

PARISH NEWSLETTER

A harvest of gratitude

October brings our harvest thanksgiving services across the parish. Though much of the crop is gathered before we reach our autumn celebrations, harvest still invites us to pause and recognise the many people whose work brings food to our tables: farmers, growers, drivers, shop workers and those who share food with neighbours in need.

This year has reminded us that growing food depends on the health of the world around us. The dry summer and changing seasons have brought real challenges. When we give thanks for the harvest, we can also pray for those whose livelihoods depend on the land, for people facing hunger, and for wisdom in caring for creation.

If you are able, please bring non-perishable food or basic toiletries to our harvest services. These gifts will be passed to local food banks. Whether you worship regularly or are coming along for the first time, you will be warmly welcomed at Warton, Seckington or Newton Regis.

We also look forward to the Blessing of the Plough at Austrey on Friday 9 October, alongside the National Ploughing Championships. May our worship this month help us receive God's gifts with gratitude and share them generously.

Blessings,

Rev'd Joanne



Services and Readings

4th October

18th Sunday after Trinity

Phil 3 :4b -14 Matt 21 :33 - 46

8.30 am AUSTREY

Holy Communion

10.30 am NEWTON REGIS

Family Communion

6.00 pm WARTON

Evening Prayer

11th October

19th Sunday after Trinity

Phil 4 :1 – 9 Matt 22 : 1 – 14

8.30 am NEWTON REGIS

Holy Communion

10.30 am WARTON

Family Harvest Thanksgiving

6.00 pm SECKINGTON

Harvest Thanksgiving

18th October

20th Sunday after Trinity

1 Thes 1 :1-10 Matt 22 :15–22

10.30 am AUSTREY Family

Worship

6.00 pm NEWTON REGIS

Harvest Thanksgiving

25th October

Last Sunday after Trinity 1

Thes 2 : 1 – 8 Matt 22 : 34 – 46

8.30 am WARTON

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30 am SECKINGTON

Family Worship

6.00 pm SHUTTINGTON

Evening Prayer

1st November

All Saints' Day

Rev 7 : 9 – 17 Matt 5 : 1 – 12

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 peace to return to all areas of conflict in our world, so that lives can be rebuilt, remembering especially the countries of Ukraine, Africa and the Middle East. We ask God's blessing on all who suffer as a result of the destruction and loss of life caused by war and oppression. We pray for all nations to act urgently to reduce the effects of global warming. We pray for aid to be made available to the victims of climate change in so many parts of the world, resulting in heatwaves, wildfires and floods, for those going hungry as a result of crop failure and drought. 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 your loving and healing presence to be with all who are unwell at this time, whether at home, in hospital or residential care. We pray especially for those experiencing mental health issues because of financial difficulties arising from the current economic situation. We pray that they will receive whatever help and support they need but above all that they would know reassurance and peace.

Prayers for the Church: we pray for the Church and its leaders at both national and local level. We pray for the Deanery Synod meeting on 21st October, for a sense of unity and encouragement to prevail among its members. We pray for Joanne in her ministry here in All Souls and for all who give of their time and energy to serve Christ in our communities.

Prayers for our Community: we pray for God's love and protection on all who live and work in our parish. At this harvest season we give thanks for our farming community facing the challenges of climate change and for all involved in the production and distribution of our food, including those operating much needed food banks. We ask your blessing on all the staff & children in our 3 village schools as the new term progresses.

Prayers of Thanks: We give thanks for funding received across different projects from individuals, local councilors and the John Clarke Trust, that recognise the value we bring to our village communities through our outreach. Especially for funds for new storage, and sensory play equipment for Lighthouse Stay and play, and for funds towards Shuttington Restoration.

Prayers for the nation: : we pray for our King Charles and all the members of the Royal family in the midst of current media revelations. We pray for our government and its leaders, asking that wisdom combined with compassion will be the guiding principles as they attempt to deal with continued rises in the cost of living. We pray for those working in all branches of the NHS and social care in the face of continued pressure on their services.

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.

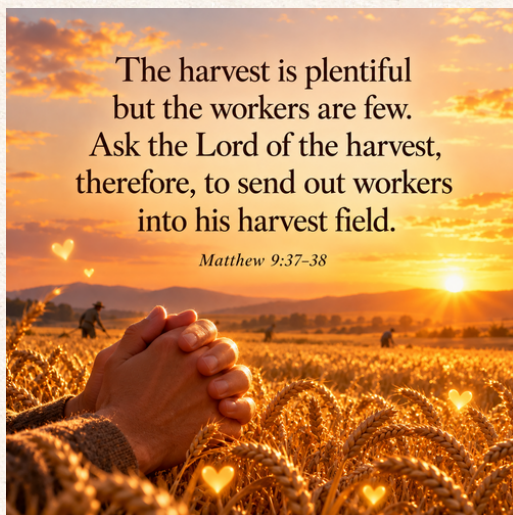


CHURCH FUNDRAISING:

Seckington hosted another enjoyable evening with Lesley Smith as Mistress Shakespeare on 18th September, making a profit of £732, and Warton is also holding an Autumn Fayre before the end of the month to replenish building funds.

