	Healing Service
25 th June	Flecknoe Willoughby Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Breakfast Service Holy Communion Afternoon Worship
2 nd July	Grandborough Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Thurs 6 th July	Grandborough	4.30 pm	Messy Church
9 th July	Flecknoe Willoughby Grandborough	9.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Family Service Evensong
16 th July	Leamington Hastings Grandborough Willoughby	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion WtW.com Evensong
Tues 18 th July	C of GS, Broadwell	7.30 pm	Healing Service
23 rd July	Flecknoe Willoughby Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Breakfast Service Holy Communion Afternoon Worship
30 th July	Grandborough	10.30 am	Benefice HC
6 th August	Willoughby	10.30 am	Benefice HC

As we are now in a period of Interregnum and in the absence of a Priest-in-Charge, it is suggested that if you have any queries regarding any of the churches in the Benefice, you should contact one of the Churchwardens as follows:

Flecknoe	Andrew Grant	01788 891076		
Grandborough	Peter Johnson	01788 814994;	Pauline Stratton	01788 521123
L'ton Hastings	Karen Hatch	01926 812363 ;	Andrew Ryan-Smith	01926 811367
Willoughby	Jackie Gibbard	01788 891191;	Karen Nichols	07866 572209

Please note the latest date for items to be included in the next Leam Valley Messenger is 15th July 2017. Reports should be sent to: dorothyjohnson@outlook.com