

The Upper Nene Benefice

SERVICES SCHEDULE AND NEWSLETTER October 2026

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Sunday 4th October – Trinity 18

9:30am	Holy Communion - harvest	Church Stowe
9:30am	Family Worship	Weedon Church
11:00am	Holy Communion - harvest	Dodford Church
11:00am	United First Sunday Service - harvest	Flore Church
6:00pm	Evening Prayer	Heyford Church

Weds 7th Oct - 10:30am Worship & Bible Study

Weedon Church

Sunday 11th October – Trinity 19

10:00am	Morning Worship	Flore Chapel
11:00am	Benefice Holy Communion - harvest	Brockhall Church

Sunday 18th October – Trinity 20

9:30am	Holy Communion	Weedon Church
10:00am	United Worship	Flore Chapel
11:00am	Holy Communion	Heyford Church
6:00pm	Holy Communion	Upper Stowe

Sunday 25th October – Trinity 21

9:30am	Sunday Worship	Weedon Church
10:00am	Family Service	Upper Stowe
10:00am	Morning Worship	Flore Chapel
11:00am	Holy Communion	Flore Church
4:00pm	Café Church	Nether Heyford

Midweek Services - Thursdays

10.00am	Holy Communion	Flore Church
2.30pm - 3.30pm	Church open for private prayer	Flore Church

Midweek Services - Fridays

- 9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom All Welcome
Contact the Rector by [email: s_p_burrow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:s_p_burrow@yahoo.co.uk) to get an invitation that will enable you to connect.

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Praying for our Villages by Street

During **October** we shall be praying for people living in The Green in Nether Heyford, for the Bliss Charity Primary School, for the shops, and for all the activities in the Village Hall and the Baptist Church Rooms. In Flore, we pray for people living on Hillside Road and Flore Hill. We pray for the Main Street and School Rooms in Church Stowe, and for Manor Farm, the Old Coach House and Manor Cottage in Brockhall. In Weedon Bec, we pray for people living on New Croft, St Mary's Way, St Peter's Way, Queen Street and Oak Street, and in Dodford, those on Norton Lane.

A Letter from the new Bishop of Brixworth

St Francis of Assisi

Earlier this year, for the first time in 800 years, the mortal remains of St Francis were publicly displayed for veneration at the Basilica of St Francis in Assisi, Italy. Nearly half a million pilgrims registered to visit for this rare event. I didn't go. In truth, I'm not particularly drawn to that kind of devotion, though I have a great affection for St Francis and for Assisi, and I look forward to celebrating his feast on 4th October.

St Francis has often been cited as a saint for our own day because of his special sense of kinship with the environment: he called the animals and the natural world his brothers and sisters (you might like to look up his *Canticle of the Creatures*). He also famously gave up a rich-man's lifestyle and deliberately embraced social outcasts, which contrasts with the rampant consumerism that affects us all.

A less well-known, but equally important aspect of Francis' ministry was his willingness to cross the divides that separate people from each other. During the Fifth Crusade he crossed enemy lines to meet with the Muslim Sultan Malik al-Kamil in a gesture of peace and respect. Perhaps this is why the wonderful prayer-poem *Make me a channel of your peace* has often been ascribed to him. Although this is a false attribution – the poem originated in France in the early 20th century – it is a beautiful and timely text for us to take to heart.

This October, and always, may we be messengers and ministers of love, healing, hope, light, joy, pardon and consolation.

With every blessing,



The Rt Revd Alex Hughes
Bishop of Brixworth

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Coming up...

Please join us at **Weedon Church at 4:00PM on Sunday 1st November** for our annual **Service of Light**. This is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and give thanks for the lives of loved ones who have died recently, or, indeed, not so recently. If there is anyone you would like us to remember especially during this service, then write their names on the lists at the back of each of our churches, or let Elizabeth know at etaylorsjut@gmail.com

Friday 6th November 2026, 7:30PM – Quiz Night in the School Rooms in Church Stowe.

Teams of up to eight people, £12.50 per person to include a Ploughman's Supper.

Please book beforehand by contacting Angela on 01327 340478 or 07864 603537
or Felicity on 07760 228128