

PARISH NEWSLETTER

September marks the beginning of Creationtide, or the Season of Creation—a time to give thanks for the beauty of God’s world and to renew our commitment to care for it. This year, the Church of England’s General Synod has also approved a new annual Festival of Creation in Christ, reminding us that care for creation is not an optional extra but part of our Christian faith.

Recent conversations have often turned to the weather and the changing seasons. Our Harvest Festivals take place in October, yet much of the harvest has already been gathered. Prolonged heat and lack of rain have left fields, gardens and waterways dry. Emergency alerts have warned us of the danger of wildfires, while we have been urged to conserve water and avoid barbecues, bonfires and fireworks. We are accustomed to seeing terrible wildfires on the television from other parts of the world. This summer, however, catastrophic fires have also destroyed homes, damaged the countryside and threatened livelihoods here in Britain. Meanwhile, a developing El Niño is expected to increase the possibility of wetter, stormier weather during the autumn and early winter.

No single spell of weather can be blamed entirely on climate change, but the overall pattern is clear. Our climate is warming, and extreme weather is becoming more frequent and more damaging. Climate change is not something waiting for future generations; it is happening now.

The scale of the problem can leave us feeling helpless. What difference can one household, one church or one village possibly make? Yet our faith teaches us not to give in to despair. God has entrusted creation to our care. We are called to be its stewards—not its owners—and both prayer and action are needed.

We will not solve the climate crisis simply by remembering to switch off a light. Governments, industries and institutions must also act. But our choices show what we value, influence others and help create the pressure needed for wider change.

During this Season of Creation, may we look again at the world around us with gratitude rather than taking it for granted. May our prayers lead us into action, and may our actions become part of our prayer.

Blessings

Revd Joanne

Services and Readings

Sept 06 14th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 13: 8 – 14

Matthew 18: 15 – 20

8.30 am AUSTREY

Holy Communion

10.30 am NEWTON REGIS

Family Worship

6.00 pm WARTON

Evening Prayer

Sept 13 15th Sunday after Trinity

Romans 14: 1 – 12

Matthew 18: 21 – 35

8.30 am NEWTON REGIS

Holy Communion

10.30 am WARTON

Family Communion

6.00 pm SECKINGTON

Evening Prayer

Sept 20 16th Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 1: 21–30

Matthew 20: 1–16

10.30 am AUSTREY

Family Worship

6.00 pm NEWTON REGIS

Evening Prayer

Sept 27 17th Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 2: 1–13

Matthew 21: 23–32

8.30 am WARTON

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 am SECKINGTON

Family Communion

6.00 pm SHUTTINGTON

Evening Prayer

Oct 04 18th Sunday after Trinity

Philippians 3: 4b–14

Matthew 21: 33–46

8.30 am AUSTREY

Holy Communion

10.30 am NEWTON REGIS

Family Worship

6.00 pm WARTON

Evening Prayer

Prayers for the world: : we continue to pray for all those whose lives are being ravaged by war, especially the people of Ukraine, countries in the Middle East and various parts of Africa, asking that God would guide all those working for the restoration of peace. We ask God's comfort and blessing on all those suffering the consequences of such conflicts – the injured, bereaved, displaced and dispossessed. We pray also for those whose lives and homes have been devastated by wildfires and other extremes of climate, for those going hungry as a result of drought, crop failure and world grain shortages. We pray above all for the nations of the world to unite in taking effective action to reduce carbon emissions. We ask your blessing also on all agencies working to help the vulnerable, the needy and the underprivileged, in particular our own Mission Partners.

Prayers for the sick: we ask for God's healing touch and loving presence to be with all who are ill or in pain at this time, whether at home, in hospital or residential care. We pray especially for those experiencing mental health issues and those struggling with the rising cost of living.

CHURCH FUNDRAISING:

With the constant need for repairs in our historic churches, some of them major, fundraising continues in earnest. **Shuttington** hosted a highly successful Big Breakfast in the village hall on a sunny Sunday morning in mid-August, raising well over £300. Looking forward, Lesley Smith will be appearing as **Miss Shakespeare** at All Saints **Seckington** on Friday 18 September at 7.30 pm. Please contact Anne Bufton-McCoy on 07738 008900 for availability of tickets. **Austrey** resumes its monthly walk-in Coffee & Cake mornings on **Saturday 19 September** between 10.30 and 12.30 pm and the following **Saturday 26 September Warton** is holding a **Traditional Harvest Fayre** in church with lots of goodies on offer – preserves and jams, cakes, plants, books, craft, as well as a food & kitchen themed tombola. Please contact Maxine Maddox on 01827 892630 or 07833 983309 with offers of help or donations of cakes or tombola items. She will be delighted to hear from you!

