



Parish of All Souls North Warwickshire

Austrey, Newton Regis,
Seckington,
Shuttington with Alvecote
& Warton

August 2025 Church News

The summer has arrived, our schools, Lighthouse and Y139 have broken up for the summer; for many this is a time associate with holidays or rest. Yet we often just try to squeeze in all things that are still on the to do list. Rest often feels like an elusive luxury or a guilty pleasure. The reality is the busyness and noise of life never stops, notifications ping, responsibilities stack, and sleep becomes a checkbox rather than a sanctuary. But amidst all this chaos, an ancient invitation whispers through time:

"Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

This passage from Matthew 11:28 isn't simply poetic comfort. It's a radical redefinition of rest. Unlike the fleeting relief of holidays or naps, this rest reaches deeper into the spirit, into the soul. It's the kind of calm that settles not just the body, but the heart. Jesus offers a haven from exhaustion, not by removing the weight of life, but by walking beside us through it.

Rest, in this light, isn't passive. It's relational. It's a conscious return to a rhythm rooted in grace rather than performance. That means letting go of trying to earn love, prove worth, or fix everything ourselves. Rest says, "You're already held. You're already enough."

And while the world urges us to do more, this spiritual rest beckons us to pause—to breathe, to be. It's not found in a clean house or an empty diary, but in surrender.

So what if rest isn't something we take, but something we're given? What if, instead of fighting for peace, we simply receive it?

Maybe it starts today—with a deep breath, a moment of quiet, and a silent yes to the invitation still echoing through eternity. Because in a world that constantly asks for more, grace offers something better: rest.

May you be blessed with moments of peace, grace and rest this summer.

Revd Joanne

SERVICES & READINGS:

Aug 03 7th Sunday after Trinity	Colossians 3 : 1 – 11	Luke 12 : 13 – 21
8.30 am AUSTREY	Holy Communion	
10.30 am NEWTON REGIS	Family Worship	
6.00 pm WARTON	Evening Prayer	
Aug 10 8th Sunday after Trinity	HEBREWS 11 : 1 – 3, 8 – 16	Luke 12 : 32 – 40
8.30 am NEWTON REGIS	Holy Communion	
10.30 am WARTON	Family Worship	
6.00 pm SECKINGTON	Evening Prayer	
Aug 17 9th Sunday after Trinity	Hebrews 11 : 29 – 12 : 2	Luke 12 : 49 – 56
10.30 am AUSTREY	Family Service + Baptism	
6.00 pm NEWTON REGIS	Evening Prayer	
Aug 24 10th Sunday after Trinity	Hebrews 12 : 18 – 29	Luke 13 : 10 – 17
8.30 am WARTON	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30 am SECKINGTON	Family Service + Baptism	
6.00 pm SHUTTINGTON	Songs of Praise	
Aug 31 11th Sunday after Trinity	Hebrews 13 : 1 – 8, 15 – 16	Luke 14 : 1, 7 – 14
10.30 am SHUTTINGTON	Family Worship	
<i>No Evening Service</i>		
Sept 07 12th Sunday after Trinity	Philemon 1 – 21	Luke 14 : 25 – 33
8.30 am AUSTREY	Holy Communion	
10.30 am NEWTON REGIS	Family Worship	
6.00 pm WARTON	Evening Prayer	

For up to date information on services please check out [A Church Near You](#) (online) or your local church noticeboard. Baptisms, weddings and funerals can all be accommodated and enquiries should be made to the Rector Revd Joanne Dyer:
email: rector_all_souls@btinternet.com or tel: 07596 933488

FUTURE DATES:

Fri 1 Aug	2.00 pm	Funeral of Joy Gardner at Austrey
Sun 3 Aug	'The Kings of Mercia' Seckington— SOLD OUT	
Thurs 7 August	2 – 4.00 pm	Coffee & Chat at Warton Parish Room
Tue 12 August	10.30 am	Lighthouse 'Teddy Bears Picnic' at the Vicarage
Thurs 21 August	2 – 4.00 pm	Coffee & Chat at Warton Parish Room
Sat 20 September	7.30 pm	Lesley Smith returns as Anne Boleyn to support Seckington Church
Sat 27 September	7 for 7.30 pm All Souls Harvest Supper at Newton Regis Village Hall (see over).	

