

Notices for Sunday 18th October & Sunday 25th October

Trinity 20: Called to Witness & Last Sunday after Trinity: Called to Love

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Sunday October 18th Morning Communion with Bishop Martyn at 10am [NO SERVICE AT 6PM]

This week Bishop Martyn will be leading our worship at 10am and preaching as part of our new sermon series 'Called: Your Part in God's Story'. The readings are 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 and Luke 10:1-9. Please join us if you are able, to worship together and to hear something of Bishop Martyn's story. Because of the Bishop's visit, as well as Rev Jenny's licensing service at 7.30pm, we have cancelled our 6pm service and invite everyone to join us for a combined service at 10am. As most of our children and young people are away with their families enjoying the October Half Term, there will not be a children's group this week but we do have fidgets, drawing tablets and an activity sheet at the back of church.

Sunday October 18th Licensing Service for Rev Jenny Ridge at 7.30pm at St Botolph's Shephed

Please join us if you are able as we celebrate the appointment of Rev Jenny Ridge as vicar at St Botolph's and St James, and as Oversight Minister for the Beacon in the Forest Minster Community of which we are part of. The service will be led by Bishop Martyn and will be followed by refreshments. If you need a lift, or help with organising a car share, please speak to Adele.

Sunday October 25th Morning Worship with Advocate at 10am

In our Morning Worship service we will be studying 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 and Matthew 22:34-46 investigating the theme of Called to Love. Our advocate today will be talking about the charity AROCHA.

Sunday October 25th Worship With a Classical Flavour – Sunday 25th October at 6pm

We are delighted to welcome back good friends of St Mary's, the JET trio, for the last Worship with a Classical Flavour of the Year. Join us for a short service of Evening Worship, followed by refreshments and a wonderful half hour concert of music. Click [here](#) to see the poster.

OTHER SERVICES & EVENTS

Christmas – in Half Term! – Saturday 24th October 10am-3pm updated

Please note the date change! Fancy making a glass Christmas Tree Ornament? We're running a drop-in session on Monday 26th October, 10am – 3pm, to do exactly that. This is a fundraising event, with all profits donated to the church. You could make a robin...a tree...or a flat bauble...or all three! The cost is £10 per item and booking is essential so we can order enough kits for everyone who wants to have a go. (Finished items will be returned to their makers in November)

Glass fusion is a craft suitable for Reception age children upwards, although adult supervision is essential for children due to the nature of some of the glass elements being used to create the designs. Please book your place and kit(s) before the 18th October, using the email invitation or talk to Katherine directly. Refreshments will be available on the day.

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

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.

Light Party 'Escape Room' in the Woods – Saturday 31st October 5-6pm **new**

Looking for an alternative to Halloween? We're having a 'Light Party' in our woods. This Christian alternative to Halloween is all fun and no frights. Follow the lights through the woods to the campfire, cracking codes and solving puzzles to claim your prize! With an 'Escape Room' theme, aimed at older children aged 9+, younger children can enjoy this trail too (with a little help from their grown-ups). All ages and faiths are welcome, please share this churchsuite [link](#) or the Facebook event [link](#) with those who might be interested.

Bereavement Service – Sunday 1st November at 4pm **new**

All are welcome to our special service for those who have been bereaved. Please invite anyone you think may welcome this opportunity to remember and give thanks for our loved ones. You can sign up to attend by clicking [here](#) and you may wish to leave a note to say who it is you will be remembering. Afterwards we would like to offer tea and cakes to those attending. Please speak to Adele if you would be willing to help serve refreshments and welcome our guests and/or provide a cake for the occasion.

OTHER NOTICES

Restoration of St Mary's Roll of Honour **updated**

Thank you to everyone who supported the appeal for the restoration of the Roll of Honour. We are pleased to report that the treatment of the Roll is now complete and although a small amount of visible staining remains, the appearance is greatly improved. We're just waiting now for the reframing and delivery back to us, so there's a good chance it will be back in church for Remembrance Sunday. Thank you again to everyone who donated or prayed for this project to be successful.

Woodland Appeal **new**

In order to keep our woodland a safe place and to care for the trees, we are needing to have several trees lopped and felled at a cost of £11,300. We would be very grateful for any donations to help meet this cost, no matter how big or small and have set up a Woodland Appeal which you can access [here](#), or on our website.

The Broken Nativity **new**

Katherine's next picture book - The Broken Nativity - will be published on 7th November, and she's holding a launch event on the same day at the Good News Centre in town. If you'd like to come, it's a drop-in event between 3pm and 5pm; refreshments will be available, and at 3.30pm Katherine will be reading the story. Books will be £8 on the day, and £10 after, available from the Good News Shop. Click [here](#) for the Facebook event link.

Rosemary's Marmalade **new**

Once again I would like to thank all those who loyally receive my marmalade & donate to my chosen charity. I have just sent another donation to Baca for £100. If there is anyone else who would like to support my efforts, please contact me. God has richly blessed my efforts which I began when my grandson was travelling with a school group to work to refurbish a school in Tanzania & I wanted to help in some way. Since then, together with the help of many from St. Mary's & others we have raised over £4,000.

Here is my prayer for today:-

Lord, let your kingdom come not only in me but through me. Use my hands to serve, my voice to speak truth & my heart to love. Make me an instrument of your peace & a sign of your joy. Amen.

Students arriving at Longcliffe House **updated**

We had a great time connecting with Loughborough Uni students over a meal on Sunday. There were two from Longcliffe House and two undergraduates. We're now exploring what to do next to increase and extend our welcome!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Christian Aid Lunch – Sunday 18th October at 12:45pm at United Reformed Church in Loughborough

All are welcome the United Reformed Church for a soup lunch in aid of Christian Aid. Click [here](#) for the poster and more information.

From Diomail: Bishop's Lecture: Chine McDonald - Tuesday 27 October 6pm at Loughborough University

For the fourth annual Bishop's Chaplaincy Lecture we welcome Chine McDonald, a writer, broadcaster, author and Director of Theos, the religion and society think tank. She was previously Head of Public Engagement at Christian Aid. She speaks and writes regularly on issues of race, faith and gender.

The lecture will be followed by a drinks reception.

[Find more information and booking details on the Loughborough University website.](#)

Christian Aid Coffee Morning – Saturday 21st November 10:30-12:30 at Loughborough Baptist Church

You are invited to join the Baptist Church on Baxtergate for their coffee morning in aid of Christian Aid. There promises to be hot drink, some scrumptious cakes and plenty of books to buy. See [here](#) for the poster and more information.

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>

ADVOCATE SLOT

Our charity for October is A Rocha.

A Rocha is a Christian charity working to protect and restore the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment.

Prayer pointers:

- Give thanks for the commitment of thousands of Eco Churches over the past decade and the difference they are making by caring for God's creation.
- Pray that they can begin to Equip Christians to develop vision and leadership towards a more just and sustainable world through the launch of thier Christian Environmental Mobilisers course.
- Pray for wisdom as they begin to design a creation care award scheme aimed at individuals and households.
- Pray for a sharing of the load when It comes to supporting churches in the eco church process, that as well as Arocha itself, that there will be peer support across churches
- Give thanks for the generous donations from churches and pray that this will continue and they will be able to launch new projects and still meet their budget.