

# PARISH NEWSLETTER

For lots of reasons I am writing this in the middle of June. I am sat here being thankful for all that has and is to come. There are times when it is important simply to pause and give thanks, and this is certainly one of those moments.

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who has helped in so many different ways as we prepare to celebrate Hannah and Andrew's marriage at St Nicholas Church. From grass cutting, cleaning, and countless unseen acts of kindness, so many people are doing things to make the day a joyful celebration. Thank you, too, for the cards, gifts, good wishes and prayers that have already been shared with Hannah and Andrew. They have been deeply appreciated. I often say that arriving here it felt like home very quickly, and occasions like this remind me just how true that is.

I am also grateful for the opportunity to spend ten days at St George's House, Windsor, from 29 June, taking part in a Clergy Conversation alongside clergy from across the country. It is a real privilege to have time to reflect, learn and grow in ministry. I can only do this because of the generous and willing volunteers, and husband (!) who step forward to lead services and take on additional responsibilities while I am away. Your support enables opportunities like this to happen, and I am very thankful.

Finally, thank you to everyone involved in preparing for the Open Gardens event. Whether you are opening your garden, and have spent hours weeding and tidying, have signed up to help the refreshment teams, are arranging flowers, or making a scarecrow, or have been quietly helping behind the scenes, your hard work and generosity are what make this event the success it is.

As we look back over recent weeks, there is much to celebrate and much for which to thank God. We are blessed by the gifts, talents, friendship and commitment of so many people across our villages and churches.

Let us all pause a moment and open our hearts and minds to the good around us and be thankful.

with blessings and thanks

Revd Joanne

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures for ever." (Psalm 107:1)

## Services and Readings

### July 05 5th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 7 : 15 - 25a

Matthew 11 :16 – 19, 25 – 30

8.30 am AUSTREY

Holy Communion

10.30 am NEWTON REGIS

Open Gardens – Hymns & Prayers

6.00 pm WARTON

Evening Prayer

### July 12 6th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 8 : 1 – 11

Matthew 13 : 1 – 9, 18 – 23

8.30 am NEWTON REGIS

Holy Communion

10.30 am WARTON

Family Communion

6.00 pm SECKINGTON

Evening Prayer

### July 19 7th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 8 : 12 – 25

Matthew 13 : 24 – 30, 36 – 43

10.30 am AUSTREY

Family Worship

6.00 pm NEWTON REGIS

Evening Prayer

### July 26 8th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 8 : 26 – 39

Matthew 13 : 31 – 33, 44 – 52

8.30 am WARTON

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 am SECKINGTON

Family Worship

6.00 pm SHUTTINGTON

Evening Prayer

### Aug 02 9th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 9 : 1 – 5

Matthew 14 : 13 – 21

8.30 am AUSTREY

Holy Communion

10.30 am NEWTON REGIS

Family Service & Baptism

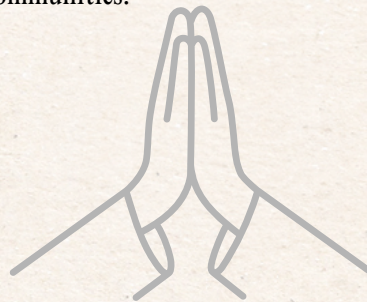
6.00 pm WARTON

Evening Prayer

**Prayers for the world:** we pray for all areas of our world beset by conflict, that peace would be made between Russia and Ukraine and political stability restored in the countries of the Middle East. We ask God's comfort and blessing on all those whose lives are impacted by war, the injured, the dying and bereaved, those whose homes and livelihoods have been destroyed. We pray for increased respect for the natural environment, for urgent action by both nations and individuals to mitigate the effects of climate change. 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.

