

Notices for Sunday 2nd August

Trinity 9

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Summer Sunday Agape at 11am

Jude told Christian folk to 'watch out!' in his letter - but watch out for what? We'll be finding out in this month's All Age Agape. Our readings are taken from Jude 1:1-4; 17-25 and Matthew 24:3-14.

Remember that our services are at 11 am. Hazel has kindly organised activity packs for the children and young people- but don't let having a few more years of experience stop you investigating them if you are young at heart!

OTHER SERVICES & EVENTS

Woodland Working Group – Saturday 1st August at 1.30-4pm

Everyone is welcome to join the Woodland Group in helping to maintain our lovely church site. We don't just work in the woodland! There are also gardening and tidying jobs, sweeping the paths and keeping the memorial garden in good order. Please come along and help out if you are able. No particular skills are needed, but enthusiasm and a good pair of strong gloves come in useful, particularly for tackling the brambles! Come anytime between 1.30-4pm.

Woodland Worship - Saturday 1st August at 4pm

Come and engage in the beauty of God's creation! Woodland worship is a relaxed, liturgy-based service which takes place every 1st Saturday of the month. Centred around the fire pit, the service focuses on God, creation and reflects on our impact on the world. Everyone is welcome.

Worship with a Classical Flavour – Sunday 16th August at 6pm

Join us at our WWCF in August for a home-grown '*Music for a Summer's Evening*'. More details to follow.

Summer Sunday Social – Sunday 23rd August after the 11am service

Please join us on **Sunday 23rd August**. Dave will bring his BBQ up to church for a post service BBQ and fellowship time in the woodland. [Please sign up here](#) so we know how many to cater for- we will provide the meat and a vegetarian option, but please bring a side or a dessert to share!

OTHER NOTICES

Welcome to Rev Jenny Ridge

Join us as we give a warm welcome to Rev Jenny Ridge who will be joining us as Oversight Minister for the Beacon in the Forest Minster Community, and the resident incumbent at St Botolph's and Oaks-in-Charnwood. Her licencing service will be held at St Botolph's which we hope many will be able to attend (date to be confirmed). Please keep Jenny and her family in your prayers.

Easy Fundraising – free donations for St Mary's!

We have recently signed up with Easy Fundraising, a scheme that donates money to charities when consumers purchase goods through their app or web browser extension. This scheme doesn't cost the person making the purchase any money and there are loads of retailers (over 8000!) involved, including department stores, individual brands, travel and hotel websites, and even most supermarkets. So while we try not to encourage overconsumption, if you are making a purchase anyway please think of us and check whether the retailer you are buying from has signed up to the scheme.

You can sign up using your computer or by downloading the app on your phone. Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk to create an account and support us by selecting 'St Mary's Church, Nanpantan' as your cause, or download the Easy Fundraising app on your phone from the app store.

Ecclesiastical Insurance

Did you know that our insurance provider, Ecclesiastical, provides home insurance as well as cover for specialist buildings such as churches? What's more, for every person who mentions St Mary in Charnwood when they switch to Ecclesiastical Insurance, the church receives a donation of £130. Please consider getting a quote from Ecclesiastical when renewing your home insurance, for reviews and more details please speak to Ian Clements or Phil Sheppard <https://www.ecclesiastical.com/>

INEQE Safeguarding Audit Survey – Have Your Say

The Diocese of Leicester and Leicester Cathedral are currently taking part in an independent safeguarding audit by INEQE. Please take a few minutes to complete the relevant survey(s), designed to gather valuable feedback about safeguarding practice and culture across the diocese.

There are surveys for: Diocesan workforce; Parish workforce; Parish community members; Cathedral workforce; Cathedral worshippers; Children and young people; Victims & Survivors of church related abuse.

Your voice matters – share what is working well and what could be improved

All responses are confidential and anonymous, and managed independently by INEQE

Thank you to everyone who has already taken part. If you have not yet completed the survey, we warmly encourage you to do so by **5th August** - your feedback is important and valued.

Look out for the surveys link on pink posters and postcards in church.

[Find the INEQE surveys here.](#)

[Learn more on the diocese website.](#)

Pear Tree Pirates!

Many of you know that Katherine Hetzel is a children's author, and she has just published her second picture book, called Pear Tree Pirates. It's suitable for 5-8 years to read alone, and for younger readers to have it read to them. If you would like a copy, they are £8 (RRP £10). Just ask Katherine for one (or more) and she'll bring them to church or drop them off to you.

www.katherinehetzel.com/

Daisy's Doings!

We have another author in our midst! Congratulations to Mary Baird who has had her first book published! Daisy's Doings is suitable for 2 to 8 year olds either for story time or reading for the older age group. It is available to order from Amazon and Waterstones and is priced at £7.99. Daisy has difficulty remembering long words and all the people she meets when shopping suggest amusing names for her toy.

<https://amzn.eu/d/0ddjryH5>

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/daisys-doings/mary-baird/liz-waddell/9781971610740>

Restoration of St Mary's Roll of Honour

Huge thanks to those who have donated so far; we have raised a little over half of the funds needed from just 9 generous donors.

BUT...

If you are still considering donating to the restoration, please could we ask you do so **before the 25th August**? This deadline will indicate whether we have raised enough money to aim for restoration to be completed in time for this year's Remembrance Sunday, allowing at least a couple of months for the conservators to do their work. (Even then, there's no guarantee the work will be completed in time.)

A donations page has been set up on ChurchSuite which can be accessed via this [link](#), there is a donation link on the website, and cash gifts can be given to Ian or Katherine.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Friends of Launde Abbey Updates

Information about the Launde Abbey Programme of retreats, quiet days and concerts for 2026 can be found here:

<http://www.laundeabbey.org.uk/events>

Click [here](#) for the current newsletter.

ADVOCATE SLOT

Our charity for August is HoverAid

HoverAid seeks to bring hope and healing and transforms lives in remote communities. Found in the lowlands of Madagascar, they serve others by using unique amphibious technology, namely hovercraft, to bring aid to remote places, where people have no easy access to medical care or clean water. HoverAid Hovercraft can get to places that other vehicles can't. Many people in the world live close to water, where there are no roads. Our hovercraft can skim over land and water to reach the unreachable. With your help, we can help others to reach them too. To look at what they do in more depth, and to donate please visit <https://hoveraid.org/>

Give thanks for:-

- Successful Medical Safaris and Mobile Clinics that have seen nearly 14,000 patients so far this year
- The deployment of the new hovercraft FAITH to Beroroha and the training of pilots and maintenance staff.
- The installation of solar-powered wells and subsequent reduction in (dirty) water related diseases.
- The revitalisation of the HoverAid International and HoverAid Netherlands Boards.
- The fundraising efforts of supporters during the year.

Pray for:-

- The staff and volunteers (admin and medical) in Madagascar, the UK, the Netherlands, France and Germany
- Continued progress with the deployment of the hovercraft FAITH to enable more people to be reached on the river systems near Beroroha. Also please pray for the deployment and crews of the truck-mounted Mobile Clinics.
- Guidance for the members of the various country Boards.