

Leam Valley Messenger



Flecknoe



Grandborough



Leamington Hastings



Willoughby

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As you read this, it will be nearly Easter-tide, a time of chicks and bunnies, chocolate and feasting; spring-time with lambs dancing and prancing in the fields, and new growth in the hedges and trees; and at the heart of it all, the wondrous story of the death and resurrection of God, who showed his humility as he came as Jesus Christ and gave his life so we could know his way.

Yet, as I write this in March, there is a tide of anxiety and anger about our future, with all the uncertainty of Brexit; not even knowing when it is going to happen. Farmers, businesses, workers, not knowing if their imports will arrive or exports succeed. And a tide of brutality as people post gruesome film on social media of the massacre in a New Zealand Mosque, as though it would appeal to others.

What does Christ say to those struggling with anger, anxiety and despondency? "Come to me, all who are weary and heavily burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my way, and learn from me, for I am humble and gentle in heart, and you will find rest in your heart. For my way brings ease, and my burden is light."

The story of the deep love of God is being found to be true in the hearts of many people today, the God who is humble accompanies us through our lives; gentle and loving as a mother with her children, drawing us into the friendship of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

He has promised to be with us, and to guide us, as we allow him. There will still be difficult events, just as they were when Jesus was on earth, but he encouraged his followers, in troubles and difficulties, to hold their heads high and keep faithful, for God is working his purpose out, both with us and in spite of us.

Meantime, all the churches welcome you to celebrate with us on Good Friday and Easter Day, and there will be treats for the children.

Around this time, all the churches will be having their yearly meetings, taking stock of their situation, with structures in dire need of repair and restoration. What is their future? Small congregations struggle courageously to keep up with their care. Just the admin is heavy work, not to mention the permissions needed for working on the building! They need to know how important the churches are to their villages, and how they can be managed for the future. We hope to meet with you soon.

So please remember them in your prayers and your hearts, as they remember you and seek to serve you; and may God bless you all!

With my love,

Anne



Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

Should you wish to discuss or book Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals, please contact Rev Anne Hinks whose details are on the front page. If Anne is not available, please contact one of the Churchwardens, noted below, who will pass on your details.

Churchwardens for the Benefice are as follows:

Flecknoe	Andrew Grant	01788 891076	Laura Seago	07980 881545
Grandborough	Peter Johnson	01788 814994;	Pauline Stratton	01788 521123
L'ton Hastings	Brian Cooke	01926 632917;		
Willoughby	Jackie Gibbard	01788 891191;	Karen Nichols	07866 572209

Reader: Dr Alec Parker, 01926 812548:

Karen Hatch, 01926 812363

From the Registers

Baptisms: Imogen Marie Brown baptised at St Peter's, Grandborough on 17th February.

Our sympathy and prayers go to the families of: Gillian Sunderland, formerly of Willoughby, where she did so much for the village. They moved to Bourton-on-Dunsmore some years ago and her husband Brian has continued to play the organ at our churches. **Gillian Sunderland** died on 27th January.

Thomas Stevens, of Broadwell, died on 12th March.

Church News and Notices

Mothers' Day - Flecknoe, Grandborough and Willoughby churches will all be holding their own services on **Sunday 31st March at 10.00 am**, Each church will be doing something creative for the children to give to their Mums. Do come along and join in. Everyone welcome.

Lent /Group Meetings

Wednesday 3rd April 7.30 pm at Willoughby Village Hall
Tuesday 9th April 2.30 pm at Alms House, Leamington Hastings

Lent Lunch will be served on Wednesday 10th April at St Peter's, Grandborough from 12 noon to 1.30 pm.

Annual Parish Church Meetings

Church	Date/Time	Venue
Flecknoe	2 nd April at 7.30 pm	Hillcrest House
Grandborough	11 th April at 7.15 pm	Grandborough Village Hall
Leamington Hastings	4 th April at 7.30 pm	All Saints' Church
Willoughby	9 th April at 7.15 pm	Willoughby Village Hall

Churchwardens are chosen annually at the Annual Parish Meeting also known as the meeting of the parishioners and the Easter vestry meeting. This is a separate meeting from the Annual Parochial Meeting of the church, though the two meetings are almost always held together. At the meeting for the choosing of churchwardens, the people entitled to vote are:

- Anybody on the Electoral Roll of the parish
- Anybody who lives in the parish and whose name is on the register of local government electors.

After the churchwardens have been chosen, only those on the Electoral Roll of the parish are entitled to vote on the business of the Annual Parochial Meeting.

