

## Bridges Group News

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Sunday: Trinity 14



### News and Views – hosted this week by Napton

I was asked at church why we are having our Harvest celebrations so early? Indeed, we are having our Harvest Supper this Thursday, the Napton Village Fruit & Vegetable Show is on Saturday and Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am. The keen observer will note that summer had an early start, albeit a wet one, but despite the indian summer this week, the first signs of autumn are underway. (What could you look for on your walk or from your back door? *Leaves changing colour* · Migrating birds · Fruits for foraging · Flowering ivy · Falling seeds · and Fungi.)

The Harvest Festival brings our attention back to where food comes from, our relationship with the land and those who grow food but the essential is the importance of worship to God the Creator. In this season of gathering and the preparation for the shorter, colder days to come, we are reminded by Jesus to remember those who are without, to be generous and give abundantly (in this case tin and packet collections for the Foodbank at Southam).

God works through your willing hands and rewards with liberty of spirit (Matt 16v25). Isn't that wonderful!

PS Autumn Equinox is celebrated at the next Forest Church at Napton in a couple of weeks time, please join us, more details will follow.

### Looking ahead

- Deanery Synod : Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September & 7<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm at the Tom Hauley Room in All Saints Harbury
- WI Lavender Service, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2pm at Stockton followed by tea and cakes
- Songs of Praise at Priors Hardwick, 10<sup>th</sup> September a t5pm - this "will include well-known hymns and short readings chosen by all six of our parishes and a short performance by our team of handbell ringers. There will be more time spent singing hymns than talking!

Services this Sunday: 10 <sup>th</sup> September, Trinity 14	Services next Sunday: 17 <sup>th</sup> September, Trinity 15
10.30am – Holy Communion at Priors Marston 10.30am – Harvest Festival at Napton 10.30am – Communion, Methodist Led at Stockton 5.00pm – 'Songs of Praise' at Priors Hardwick	9.00am – BCP Holy Communion at Priors Hardwick 10.30am – Morning Worship at Priors Marston 10.30am – CW Communion at Stockton 4.00pm – Messy Church 'Goes Wild' at Priors Marston
Bible readings for the week are : Ezekiel 33:7-11; Matthew 18:15-20	Bible readings for the week are : Genesis 50:15-21, Matthew 18:21-35

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

Next Week's Bridges Group News will be hosted by Priors Marston