Prayers for the world: we continue to pray for peace to be restored in all areas of our troubled world but especially in Ukraine, Gaza and Syria. We pray urgently for the distribution of humanitarian aid to the Palestinians in Gaza and for God's wisdom and guidance to be with all those negotiating peace settlements. We pray for those suffering the impact of extremes of climate around the world and pray for all nations to take urgent and effective action to reduce the world's carbon footprint. We ask your blessing on all agencies working here and abroad to help the vulnerable, the needy and the underprivileged, in particular our own Mission Partners.

Prayers for the nation: we pray for our Prime Minister and his government amid the challenges the country faces with regard to matters of economic growth, provision of health services and immigration. We pray for those continuing to struggle with the ever-rising cost of living and its effects on their mental health.

Prayers for the Church: we pray for the Church and its leaders at both national and local level. We pray for Joanne and Barry, that you would strengthen them with the necessary resources of time and energy in their care of the parish. We pray for our Parish of All Souls to grow and flourish as a signpost of God's love.

Prayers our Community: we pray for God's love and protection on all in our parish at this holiday season, especially the staff & children in our 3 village schools as they look forward to a well-deserved break. Keep them safe as they enjoy a time of freedom and relaxation.

Prayers for the sick: we ask for your loving and healing touch to be with all who are ill or in pain at this time, whether at home, in hospital or in residential care. We pray especially for those struggling with their mental health, that they would receive the help and support they need but above all that they would know reassurance and peace and find light at the end of the tunnel.

Prayers for the bereaved: we pray for those recently bereaved, that they would know God's comfort and find strength and purpose to deal with the loss of their loved one in the weeks to come.

Jesus said to them "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." (John 6 : 35)

MISSION PARTNER FOR AUGUST: BETHESDA (LEPROSY) HOSPITAL: Bethesda (Leprosy) Hospital continues to treat those suffering from the debilitating consequences of leprosy along with those affected by HIV/AIDS. Until our financial position improves we are only able to support them through prayer but if you wish to make a gift, please place it, clearly marked, in the offertory box or plate or contact the Treasurer Trish Richardson 01827 66282 or trishrich18@gmail.com.

FUNDRAISING: There is a huge amount going on across the parish. Please support wherever you can. A big thank you to all who have supported the monthly coffee mornings and the recent Afternoon Cream Tea in **St Nicholas Church, Austrey** which raised £300 towards the building fund. Thanks to a grant there will be works undertaken on the electrics during August which will set us in good stead for further works. **All Saints Seckington** are also working hard to raise the final funds for the **new heating system**. The **REALLY GOOD NEWS** is that it is being installed the week beginning 28th July, so by the time you read this it should be in place! The Cream Tea held at Old Hall Farm in June raised well over £1250, the History Talk about the Kings of Mercia on **Sunday 3rd August** is sold out and Lesley Smith returns as **Anne Boleyn** on **Saturday 20th September**. For details and tickets please contact Anne Bufton-McCoy on 07738 008900. **St Matthew's Church, Shuttington**, with the support of congregation and villagers are fundraising to undertake internal restoration works. There have been open meetings to explore opportunities and donations from village breakfasts and the John Clarke Trust. Look out for what's happening locally. The not so good news is that the roof at **Holy Trinity, Warton** is in need of attention. The surveyors have been out and with their help we will need to put a detailed plan in place, but we know it will cost ££££££'s, so please get your fundraising thinking caps on.

NEWTON REGIS OPEN GARDENS: Another highly successful weekend, despite the occasional downpour! The church was filled with imaginative displays based on the theme of Books, visitors were treated to a variety of beautifully tended gardens and there were welcome refreshments served in the village hall. Proceeds were shared between the church and village projects and St. Mary's benefited to the tune of £2,900., which will go towards paying off the works on the Bells and tower. Well done and thanks to all who contributed in any way.

COFFEE & CHAT: Will be operating as normal on the first and third Thursday from 2 – 4 pm in Warton Parish Room and is open to all.

BOOK THE DATE!: All Souls will be holding its **Harvest Supper** on **Saturday 27th September** in Newton Regis Village Hall so make sure the date is in your diary. Come and join us for an evening of traditional fare and good company. The bar will be available. Full details to come next month.

VILLAGE VENTURES: Our toddler and youth groups will be taking a break over the summer. **Lighthouse Stay & Play** for pre-school children and their parents/carers will re-start on **Tuesday 9th September** in Newton Regis School, with **Youth 139**, resuming on **Thursday 11th September** in Austrey School Hall.

"Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.

Let all that you do be done in love. " (1 Corinthians 16 : 13 - 14)