Easter Lilies - If you would like Easter Lilies to be put in Church in memory of loved ones, would you please give your donations to:

Flecknoe	Sara Jolly	891733
Grandborough	Dorothy Johnson	814994
Leamington Hastings	Jeanie Williamson	521802
Willoughby	Jean Whitehead	899008

Palm Sunday 14th April at 10.30 am - A Palm Sunday service will be held at Willoughby Church.

Methodists will gather at 10.30 am at the Shoulder of Mutton car park in Grandborough for a procession, finishing with a service at Grandborough Chapel. All welcome.

Maundy Thursday service will be held on 18th April at 7.30 pm at Flecknoe church.

Good Friday - 19th April from 10.00 to 11.30 am - there will be activities for children at Grandborough church. There will be no walk of witness this year. At 2.00 pm there will be a meditative service in Grandborough Church for one hour.

Healing Services

The next monthly healing services at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Broadwell, will be on Tuesday 16th April, and Tuesday 21st May at 7.30 pm. Please come and join us and spend some quiet time with God.

If you know of anyone who would appreciate prayer for any reason at all, please advise Anne on 01788 438561 or Karen on 01926 812363 and we will include them in our prayer time.

Rugby Dial-A-Ride

WRCC Back & 4th are very excited to let you know about a brand new transport service coming soon to the rural areas of Rugby Borough. It is a minibus service for people of any age living in the rural areas of Rugby Borough who have a genuine need for local transport. To find out more, phone 01788 226000 or follow the link: <https://www.wrccrural.org.uk/services/back-4th/rugby-dial-a-ride/>



Flecknoe

BIG Breakfast - Many thanks to Sara Jolley for organising and running a very successful BIG Breakfast again this year on 16th February. Thanks also to all those who took the orders, helped at table and served coffee and tea. This, now annual event, cheers us up at a time of year when winter seems never ending. In total this raised the excellent sum of £522 towards church funds.

Jumpln

Thanks to Laura Seago for organising a very successful visit to 'Jumpln' in Leamington Spa for 13 children and 8 adults on Sunday 17th March. This was a great opportunity to meet up away from the church for a fun event that was much enjoyed by all. At Jumpln there are multiple trampolines and other bouncy activities that can be enjoyed by all ages. Thanks also to Clare Grant who provided lunch for the whole party afterwards.

Breakfast Service

We look forward to being visited by Jet Jones, Transforming Communities Together Officer for the Coventry Diocese, on Sunday 28th April at 9.00am. She was responsible for setting up the successful Rising Cafe beside Coventry Cathedral.

on Sunday 26th May also at 9.00 am we will be joined by Arthur Webster who is Honorary Chaplain to the Mission to Seafarers. He is an old friend of Flecknoe who first took a service in our church nearly 60 years ago! On finding out we did not have any, some 40 years ago, he made the churchwardens staves we still use today.

Holiday Club - A forward date for your diaries. We will be organising a benefice Holiday Club for children aged between 5 and 10 again this year from **Wednesday 7th August to Friday 9th August**. It will be based as usual in Flecknoe Village Hall running each day from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. If you would like further information, or to book a place for your child, please contact Clare Grant on 01788 891076.



Grandborough

Farmers' Market - Our next markets will be held on 4th April and 2nd May and we hope you will be able to come along and support our stallholders and enjoy refreshments and a chat in the Café.

Messy Church - In February, the Pilgrim Puppets came along to entertain us and gave an excellent performance of the 'The Miracles.' We had 20 children and 17 adults attending and this was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

The dates for our next Messy Church are 4th April and 2nd May. All children should be accompanied by an adult. **Everyone is welcome**. If you haven't been before, please come along and give it a try. We commence at 4.30 and finish at approximately 6.30 pm.

Christian Aid

Christian Aid week is approaching and our volunteers will be coming round the village with envelopes for your donations during the week 12th to 18th May.

On Thursday 16th May we will be holding a **Coffee Morning** at St Peter's from 10.00 am – 12.00. There will be no set charge for the refreshments and all donations will be sent to Christian Aid. Please come along and support this cause.

Church Opening - Our church is open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9.00 am until 4.00 pm.

St Peter's is now on Facebook and regular notifications will be sent out regarding any activities or services. You will also be able to link to our web page from there at www.stpetersgrandborough.co.uk.

Women's Institute - Our meetings are held at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Visitors always welcome.

On 17th April, Shenac Rogerson from Fosse House Gallery will be coming to tell us about 'Lino Printing.'

Our Resolution Meeting will be held on 15th May.

