

WWRT CALENDAR FOR JULY 2021

July 2021 Services

Sunday 4th – Trinity 5

10.30 am – Leigh CW Holy Communion
6.00 pm – Alfrick Evensong

Wednesday 7th – Midweek Holy Communion at Suckley

Sunday 11th – Trinity 6

9.00 am- Bransford BCP HC
10.30 am – Crown East all age
3.00 pm – Knightwick Evening Worship

Sunday 18th – Trinity 7

9.00 am – Alfrick BCP Holy Communion
10.30 am – Suckley Morning Prayer

Sunday 25th – Trinity 8

10.30 am - Crown East – BCP Holy Communion
12 noon – Alfrick Patronal Service
6.00 pm - Leigh Evensong

Sunday 25th July at 3.30 pm

Forest Church at Almshouse Wood, Pewcroft Farm.

From the Registers

Funerals

3rd June 2021 the cremation of Russell Edmonds
9th June 2021 the cremation of Neil Vaughan
15th June 2021 the interment of the ashes of Jean Powell

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ST THOMAS' CROWN EAST & RUSHWICK JULY 2021



Welcome to St Thomas'

Eco-Church

Where in Rushwick could you spend a few happy hours surrounded by Yorkshire Fog?

The truthful answer is in quite a few places after the No Mow May campaign run by Plantlife, but for me it was in our churchyard. Working through the Eco-Church accreditation, one of the questions about Land asked if our church undertakes wildlife surveys. Well, we hadn't, but I had a spare few hours and a love of gardening, so armed myself with a clipboard and went to take a look.

Ignoring the beautifully kept borders, I managed to note about 75 different species of grass, wildflower, tree, bird and insect back amongst the gravestones. Some of these you would find in your own garden, such as clover, speedwell, birch, buff tail bees. There were also quite a few ones I did not recognise that required photography and looking up on the internet: Yorkshire Fog, carder bee, common groundhopper, lesser trefoil. There are more still I have no idea about but the striking thing was the sheer amount of often tiny life, busy existing or growing, but totally indifferent to my presence. It was an enriching, and somewhat humbling couple of hours, thinking about their list of essentials compared to what I think are mine. Speaking of which, onto Buildings and calculating carbon footprints.

And if anyone knows the difference between cat's ears and hawkbits, can you get in touch?

St Thomas' moving with the times

Following a vote at the APCM, and having received an Archdeacons Licence by way of agreement we will shortly be removing 4 pews directly behind the font in church. This is to make a more flexible space to use for family services, fellowship, meetings or for Community use.

The pews will be replaced with free standing chairs that can be used in rows or grouped round small tables. Just to reassure you that it is only this area, all the other pews will stay in place. To future proof our church we need to have greater flexibility in how it can be used. Project costs are looking in the region of £3000, if anyone would like to make a donation (however small), we would be extremely grateful.

STOP.....START.....CONTINUE

STOP....as we edge slowly into a life post-Covid we can take this opportunity to discern how we are going to move forward

Maybe there are some things we need to consider stopping – in our parish churches for example having services in each village every week. For the time being we are holding two services a month in each church, with Bransford and Knightwick chapels having a service once a month.

CONTINUE.... we are however continuing to have services, not only on a Sunday morning, but midweek communion, funerals, baptisms and weddings. Our separate PCCs are continuing to meet to discuss the mission and ministry of both the people of the church and the building, the latter can be both a burden and a blessing. They are continuing to consider the finances of the parish, with some struggling to fund the upkeep of the building let alone pay the parish share which basically pays the Vicar's living (perhaps that is a good reason not to pay the parish share!!).

STARTFOREST CHURCH.

Every fourth Sunday at 3.30 pm thanks to the hospitality of Jill and John Hammond, Forest Church will be held in Almshouse Wood, Pewcroft Farm on the road between Suckley and Knightwick. Everyone is welcome....

But what is Forest Church....a safe space to be with nature and through which to explore God's presence in creation. An opportunity, whether young or old, on your own or with a family, to engage, along with others, in connecting with the magic of a created natural world infused with Divine presence through an unstructured space.

To quote John Muir

'I'd rather be in the mountains thinking about God, than in church thinking about the mountains'.

We have many exciting fourth Sunday worship in the woods planned, taking into account all ages from those in their first season of life to those in the later seasons of their lives.

Without giving too much away: June 27th's theme was 'Hug a Tree'
JULY 25th – Scavenge a lost sheep
AUG 29th - Summer Fun
SEPT 26th - Symphony of leaves

And there is always eats and drinks !!

If you want to join us come along for 3.30 pm...park by the allotments opposite Pewcroft Farm (the one with a tennis court) and follow the yellow signs across the fields, through the gate and a short way up a track into a woodland wonder camp. If you want to know more do give me a ring or drop me an email.

Wishing all our readers some sort of break over the summer months and may God bless you and keep you and yours. *Rev Anne*