Prayers for the Church: we pray for the Church and its leaders at both national and local level and for all who minister in the name and love of Jesus. We pray for Joanne and Barry in their ministry here in All Souls, and that you would grant them rest and refreshment as they embark on their annual holiday. We give thanks for those covering services in their absence and for those leading Stay & Play and Youth 139 as they resume their activities after the summer break.

Prayers for our Community: we pray for God's blessing to be on all who live or work in our village communities. We pray for all the staff & children in our 3 village schools as a new academic year gets under way, especially those going to high school or into further education for the first time. Help them to move forward with confidence.

Prayers for the nation: : we pray for King Charles and the members of the Royal Family working to preserve the monarchy in a changing society. We pray for our government under new leadership to be honest and realistic in their promises to the nation. We pray for support for our farmers and growers following weeks of intense heat and drought and for resilience for all NHS and care workers dealing with the increased workload as a result of the recent heatwaves.

Prayers for the bereaved: we pray for all who mourn the loss of loved ones. Bring comfort all those recently bereaved, give them strength to adjust to life without their loved ones; may they be aware of God's love and care in times of darkness.

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.” (1 Peter 4 : 10)



Lighthouse Stay & Play for pre-school children and their parents/carers, on Tuesday mornings at 10.00 am in Newton Regis School, starting on Tuesday 15th September and **Youth 139**, a Youth Club for 10 – 15 year olds, on Thursdays at 6.00 pm in Austrey School Hall, starting on Thursday 17th September. Both are held weekly during school term time.



MISSION PARTNER FOR SEPTEMBER : CROSSLINKS

An important aspect of Crosslinks missionary work is the support of study partners through both prayer and financial help, to enable them to minister more effectively as ambassadors of Christ. At the beginning of 2026 they were committed to supporting 115 study partners in 23 countries, the majority in Africa, who were actively engaged in theological and ministry courses in 33 different colleges in 17 countries. We offer our prayers for their continued progress and deepening understanding.

Small actions matter, especially when they become shared habits.
We can:

- * use less energy and water;
- * walk, cycle, share journeys or use public transport when possible;
- * eat more locally produced and plant-based food;
- * waste less, repair more and avoid unnecessary purchases;
- * plant flowers and trees that support wildlife;
- * avoid pesticides and create spaces for nature;
- * support organisations working for climate justice;
- * ask businesses and those in government to make courageous environmental decisions.



HELP WANTED: A number of folk who read the lessons or lead prayers have had to take a step back for the time being so we are looking for volunteers to fill the gaps. If interested please contact Alison Meredith on 01827 892796 or 07833 082778 or meredithalison2@gmail.com. Thank you in anticipation!

A Prayer for Creation

Creator God,
you made the earth and called it good. Forgive us when we take its gifts for granted and use more than we need.

Give us wisdom to change, courage to speak and act, and hope when the task seems overwhelming.

Comfort all whose homes and livelihoods have been damaged by fire, drought, flood or storm.

Teach us to live gently upon the earth and to share its resources fairly. May our prayers shape our choices, and our choices help protect your creation for those who will come after us.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”
(Ephesians 4 : 32)

Harvest Thanksgiving Services

Donations of non-perishable food items and basic toiletries will be appreciated, for distribution through local food banks.

Harvest Auction @ Newton Regis

watch out for date and details in weekly notices

Season of Creation Wordsearch

Find 18 words inspired by this month's creation theme.
Words may run forwards, backwards, up, down or diagonally.

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WORDS TO FIND

Action	Flowers	Repair
Climate	Gratitude	Share
Courage	Harvest	Stewardship
Creation	Hope	Trees
Earth	Justice	Water
Energy	Prayer	Wildlife

Pause, notice, give thanks - and care for God's creation.

Whats On

Fri 18 September

Lesley Smith returns to
Seckington as

Mistress Shakespeare

In aid of All Saints Church

Sat 19th September

Harvest Bring and share Supper
at the Vicarage. Let Rev'd Joanne know
you'll be joining us.

Sat 26th September

Harvest Fayre
at Holy Trinity, Warton

Sunday 11th October

Harvest Thanksgiving Services 10.30
at Warton and 6pm at Seckington

Sat 17 October

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

Sunday 18th October

Harvest Praise at Newton Regis

Sat 21 November

All Souls Christmas Market
Newton Regis Village Hall

As well as stalls run by the churches,
there will be tables for hire at a cost of
£10. To secure a table please contact
Anne Bufton-McCoy on 07738 008900
or email anne@seckington.org.uk.

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

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
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