

Notices for Sunday 23rd August

Trinity 12

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Summer Sunday Morning Communion at 11am

This Sunday we reach the end of our Summer series on the Short Letters, this week looking at the letter of 2 Peter with the theme Don't Forget! So, what it is that we are encouraged to remember? Come along to find out and to join us as we worship God together. There will be a children's group during the service and afterwards please stay on to enjoy some time together.....

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

We hope you have all been having a fabulous summer and, odd as it is to say, isn't it good to have had some rain! This Sunday marks the end of our 11am summer services and we are finishing with a BBQ social at church after our service. It is important for us to have an idea of numbers so that we know how much food to provide, and also whether there are any dietary requirements (i.e. vegetarian) It would be great if you could bring a dessert or a side dish to complement our sausages, burgers and rolls!

[Please sign up here](#)

OTHER SERVICES & EVENTS

Morning Prayer, daily at 9am

Morning prayer is a short online devotional service each day, running for about 25 mins at 9am, Monday to Saturday. The service includes daily prayers, psalm and readings and there is an opportunity for open prayer and discussion on the biblical passages too. All are welcome and you can come as much or as little as you feel you would like – it is a nice way to start the day. If you'd like the Zoom link then please contact Adele.

Table Talk – Wednesday 26th August at 12pm at Toby Carvery

This group warmly invites anyone who would welcome some company whether they live alone or not. It is a lovely opportunity to meet together to share lunch and chat. The meetings take place on the last Wednesday of each month at the Toby Carvery, Forest Road at 12 noon. Please contact ian@stmaryincharnwood.org.uk if you would like any more details. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Tower Group Meeting – Wednesday 26th August from 8pm at Toby Carvery

The next meeting will be at the Forest Gate (i.e. the Toby Carvery on Forest Road) on Wednesday 26th August. We start between 8:00 and 8:15 pm. All men are welcome to join us over a drink and friendly discussions about work, St. Mary's, local issues and people's interests. Please contact John Buckland on 01509 557651 if interested in coming or just turn up.

Usual Services Resume – Sunday 30th August

From Sunday 30th August our usual 10am and 6pm services resume with Communion in the morning and Evening Worship at 6pm. We look forward to seeing everyone back at St Mary's who was unable to join us over the summer. We will be starting a new series completing our year's tour through the Bible with a look at the book of Revelation through the lens of Creationtide. [A card outlining the series is available at the back of church and there is a link [here](#)]

Sunday Supper Social – Sunday 6th September after the evening service at The Priory

Next month sees the return of our Sunday Supper Social. All our welcome to come to this event after the evening service on Sunday, the 6th of September. For table size purposes please can you let me know if you would like to come by Sunday the 30th of August. Please send your replies to hfish854@gmail.com or text me on 07890923138. I look forward to hearing from you.

Parish Pilgrims walk – Thursday 10th September from 9:45am at Packhorse Bridge

This is for all Loughborough churches, including St Mary's; arrive at 9:45am for start at 10am.

MEET - at the Packhorse Bridge, Mill Road Rearsby LE7 4YN. A very distinctive bridge.

PARKING - is available near the bridge on a quiet road called Brookside.

TOILETS - are available in the church..

LUNCH - We have kindly been invited by Rearsby Church wardens to use the church for our own packed lunch, with coffee and tea provided by the church for 1 pm. We can leave our packed lunches in the church before we go on the walk.

ABOUT THE WALK - The walk is 4.25 miles long and flattish. We will walk from Rearsby via the church, to Brooksby, across the fields with views over to the wolds; through the grounds of Brooksby college, returning via the fields of the Wreake valley and Thrussington Mill; then back to Rearsby finishing for lunch and a drink at Rearsby church. All stiles have been replaced with gates.

If you would like to come on the walk, please let Hazel Fish know, preferably by email, hfish854@gmail.com or text on 07890923138. BY FRIDAY, THE 4TH OF SEPTEMBER, so the church knows approximate numbers.

OTHER NOTICES

Licensing of Rev Rhi O'Rourke – Sunday 6th Sept 3pm Coalville

We are delighted that Rhi, curate in NW Leics Deanery, has been appointed as the Growing Faith Minister for our Minster Community, as well as Associate Priest in the Coalville Benefice. Please pray for Rhi and her family, and come along to welcome her at her licensing service on Sunday 6th September, 3pm at Christchurch Coalville

Welcome to Rev Jenny Ridge – Sunday 18th October 7.30pm Shepshed

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 licensing service will be held at St Botolph's on 18th October at 7.30pm which we hope many will be able to attend. Please keep Jenny and her family in your prayers.

Richard Meredith

It is with sadness that I let you know that Richard passed away peacefully on 3rd August. Richard was a licensed lay reader and very much involved in the life of St Mary's until recent years when his health declined. Please pray for James, Rachel, family and friends as they mourn. There will be a service of Thanksgiving on Tuesday 1st September, 2.30pm at St Mary's followed by refreshments. All are welcome and, at Richard's request, invited to not wear black.

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.

Loose Branch in the Garden Area

There is a loose branch in the sycamore behind the chapter house so we would ask everyone to keep out of the garden area until we have been able to have that removed. Sadly many of our trees are suffering in the drought and we will need to have more work done this year to keep our woodland users safe.

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.