Fundraising to repair **Austrey** church roof still has a very long way to go! Do be encouraged to support the regular Walk-in Coffee Morning on the third Saturday of the month from 10.30 – 12.30 pm in Austrey Church. Watch out for details of further events and if you can offer help, or have a bright idea for fundraising, please contact the churchwarden Heather Cooke on 01827 830548.

Fundraising continues apace at **Shuttington** with a concert given by Tamworth Rock Choir on Saturday 17th October at 7.15 pm in St Matthew's Church. Tickets costing £10 (to include a glass of wine and nibbles) are available from Sharon Lloyd on 07816 901516.





Lighthouse Stay & Play for pre-school children and their parents/carers, on Tuesday mornings at 10.00 am in Newton Regis School, and **Youth 139**, a Youth Club for 10 – 15 year olds, on Thursdays at 6.00 pm in Austrey School Hall. Both are held weekly during school term time. If you know or meet someone who would enjoy coming along please let them know.



MISSION PARTNER FOR OCTOBER : BIRMINGHAM CITY MISSION

BCM's celebration of 60 years of mission culminates on Saturday 17th October at St Martin in the Bull Ring. Staff will be available from 11 am to chat about their projects, and this will be followed by a service of worship and celebration from 2 to 3.30 pm when the speaker will be Paul Mallard. All are welcome to attend. We rejoice with them and give thanks for 60 years of dedicated service to the vulnerable and needy in the city of Birmingham and surrounding area.

All five of our churches have achieved a Bronze Eco Church award, but caring for creation is something we keep practising. As autumn arrives, we can waste less food, use energy carefully, leave space for wildlife in our gardens and churchyards, and share what we can with our local food banks.

These may seem like small actions. Together, they express our gratitude to God and our love for neighbours, both near and far. As we celebrate harvest, may we receive the gifts of creation thankfully and help protect them for those who come after us.



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.

“Give, and it will be given to you..... For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”
(Luke 6 : 38)



Halloween falls on the eve of All Saints' Day, when Christians remember people whose lives have reflected God's love. Some think that as Christians we should not engage with Halloween, however it is an opportunity to welcome our neighbours, share something good and bring light and kindness into the darkness of this world.

At All Souls, our Treats No Tricks celebration gives children and families a place to have fun together, with plenty of treats and nothing scary.

Come and join us and chat to families, or if you would like to donate some treats please let Revd. Joanne have them in good time.

What am I?

I begin as a tiny seed,
I grow with sunshine and rain.
At harvest, I'm cut and
gathered,
Then ground so you can make
bread.
What am I?

I wear a jacket you must peel,
And have a beard, though I'm
not old.
My rows of golden teeth are
sweet,
But I have never smiled or told.
What am I?

For up to date information please consult our A Church Near You page on the Web 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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Whats On

Thursday 1st October

2-4pm Coffee & Chat

at Warton Parish Room

Saturday 3rd October 1.30 - 5pm

PCC Away Day

Sunday 11th October

Harvest Thanksgiving Services 10.30 at

Warton and 6pm at Seckington

Monday 12th October

7.30pm All Souls PCC Meeting

Thursday 15th October

2-4pm Coffee & Chat

at Warton Parish Room

Sat 17 October

10.30 -12.30 Walkin coffee morning at St

Nicholas Church, Austrey

7.15pm Tamworth Rock Choir at

Shuttington In aid of St

Matthew's Church

Sunday 18th October

Harvest Praise at Newton Regis

Monday 19th October

Harvest Auction 7.30 @ The Queen's Head,

Newton Regis in aid of St Mary's

Wednesday 21st October

7.30pm Coleshill & Polesworth Deanery

Synod

Saturday 31st October

Treats no Tricks

at St Nicholas Church, Austrey

and make sure these are in the diary too..

Sunday 8th November

Remembrance Sunday Services

plus

4pm Service of Rededication of the Clock as

village War Memorial with Bishop Esther at

St Nicholas, Austrey

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

Sun 29th November

4pm Service of Memories

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