Methodist Chapel

Palm Sunday - We are having a walk of witness, starting at 10.30 am from the pub car park and finishing with a short service in the Chapel. John Kay will be leading. Services for April are as follows:

April	Preacher	April	Preacher
Sunday 7 th	Rev Charity	Sunday 21 st	Rev Charity (HC)
Sunday 14 th	Mrs Dorn Margetts	Sunday 28 th	Miss Lucy Catling



Leamington Hastings

LH Academy - We currently have spaces available in school for any families that would like to join us and are now able to offer the 30 hours Nursery funding. Please contact us on 01926 632359 or admin3180@welearn365.com to make an appointment where we would be delighted to show you around our school. Our dedicated staff pride themselves on knowing the children well and bringing out the very best in all of them. We are very interested in developing our links with the local community so please get in touch if you feel you would like to get involved in some way.

Bowls Club - Our indoor season is now over, however, we bowl outdoors during April to September every Wednesday from 6.00 pm and anyone who would like to have a go is always welcome.



Willoughby

St Nicholas' Church has had to be closed from March 12th until April because of health and safety issues and services were moved to the Village Hall. The decision was taken after the scaffolding was erected in the chancel. A lot of lime plaster which is very dusty will be removed. Work is progressing on the church and once the internal ceiling is complete then the last part, that of the re-rendering up on the

chancel wall will be done, then the plan for facilities can be worked on. Very many thanks for all helpers and people who have donated.

The new notice board has been erected sharing information and up to date news on church services and events will be posted. The churchyard is looking lovely please have a walk round.

2nd April at 7.30 pm - A Fashion Show in the Village Hall, glass of wine included. Admission £5. See Jackie Gibbard 01788 891191 or Andrea Hughes 01788 891313 for tickets.

13th April from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm - An Easter Craft Fair and Easter Egg Hunt in the churchyard. If you would to book a table, contact Christine on 01788 890183 or 07881 503745. Everyone welcome.

Also on 13th April, Rustic Roots in Concert is in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets £14 to include hot supper, bar. Proceeds will be split between church and cricket club. Contact Jackie Gibbard for tickets.

Saturday 18th May - Once again we are holding a Garage and Table Top sale. The church will also be open with pictures of our work and tables. To book tables for either the Village Hall or church or to book your garage, please contact Jackie on 01788 891191 or Karen 07866 572209. Local papers will carry adverts. A good declutter day! Refreshments will be served.

Starting in April we are setting aside the first Saturday of the month as a churchyard tidy up day. Please join us if you are able from 10.00 am. We are hoping to do a deep clean of the church on that day provided the internal work is complete so the more people that can help us, the better, please.

Don't forget St Nicholas' Church needs Friends. People willing to help out at fund raising events or offer advice/ideas on planning.

Thursday Club

- 11th April - 2.30 pm at the Village Hall: Dogs for Good
- 18th April - 12.30 pm - Pub Lunch at The Boat, Birdingbury Wharf CV23 8HQ
- 9th May - 2.30 pm at the Village Hall: Bert Manton on Country Crafts
- 16th May - 12.30 pm - Pub Lunch - venue to be chosen

We are still collecting stamps and foreign and old coins, for Myton Hospice, just bring any to one of our meetings.

New members very welcome, ring Jim (the Sec) 891805

Church Services			
31 st March	Flecknoe Grandborough Willoughby	10.00 am 10.00 am 10.00 am	Mothers' Day Willoughby VH
Thursday 4 th April	Grandborough	4.30 pm	Messy Church
7 th April	Grandborough Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
14 th April	Willoughby (Benefice)	10.30 am	Holy Communion Palm Sunday
Tuesday 16 th April	C of GS, Broadwell	7.30 pm	Healing Service
Thursday 18 th April	Flecknoe Maunder Thursday	7.30 pm	Holy Communion
19 th April	Grandborough Good Friday	10.00 am 2.00 pm	Children's activities Vigil at the Cross
21 st April Easter Day	Flecknoe Grandborough Leamington Hastings Willoughby	9.00 am 10.30 am 9.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion
28 th April	Flecknoe Willoughby Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Breakfast Service Holy Communion Afternoon Worship
Thursday 2 nd May	Grandborough	4.30 pm	Messy Church
5 th May	Grandborough Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
12 th May	Flecknoe Willoughby Grandborough	9.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Family Service Evensong
19 th May	Leamington Hastings Grandborough Willoughby	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion WtW Evensong
Tuesday 21 st May	C of GS Broadwell	7.30 pm	Healing Service
26 th May	Flecknoe Willoughby Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Breakfast Service Holy Communion Afternoon Worship
2 nd June	Grandborough Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Thursday 6 th June	Grandborough	4.30 pm	Messy Church

Please note the latest date for items to be included in the next Leam Valley Messenger is 17th May. Reports should be sent to: dorothyjohnson@outlook.com