

Forest Benefice News



Welcome to worship. We are glad you are here and hope this helps you share in today's service.

Sunday 25th October – Last after Trinity

10.00 am	Sunday Communion St Augustine's Church Draycott in the Clay
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Next Week – 1st November

1 st Nov	10.00 am	All Saints Church Newborough
Collect Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.		Post Communion Collect God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

Bible Readings for Sunday

1 Thessalonians 2.1–8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Matthew 22.34–end

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Prayers for the Week



Please pray for all those known to us who are in need of our prayers and for those mentioned below.

'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.' 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- We pray for our King, our Government, our Bishops and Clergy.
- Please pray for peace throughout the world and especially for all those who are suffering currently, through warfare or terrorism, from natural disasters or from accidents.
- We pray for all who are bereaved and preparing loved one's funerals.
- As our Diocesan Bishop, Michael, retires, we thank you Lord for +Michael's ministry and time with us here in Lichfield. We pray for +Sarah as she takes on the role of Acting Diocesan Bishop.
- As our schools prepare for half term, we once more thank you Lord for all the Staff in our three schools. May this half term break be a time of rest and relaxation for them.

Newborough School House Fund - The "Newborough School House Fund" or to give it its full name, the Needwood Church of England (Aided) Primary School Special Benefit Fund is a charity that was set up in 1963, using the proceeds of the sale of the schoolmaster's house in Newborough, to make grants to individuals and organisations involved in education or training in Newborough, Hanbury and Hoar Cross. The Trustees accept applications for funding from young people or local organisations to assist with the cost of education or training activities. Applications can be made to any of the Trustees. This tends to be an annual dispersal of funding and this year the closing date for applications is 31st October 2026. If you require more details please approach Rev Liz or Rod Stace.

Hanbury Town Lands Trust - There is a similar trust set up for young people residing in Hanbury, called Hanbury Town Lands Trust. If you require more details please approach Rev Liz or Judy Ireland.

Carols at The Cock Inn, Hanbury

Ellie, at the Cock Inn, has asked if we will sing some Carols in the Pub this Christmas time. If you'd be interested in doing this please let Rev Liz know. The date is yet to be confirmed.

Advent Bible Study

Rev Liz is planning an Advent Bible Study looking at the themes of Advent; Hope, Peace, Joy & Love. Dates and venue to be confirmed.

Rev Liz -is unavailable 26th – 28th October. If you need to contact her please call Judy Ireland or John Harrison and they will pass a message on.

Diary dates

4 th Nov	2.00 pm Far Fillimore Communion
7 th Nov	11.00 am Baptism of Sylvie Sleigh, Rangmore Church
8 th Nov	10.00 am Remembrance Day Service, Hanbury
29 th Nov	10.00 am Fauld Memorial Service, Hanbury

From the Pulpit

I think most of us could list the ten commandments from the Old Testament couldn't we? Ten commandments to follow. When Jesus came he gave us only two to follow

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." And "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

Only two? Well, that will be easy won't it?

Yours in Christ Rev Liz

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