

News for the Pews

Date: 22nd January 2023

Sunday: Epiphany 3



News and Views

A few bits and pieces this week:

“Holy Habits” – this is a course produced by the Bible Reading Fellowship and is described as an adventure in Christian discipleship based on Luke’s picture of the early church in Acts 2:42-47. It explores and encourages the practice of ten disciplines or “holy habits”. These are biblical teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, prayer, sharing resources, serving, eating together, gladness and generosity, worship and making more disciples – all of which are foundational for healthy growth in discipleship. I am planning to use the resources for a Lent course starting on Wednesday 22nd February and running for seven weeks, from 7.30pm to 9.00pm in Stockton Church. (If you are wondering why Stockton, it’s because it’s warm, has the facilities to show videos and, very selfishly, is convenient for me!) Each session is “stand-alone” but will follow the format of refreshments, a short act of worship, a reflection on a bible passage and a response. Please let me know if you would like to join me.

Our home group in Stockton supports the Carriers of Hope which works with refugees in Coventry. We “sponsor” a week each year, which is coming up soon. If you would like to help us, please see below for the list of items they would like and let me have whatever you can contribute before Monday 13th February.

Unfortunately, Isabella Moore has had to give up her role as Group Treasurer. If you can think of anyone who might be interested in taking on this role, we would love to hear from you! It is not too onerous. Susan, our administrator, looks after the main tasks of banking and invoicing etc. The Treasurer oversees the account, producing and monitoring the budget for us. (A knowledge of spreadsheets would be helpful!)

Events for the week

Monday 23rd January – Group Council meeting at 7pm in Stockton Church

Tuesday 24th January – Lower Shuckburgh PCC meeting at 7pm in Lower Shuckburgh Church

Wednesday 25th January – BCP Holy Communion at 10am in St. John the Baptist Church, Lower Shuckburgh

Services next Sunday 29th January - Candlemas:

10.30am - The Gathering with Rev. Daniel Corlett in St. Lawrence’s Church, Napton

Bible readings for the week are to be confirmed

And finally

This week is the week of prayer for Christian unity. The theme is “Be-longing: praying for unity amidst injustice”. Here is a prayer from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland: “You made us, God, in your own image, and then became one of us, proud of those you have made. Make us proud of being part of that worldwide family, and eager to discover and celebrate your image in every person, every culture and every nation that we are privileged to encounter.”

God bless,
Gillian

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

Required by Carriers of Hope (see above) Baby items: nappies (all sizes) and wipes, baby lotion, baby oil and baby shower gel, nappy bags, baby milk – Aptamil 1 only please. Adult toiletries, including sanitary towels (tampons aren’t recognised!) Food items: tins of tomatoes, sweetcorn, baked beans, tuna, tinned coconut milk, tinned fruit. Cooking oil, dried kidney beans, chickpeas, black-eyed beans, lentils, long grain rice, pasta, jam and honey, fresh ginger, sugar (brown and white), table salt, tea, coffee, flour and maize meal. Others: toilet rolls and tissues, cleaning products.