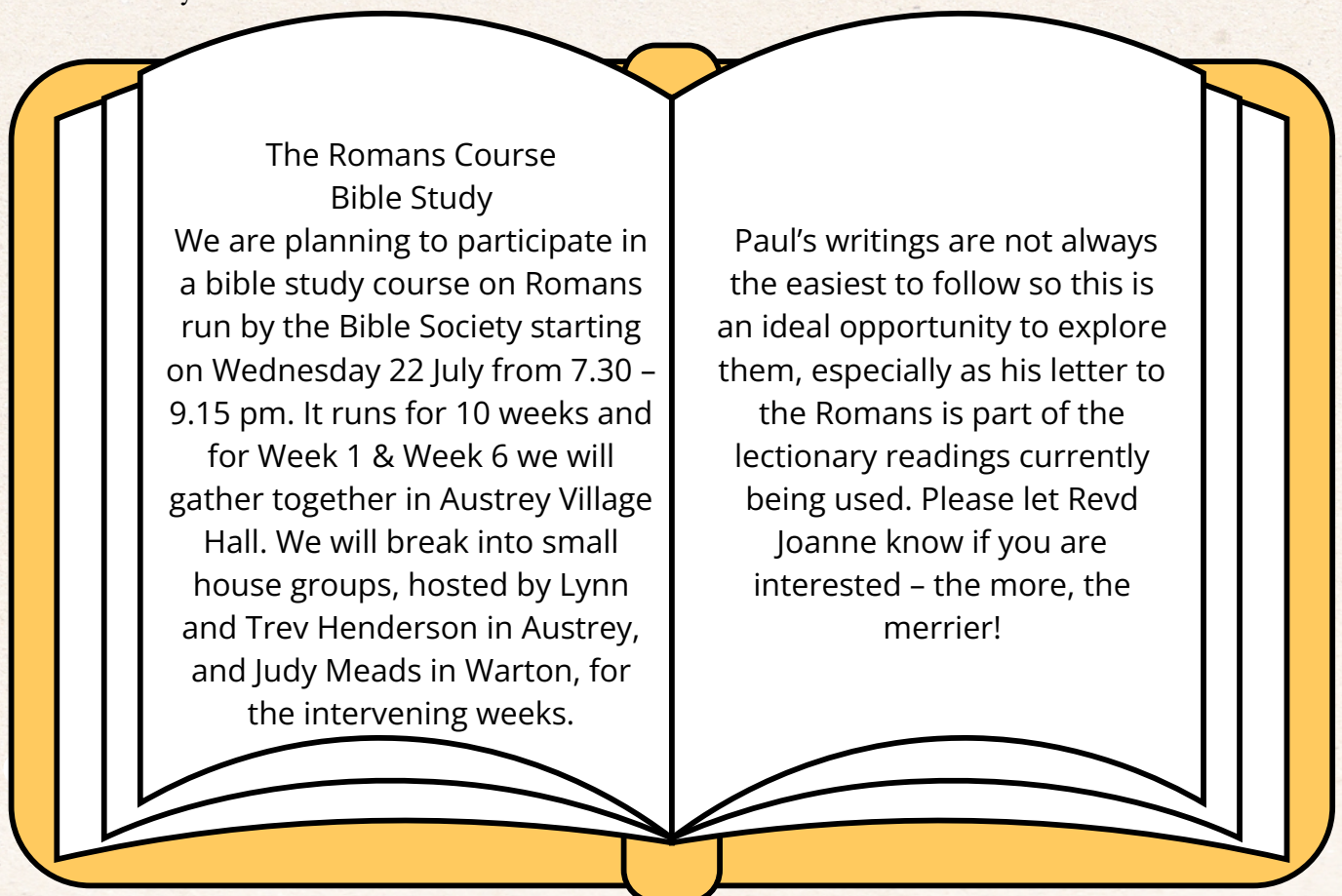
**Prayers for the Church:** : we pray for the Church and its leaders as General Synod meets in York from 10 to 14 July, that it would be a time of positive discussion and progress. We pray for Joanne, for strength and resilience to guide and minister to us here in All Souls along with her helpmate Barry. We give thanks and pray for our Churchwardens and PCC members and for all actively engaged in the outreach to our communities.

**Prayers for the nation:** we pray for the members of the Royal family as they weather the storms of adverse publicity. We pray for our government to focus on affairs of state and the welfare of the nation, in the hope that the vulnerable and disadvantaged will not be neglected in the process. We continue to pray for those struggling to buy food and pay bills and for those delivering health care to the nation.



**Prayers for our Community:** we pray for God's blessing on all who reside or work in our parish, especially those involved in organising community events. We pray for all the staff and children in our 3 village schools as the academic year draws to a close, especially the Year 6 pupils preparing to move to secondary school.

**Prayers for the sick and bereaved:** : we ask that all who are ill or in pain at this time will know something of God's loving presence. We pray especially for those experiencing mental health issues, that they will receive the help and support they need, but above all that they would know reassurance and peace. We pray for all who mourn the loss of loved ones, both old and young. Comfort all those recently bereaved, give them courage and hope for the future



### WHAT'S ON:

#### FUTURE DATES:

Thurs 2 July	2 – 4 pm	Coffee & Chat in Warton Parish Room
Sat/Sun 4/5 July	11am – 5 pm	Open Gardens at Newton Regis (see below for further details)
Thurs 16 July	2 – 4 pm	Coffee & Chat in Warton Parish Room
Sat 18	1pm	Wedding of Oliver Schmid & Kate Abbott at Seckington
Sat 18 July	2 – 5 pm	Fundraising Afternoon Cream Tea in Austrey Church
Sat 18 July		Shuttingon Cream Tea – already sold out!!
Mon 20 July	7.30 pm	All Souls PCC meeting

### THANK YOU:

Trish Richardson has stepped down as All Souls Treasurer and we are extremely grateful for her many years of service to All Souls. She remains a PCC member and enthusiastic leader of the Worship Group. Her role has been taken over by Stephen Packham, who was appointed at the June PCC meeting, and we look forward to benefitting from his expertise

### NEWTON REGIS OPEN GARDENS:

This ever popular annual event is being held over the weekend of 4/5 July. Do come along to admire the very varied gardens large and small, Scarecrows and the floral displays in church, as well as calling in for welcome refreshments available in the Village Hall.

