

Bridges Group News

Date: 12th November 2023

Sunday: Remembrance



News and Views – hosted this week by Napton

Last weekend a few of us travelled to Sambourne church which is part of the Alcester Deanery to be part of the Greenhouse Rural Learning Community – which aims, over 2 years, to help rural churches grow something new in our local church contexts.

The Church of England have launched many ‘growing church’ initiatives, but they don’t necessarily lend themselves to rural churches. Rural Greenhouse is led by Rev Daniel Corlett (who came to a Gathering in Napton this year). Daniel has a specific role to support and develop rural mission.

The reference to ‘Greenhouse’ is to help us think about planting and growing and we were encouraged when we realised that many of us in the Bridges Group are already doing ‘church’ differently which is bringing us into relationships with people who wouldn’t normally step into our church buildings.

When I was visiting family in Northern Ireland a few months ago, I was talking to a pub owner who told me that our eyes are on the front of our face so we can look forwards – not back. Our 6 village church communities are made up of a wonderful mixture of people. Some are traditional in their ways of worship, some are evangelical. Some are reserved, some feel more liberated in their acts of worship. There is no right and wrong, but we do need to talk in a language that people understand if we want to grow new Christians in the communities where we live.

I’ve copied a link to the Godsend website if you would like to look it up – or if you would like to get involved or come along to the next session, please let either Malcom, Wendy Turner or I know. <https://godsend.cloud/>

God bless.

Sue English Napton

Looking ahead

- Wormleighton PCC: 16th November
- Priors Hardwick PCC: 20th November
- Group Council Meeting 27th November
- Deanery Synod : 7th December, 7.30pm at the Tom Hauley Room in All Saints Harbury
- Albert Hall Carols: 16th December, 9am – 8pm, please email Napton School to book tickets

Services this Sunday 12th November, Remembrance	Services next Sunday: 19th November, 2nd Before Advent
9.00am War Memorial Service at Priors Hardwick 10.45am Three Villages War Memorial Service at Priors Marston 10.45 War Memorial Service at Wormleighton 10.45am Remembrance Service in Church at Napton	9.00am BCP Holy Communion at Priors Hardwick 10.30am Morning Worship at Priors Marston 10.30am Holy Communion at Napton 4.00pm Messy Church Stockton 5.00 Evensong at Priors Hardwick Bible readings for the week are: Zephaniah 1:7, 12 – end, Matthew 25:14-30

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

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