

News for the Pews

Date: 13th November 2022

Sunday: Remembrance Day



News and Views

The Trussell Trust's Winter Foodbank collection at Tesco is taking place on Thursday 1st, Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd December. We need volunteers in the Southam store from 10-4pm on Thursday and from 11-5pm on Friday and Saturday. You can sign up for one or two hour shifts. Volunteers will be distributing foodbank shopping lists and emptying collection boxes when full. This year the Trussell Trust is also providing pre-packed food bags which will be packed by our volunteers with items that we most need. Customers can then choose to purchase one of these bags to donate. We will need additional volunteers to pack the bags on the morning of Thursday 1st December. If you are interested in supporting the collection, please contact: fiona@fosse.foodbank.org.uk.

Events for the week

Wednesday 16th November – Soup & puddings in Stockton Church from 12noon

Thursday 17th November – the funeral of Amy Spraggett in Stockton Church at 12noon

Looking ahead

Weekend of 3rd and 4th December – Christmas Tree Festival from 10am to 5pm in Stockton Church. Come and see the creative Christmas trees from lots of the village organisations, plus refreshments and a raffle.
Sunday 4th December – Napton Christmas Cheer, at 4pm outside the Victory Club for carol singing and mulled wine, followed by the lighting of the Christmas Tree.

Services next Sunday – 20th November – Christ the King

9am – BCP Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church, Priors Hardwick

10.30am – CW Holy Communion at St. Lawrence's Church, Napton

10.30am – Morning Worship at St. Leonard's Church, Priors Marston

4.00pm – Messy Church at St. Leonard's Church, Priors Marston

Bible readings for the week are: Colossians 1:11-20 and Luke 23:33-43

And finally

I'd like to share with you the commentary by Rev. Peter Moger on Monday morning's bible reading of Revelation chapter 5 (why not read it before you go any further). I quote from the commentary: "It's easy to forget that when we gather for worship, we always share in something far greater than the visible gathering of those assembled... Whenever worship is offered, it has an eternal dimension, as our prayers and praises join with those offered continually around God's throne. Some see in the earthly sanctuary a replication of the heavenly: the Eucharist as a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb. Our worship, though, is often a poor echo of its heavenly counterpart, and this has little to do with the number present. Revelation 4 and 5 remind us that the Church's triumphant primary activity is worship, and that at worship's centre is the Lamb upon the throne. Is that always true of the Church on earth – or is our worship sometimes more a means to an end (evangelism or fellowship, perhaps) and is Christ always at its centre? If it were so, we might then catch a glimpse of those saints and angels." Food for thought there!

Let us pray: "Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen."

God bless,
Gillian

(For more details of events and diary dates, see our website: www.thebridgesgroup.org.uk or the parish magazines)