**NEWSLETTER NUMBER 280**

Despite the early start (9.00 a.m.) for last week’s service, at least two-thirds of our normal congregation were present. We are very grateful to Rev Andy for agreeing to do this for us and he then went on his way to Thorne St Margaret.

Wednesday saw the church filled with pupils, parents, grandparents and teachers for Rockwell Green School’s Leaver’s Service. Pupils regaled us with their memories of friends and activities they had enjoyed throughout their school days. Many tears were shed!

**OUR SERVICE ON SUNDAY 27TH JULY 2025**

Following last week’s Said Communion, for which we are very grateful to Rev Andy for doing this, we will be having our normal **Sung Eucharist** starting at **11.15 a.m.** This service will also be conducted by **Rev Andy** and there will be refreshments afterwards.

**LOOKING FORWARDS – REV ANDY**

**Please Pray**

 How has your week been? Busy, boring or perhaps a bit of both? Last Sunday we were reminded of the need to balance our times of action with times of stillness. Rather than continually being on the go, we are encouraged to make time to talk with God.

 I wonder how easy you find it to pray? For some it may come naturally, yet for others it can sometimes be a challenge. What do I say; is there anyone listening; why is nothing changing? There are times when I have asked all these questions.

 This Sunday’s Gospel reading encourages us to pray and helps us with some teaching. The disciples ask Jesus how they were to pray and in reply they are given an example prayer, a parable about praying, and some wisdom about prayer. Jesus encourages us to pray so our relationship with the God who loves us can develop. Think of your own relationships, have you ever drawn close to someone that you do not listen to, share with or spend time with? We are created to know God, to know that God loves us and to thrive in that love. Spending time with God in prayer is essential, whether we think our prayers are being answered or not.

We will shortly be starting a Monthly Day of Prayer across the Benefice. Please watch out for how you can join in, there will be something for everyone. If you find prayer hard, then join in and see what happens. If you are a deep prayer, then join in and encourage others. As we start a conversation amongst all the churches about our vision and strategy for the years ahead, we need everyone to be praying. Big prayers, small ones but most importantly honest, heartfelt ones. Please join in the conversations and please join in the prayers.

Here is one to get you started…

**Loving God, you alone bring growth to your church and transformation to our communities. We give you thanks for the ways in which you have already started in our lives. As we look to the future, send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions and grace in how we live and tell your story. Help our churches to grow in commitment to you, in numbers and diversity, and, in partnership with our local communities, in all that gives life. Amen.**

**ROTA FOR SUNDAY 27/7/2025**

**Sidesmen:-** Rachel Yates and Angela Setter

**Reader:-** Sioned Barton

**Coffee:-** Rachel Yates and Angela Setter

**Flowers:-** Philippa Deem

**READINGS FOR SUNDAY 27/7 2025 – 6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Collect:-** Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**Readings:-**

Genesis Chapter 18, vv20 – 32

Colossians Chapter 2, vv 6 – 15 (16 – 19)

Luke Chapter 1, vv 1 – 13

**PRAYER LIST**

Cynthia Sansom

Elizabeth Miles

Eunice Durrance

Ian Sansom

Mike Toogood

Pam Wilkie

Paul

Nigel and Rev Paul Chaplin on the death of their mother, Mary

Stephen Daley

Susan Dobson

**YEARS MIND FOR JULY/AUGUST**

JULY

27TH Lillian Eva (Eve) Richards

30TH  Betty Burns

31ST Stanley Howard

31ST Rev Robert Edgar Pitt

AUGUST

3RD Winnie Florence Quick

**OUTREACH GROUPS**

Why not give one of these groups a try? They would all welcome new members.

**Knit, Sew and Natter**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 7th August 2025 starting at 2.00 p.m. It will be the usual meeting with lots of chat and refreshments.

**Soup ‘n’ a Bite**

The next meeting of this group will be on Saturday, 9th August 2025 at 12.00 noon. The group offers a choice of soups, a variety of bread and/or rolls, various cheeses, fresh fruit. tea or coffee. There is also a free raffle.

**Recycled Teenagers**

The next meeting, which will take place at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 28th August 2025. There will be the normal chat as well as a superb tea of sandwiches and cakes to demolish.

**OUR NEXT SERVICE**

This will be a **Sung Eucharist** starting at **11.15 a.m.** on **Sunday 3rd August 2025.** The celebrant will be **Rev Stephen Bowen.** Refreshments will follow afterwards.

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT ALL SAINTS’ CHURCH, ROCKWELL GREEN**

**Fund Raising Committee Events**

The next event will be a **Treasure Hunt with tea and cake** starting at **3.00 p.m.** on **Sunday, 24/8/2025.** There will be two treasure hunts on offer. Route 1 will be a walking treasure hunt and Route 2 will be a car treasure hunt.

**Fund raising events further ahead**

The exact dates will be finalised shortly.

**September on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon**

Talk on the building of All Saints’ Church followed by tea and cakes

**October**

Cocktails and Mocktails with the same format as last time.

**November**

**Quiz night with jacket potato and filling supper.**

Same format as before with teams of up to 6 people, bring your own drinks. Start eating fish now to get the brain in tiptop condition. Supply your own drinks.

**December**

**Christmas tree festival**

This will be a two-day event with the trees staying up until the school has had its two Christmas services in the church.

**NEWS FROM WEST TONE BENEFICE**

**Stawley**

**Saturday 7th September 2025 – Flower Show**

This will be held at the Appley Pavilion on Saturday, 7th September 2025, between

2.30 p.m. & 5.00pm. There is usually no admission charge, but I'll let you know if that changes.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**From Rev Andrew Norris**

The “Home Service” is broadcast on 105.3 FM on Wednesdays at 11.00am and repeated Sunday at 10.00 am.  It is also available via the internet at any time on [www.10radio.org](http://www.10radio.org) .

This week: *Jean Ainsworth-Smith and Sandra Lee from the Trinity-All Saints benefice, lead our act of worship focussing on The Lord’s Prayer.  We also spend some time talking about their faith journeys and catch up with events which are happening in a number of our churches over the coming weeks.* If you have prayer or song requests or want others to know about what is happening in your church, contact revandrew@10Radio.org

**FUN CORNER**

**Some interesting cat facts for you:-**

1) The hairs inside a cat’s ears are called “ear furnishings” – they insulate the ear and help the cat to hear.

2) There are more than 10 million cats in the UK

3) A group of cats is called a “Clowder” and a group of kittens is called a “Kindle”

4) Cats are unable to taste anything sweet

5) Cats can produce more than 100 vocal sounds NB all cat sounds demand their human’s attention

6) Cats sleep around 16 hours a day - by the time they are 9, they have only been awake for 3 years

How to get your cat into a basket to go to the vet. From my pat living with a cat, I would have worn a leather suit!

