

Liturgical Colour is Green Sunday 26th October T19 Proper 25

LIGHT *At The* DOOR

Welcome to the Weekly Newsletter for The Bain Valley & Woodhall Spa Group of Churches

Sunday Services on 26th October

9.15am Eucharist St Margaret's Langton - Revd Pam
9.30am Eucharist St Margaret's Roughton - Revd Barbara
9.30am Morning Praise St Peter's Stixwoud - David
11am Eucharist St Peter's Woodhall Spa - Revd Sall

Midweek Morning Prayer 21st October

9.30am Morning Prayer St Peter's Woodhall Spa

Of High Importance 30th October

Woodhall Spa Group Joint Council
will meet in the Lady Chapel of St Peter's
Woodhall Spa at 7pm

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd November

6.30pm All Saints Horsington with David & Andrew

Wednesday 5th November

6.30pm St Margaret's Bucknall with David & Andrew

Sunday 9th November

9.30am Coningsby

The Revd (Wing Commander) J A Hobson
Senior Chaplain RAF Coningsby

10am Woodhall Spa - Revd Sall

10am Kirkby on Bain - Alwyn and Ros

11.30am Tattershall Marketplace - Sheila

2pm Children at Coningsby Cemetery - Revd Sall

3pm Stixwoud - Revd Sall

All Souls Services in our parishes

Saturday 1st November St Peter's Woodhall Spa 2pm

Saturday 1st November St Peter's Stixwoud at 4pm

Sunday 2nd November St Margaret's Bucknall at 3pm

Sunday 2nd November Holy Trinity Tattershall at 3pm

COLLECT

Blessed Lord,

who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for
our learning help us so to hear them, to read,
mark, learn and inwardly digest them that,
through patience, and the comfort of your holy
word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life, which you have
given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Sheila Mullinger's FRIDAY SLOT is LIVE
on

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Bucknall Village Hall

Monday Community Hub



9:30am - 11am

All welcome

It's just £1

for tea & cake

Monday's Community Hub raises funds for St. Margaret's Church

The Hub is a 'drop in', it is a great way to meet people, have chats, or use our book exchange.

PATCH
MEN'S SHED
BUCKNALL

**VILLAGE
HALL**

6.30 - 9pm

Tuesday 28 October
Thursday 6 November
Thursday 13 November
Tuesday 18 November
Thursday 27 November
Thursday 11 December
Tuesday 16 December

listening carefully and thinking hard about what God is calling them to be. After the discipleship course finished they began a 7-session course of learning to assist in public worship. That involved another 14 hours of teaching and an equal amount of background reading and watching videos. In these sessions they delved more deeply into the Bible – not doing theology, so they won't be writing sermons, but understanding the context of the individual books, and learning that all authority is given by God and written in the Holy Scriptures for us to read and learn from. Paul calls the Old Testament, the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. He wasn't talking about the Gospels because they had not yet been committed to paper. He was talking about the words of the prophets in the Old Testament, the Hebrew Bible, and they are important because they point to the hope of the Messiah, the coming of Christ. As we know from our weekly readings, over the more than four thousand years covered by the Bible there have been many questions asked in an effort to increase understanding. And there have been just as many questions during this course. Like Jacob, these 9 have wrestled with God as they have tried to understand His actions among His people, but as the questions have arisen, we have worked through them so that they could believe and trust in what was written down to guide and inspire us in our faith. And going forward there will be more questions, but we will continue to work through them in faith. Our ALMs to be then went through a process of learning about how authority is filtered down through the layers of God's task force. Beginning with the monarch then the Archbishops, then Diocesan Bishops, then suffragan bishops, archdeacons, priests, deacons, readers then the developing roles of authorised lay ministry. We endured together a session on Canon Law and by ploughing through that I hope that they understood how God's laws interpreted for us by scholars and priests are manifest in all that we say and do. Even down to when we genuflect and what clothes we wear etc. We have come to the end; we have one session left when they will be practising how to put together a service of the word that they can use to lead the parishes in worship. We then, for all who feel called, will go on to do pastoral care in the parishes – another 7 weeks and even more study. Paul reminds us that 'all scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.' Together we have learned ways of being the people God wants us to be. In a while these nine people will be authorised at a public service, for the public ministry that they feel called to do. They are not doing this for their own self-aggrandisement, and it is not them saying 'I want to lead worship', it is them responding to God's gentle prompts that they could do His work in this place.

All of this training and soul searching will result in a group of people who are better prepared and able to do God's work so that when Jesus returns he has a better chance of finding people of faith leading and encouraging others, enabling all God's people to build His kingdom here on earth. Amen

COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES



Woodhall Spa Mother's Union welcomed a group of interested people to their meeting on 21st October at 2pm in St Peter's Church in Woodhall Spa to hear CWGC Speaker Stuart Brett spoke about the work of the War Graves Commission which maintains the graves of the fallen of WW1 and WW2 at more than 23,000 locations, in more than 150 countries and territories.



For many months a group of 9 very brave men and women have been meeting with me and together we have travelled a long, hard road of discipleship. It has involved 32 hours teaching and equally as many hours doing background reading,

Sunday 26th October 2025 Last Sunday of Trinity

Ecclesiasticus 35.12-17 Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it; and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

Psalm 84 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! • My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: • at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house: • they will always be praising you. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, • in whose heart are the highways to Zion, Who going through the barren valley find there a spring, • and the early rains will clothe it with blessing. They will go from strength to strength • and appear before God in Zion. O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18 As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 18.9-14 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'