Join us too for a short session of familiar hymns and prayers in church on the Sunday morning at 10.30 am. Proceeds will be divided between St Mary's Church (whose coffers are still very much depleted after the completion of repairs to the tower and church bells) and village projects.

For up to date information please consult **A Church Near You** or your local church noticeboard. Interested in a Baptism or a thanksgiving, wedding or a blessing, funeral, or memorial service? we would love to hear from you. Contact the Rector, Revd. Joanne Dyer [rector\\_all\\_souls@btinternet.com](mailto:rector_all_souls@btinternet.com) 07596933488

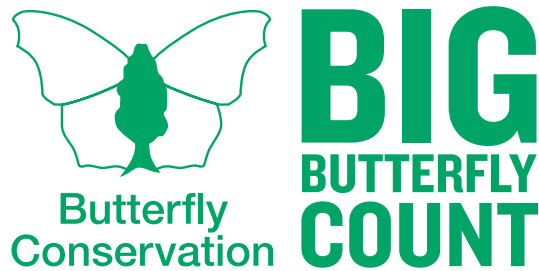


The Diocese of Birmingham is actively linked with the Anglican Church in Malawi, where the majority of the population live in poverty, struggling with the effects of climate change on subsistence farming. Parishes are asked to support both through prayer and financial giving so if you wish to make a financial donation, please place your gift, clearly marked, in the offertory box or plate or contact the Treasurer Stephen Packham on 07891 853416 or email [packhamfamily@talktalk.net](mailto:packhamfamily@talktalk.net)

“But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.” (2 Chronicles 15 : 7)

## SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING

What better way to spend a summer afternoon than chatting with friends old and new over a delicious afternoon **cream tea, served in Austrey Church on Saturday 18th July between 2 and 5 pm.** Admission will be by ticket, £8 per head, and should be obtained in advance before Thursday 16th July from Heather Cooke Tel: 01827 830548 or Trish Richardson Tel: 01827 66282. Shuttington are also hosting an Afternoon Cream Tea that same afternoon but such has been the response that it is already sold out! Not to worry – just head to Austrey instead!



### Eco Church and the Big Butterfly Count

Each summer, thousands of people across the UK take part in the Big Butterfly Count. It is a simple activity: spend 15 minutes in a garden, park, churchyard or green space and record the butterflies and moths you see. This small act provides scientists with valuable information about the health of our environment.

Butterflies are often described as indicator species. Their numbers tell us a great deal about the condition of habitats and the wider impact of climate change. When butterfly populations decline, it is often a sign that nature is struggling. As churches committed to the Eco Church journey, caring for creation is an important part of our Christian discipleship. God entrusted humanity with the responsibility of tending and caring for the earth (Genesis 2:15). While environmental challenges can sometimes feel overwhelming, the Big Butterfly Count reminds us that individual actions matter.

By recording what we see, planting pollinator-friendly flowers, reducing pesticide use, leaving wild corners in our gardens, or simply taking time to notice and appreciate God's creation, we each play our part. To take part in the Big Butterfly Count, search [Big Butterfly Count](#), get yourself ID Chart, there is also an App!. Spend 15 minutes counting butterflies in your garden, churchyard, or local green space, and submit your results to help scientists understand how our wildlife is faring.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Looking ahead...  
future events not to be missed!  
Lots to choose from!

**Sun 9 August**

**Motte & Bailey Talk** at  
Seckington

Dr Gareth Williams  
In aid of All Saints Church

**Sun 16 August**

**Shuttington Breakfast**  
in Village Hall In aid of St  
Matthew's Church

**Fri 18 September**

Lesley Smith returns to  
Seckington as

**Mistress Shakespeare**  
In aid of All Saints Church

**Sat 17 October**

**Tamworth Rock Choir** at  
Shuttington In aid of St  
Matthew's Church

**Sat 21 November**

All Souls Christmas Market  
Newton Regis Village Hall

**Sat 21 November**

Quiz Night in Shuttington &  
Alvecote Village Hall In aid of St  
Matthew's Church

**Fri 27 November**

Newton Regis Christmas Bingo  
In aid of St Mary's Church

*"An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up." (Proverbs 12 : 25)*