



September 26: Season of Creation



Sermon Series - Season of Creation ~ Created ~ Sustained ~ Renewed ~ Sent ~

This year we are using the recently published teaching document from the House of Bishops called '**Hope for all Creation**' as together we explore and respond to our current ecological situation. This will involve us recognising our global interconnectedness as we invite the Holy Spirit to move powerfully in the conversion of our lives and imaginations to bring hope and environmental healing. Working alongside others we can embody a hope-filled care of creation, seeking the flourishing of all God's creation. Let's dig into scripture and this teaching document together with open hearts and minds!

What's Happening in September

Little Lambs back Tues 1st, 9.30-11.30am, Bawtry Church Hall, Everton Village Hall, Friday 4th
River Idle Women's Group, Bawtry Church Hall, Saturday 5th, 10am - 12noon, with breakfast
Youth Group for Older Kids, Bawtry Church Hall, Sunday 6th, 4.00 - 6.00pm
Nourish, Mondays 11.30am - 1.00pm, too hot for soup, so instead sandwiches, cake and chat
Craft & Chat, Mattersey Church Hall, Tuesday 8th, 1.30 – 3.30pm
Misson Messy Church, Parish Hall, Thursday 10th, 3.30-5.30pm, with tea
Diocesan Day of Prayer with Bishop Paul St Luke's Church, Shireoaks, Thurs 10th, 7.00pm
Benefice Walk Saturday 12th, starting at All Saints Mattersey Church at 10am. Join us.
Open Day at St Helena's, Austerfield Wednesday 16th, 12 noon-4pm, refreshments between 1-3pm, part of Doncaster Heritage Open Days
St John's Community Café on Tour, Misson Parish Hall, Friday 18th, 9.00-11.30am
Open Afternoon + Bell Ringing, Visit the Bell Tower + Children's Hand Bells, St Nic's Church, Bawtry, Saturday 19th, 2.00-4.00pm, part of Doncaster Heritage Open Days

Parochial Church Council (PCC) Meetings

Misson, Mon 21st, at 7pm

Mattersey, Tues 22nd, at 11.30am

Everton, Tues 29th, at 11.30am

Bawtry with Austerfield
Tuesday 29th, at 7.30pm

Deanery Confirmation Service Sunday 15th Nov, 6-8pm, St Saviour's Retford

If you would like to know more about being confirmed, or to book a place on the Preparation sessions, chat with Sam when you see her at church most Sundays, or ring on 01302 218 308 or e-mail: samanthabrazier00@gmail.com

Rev Becky will be holding Confirmation Preparation Sessions in the Autumn and you are most welcome to come along.

St Helena's Angel Festival 🧚‍♀️

Thank you to everyone who helped with making, baking, tea pot filling and scone buttering and all of you who visited to appreciate the angels from around the world, sit a while, enjoy a cream team and make a donation.

With all your support we raised just shy of £1,000.

New monthly Service in Everton

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20th September 4pm

We are delighted to announce the launch of a new, monthly all age service at Holy Trinity Church. This will be an informal tea-time service with a contemporary feel. We hope that all generations within Everton and beyond will find it to be a place of refreshment, welcome and spiritual growth.

Could you fill a CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX ?

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child

Christine Dunn is leading this appeal for another year and letting you know early, so you have time to think about what you could buy to fill a box.

Shoe boxes need to be packed / collected by 9th November. Details and leaflets will be available in October in all the churches.

This is a generous way to bless a child, by filling a shoe box with toys, personal care items, school supplies and fun gifts. Operation Christmas Child's mission is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way, to children in need around the world.

Please check the website for what items can and cannot be sent, as this had changed since last year. The most important thing is to pray for the child who will receive your gift. Thank you for considering filling a shoebox.

For more information you can ring Christine Dunn on 01777 818732 with any questions you have.



