## News and Views – hosted this week by Priors Hardwick

Greetings to all our readers from the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Priors Hardwick

You may have noticed in last month's magazine, that the Grid showing the plan of our services had additional information: a colour was inserted below the date and title of each Sunday. These are the 'Liturgical' colours and they indicate the liturgical seasons – e.g. Christmas and Easter.

In practical terms they refer to the altar frontals and the falls used on the lectern and pulpit. The priests' vestments also follow this routine. The liturgical colours are:

Purple for Advent - the four Sundays before Christmas; and Lent - from Ash Wednesday until Palm Sunday.

White/gold for Christmas –until 2<sup>nd</sup> February- Candlemas; Easter- from Easter Day until Pentecost(Red) and for Trinity Sunday (the Sunday after Pentecost)

Red for Palm Sunday until Easter Eve; Pentecost until Trinity Sunday; and Christ the King Sunday (the last Sunday before Advent).

Green is used at all other times, - which is between 3<sup>rd</sup> February and Ash Wednesday and from the first Sunday after Trinity until Christ the King Sunday.

The colours represent sections in the life of Jesus on earth, so an appropriate thought might be in this verse:

Through all the changing scenes of life - in trouble or in joy,

The praises of my God shall still My heart and tongue employ.

This Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> June is the Festival of the Birth of John The Baptist, Patron Saint of L Shuckburgh Church: And a very old Collect for this coming Sunday is:

Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us, and to whom thou hast given us a hearty desire to pray; grant that by thine aid we may be defended and comforted; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Week's Bridges Group News will be hosted by Stockton

## Looking ahead

- Afternoon Teas at Lower Shuckburgh Church every Saturday until August Bank Holiday 2pm-4pm
- Deanery Synod : Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September & 7<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm at the Tom Hauley Room in All Saints Harbury

Services this Sunday: 25 <sup>th</sup> June, Trinity 3	Services next Sunday: 2 <sup>nd</sup> July, Trinity 4
9.00am – BCP Communion at Lower Shuckburgh 10.30am – Morning worship at Wormleighton 10.30am – CW Communion at Stockton 3.00pm – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday at Priors Marston 5.00pm BCP Evensong at Napton	9.00am – Morning Worship at Priors Hardwick 10.30am – CW Communion at Napton 10.30am - Morning worship at Stockton 10.30am – Morning Worship at Priors Marston
Bible readings for the week are: Jeremiah 20:7-13, Matthew 10: 24-39	Bible readings for the week are: Jeremiah 28:5-9, Matthew 10:40 - end