Equal Aqua Uganda

Natasha Chadwick

Trustee | St Nic's Parishioner | Leader of the Women's Group

CLEAN WATER
AND
SANITATION
FOR ALL



I am delighted that our wonderful kids have chosen Equal Aqua Uganda (EAU) as their chosen charity, it is so moving when children help other children. On 23rd September, the kids will be baking and selling their wares in St Nicholas Church to raise money for EAU, so please give generously: to thank them for their time, enthusiasm, baking and giving to children they are unlikely to ever meet.... But... you never know what the Holy Spirit is doing.

Across the Benefice, all the River Idle Benefice of churches will be taking a collection for Harvest; Becky will be suggesting to the PCC that all monies are donated to Aqua Uganda.

Please have a read and take away the leaflets and information left in all our churches. Could you consider sponsoring a school, helping to provide an integrated package of WASH facilities and skills for a school in Uganda?

Benefice Pilgrimage Walk

On behalf of Nottinghamshire Historic Churches Trust, part of Ride + Stride

* new date * Saturday 12 September, 10am to 2pm, Start at: All Saint's Church, Mattersey

Can you join a group of us who are doing a sponsored walk between all the churches? If you don't want to walk the whole way, join at any of the churches along the way. Last year we left cars at Misson taking the bus to Mattersey, which worked well. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome. We'll finish with a very late lunch at The White Horse pub, Misson.

Please let Sam know you're joining on 01302 218 308 for catering numbers.

We start at All Saints Church-Mattersey, visiting Holy Trinity Church-Everton, St Nicholas Church-Bawtry, St Helena's Church-Austerfield ending at St John the Baptist-Misson.

There will be a stop of approximately 15 minutes at each church for a rest and prayers.

Pop it in your diary and see leaflets at the back of all churches.



September 2026 - Services across the River Idle Benefice

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6 th	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters/Sundayz Cool	Colossians 1: 15-20 John 1: 1-14
	11.15am	All Saints, Mattersey	Holy Communion	
13 th	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters/Sundayz Cool	Genesis 9: 8 – 17 Mark 4: 35 - 41
	11.15am	Holy Trinity, Everton	Holy Communion	
	6.00pm	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Evensong	
20 th	8.30am	St Helena's, Austerfield	Holy Communion	Isaiah 55: 6 – 13 John 15: 1 - 8
	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters/Sundayz Cool	
	4.00pm	Holy Trinity, Everton	*new* Harvest Family Service – Rooted@4	To be confirmed
27 th	9.30am	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Living Waters/Sundayz Cool	Isaiah 65: 17 – 25 Matthew 28: 16 - 20
	11.15am	St John the Baptist, Misson	Holy Communion	
	6.00pm	St Nicholas, Bawtry	Evensong	

Join us Every Sunday across the Benefice, as we challenge ourselves
to be better Stewards of this Earth and join in with God's Mission

** A New Pattern of Daily Prayer Across the Benefice **

Prayer is the principle means by which faith is increased and power released. One of the 7 areas of focus within the Diocesan Vision is '**Nurturing Prayer**' and I have been reflecting on the importance having a daily rhythm of communal prayer in our Benefice and am delighted to be introducing this from September.

Every weekday morning from 9.30 - 10am, we will be meeting in one of our churches on a rolling basis, to say **Common Worship Daily Prayer** together.

Monday - All Saints, Mattersey

Tuesday - Holy Trinity, Everton

Wednesday - St John the Baptist, Misson

Thursday - St Nicholas, the usual Bawtry Holy Communion service

Friday - St Helena's, Austerfield

You are warmly invited to join us in person, if you can make it. If you have a smart phone, you can download the Daily Prayer App for free and access the liturgy and readings each day. There will also be paper service sheets at each location.

Nurturing Prayer

“Prayer does not equip up for the greater work. Prayer is the greater work”

“When you pray, you don't just ask for strength, you become it”

“Let go and let God”



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Mattersey Currently Vacant

Find us on Facebook:
The River Idle Benefice Churches

and Individual Pages for:



St Nicholas, Bawtry
Holy Trinity, Everton
St Helena's, Austerfield
St John the Baptist, Misson

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We all have a responsibility to ensure our Churches are safe for all.
Our policies and practices comply with National Safeguarding Standards.
Our Safeguarding Policy is available to review in all our Churches.

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