

## Leam Valley Messenger



Flecknoe



Grandborough



Leamington Hastings



Willoughby

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Dear Friends

Full summer! So much joy in the light and colour in real countryside in all its beauty. Trees once light green now proudly clothed in dark green, and fruit growing in the gardens.

A time to rest, to get away, to have a break from our work. A time to reflect, to enjoy all that is around us, to give thanks for all we have been given.

And in September, the realisation that the seasons are turning, turning. But not so fast! First there is the mellow fruitfulness of September, the harvest of the crops, the lambs well grown, the sheep shorn, the joy of having enough to eat.

Although the days will shorten, the Lord is with us, close by, helping us not to mourn the passing of the year, but to look forward to what is ahead: the autumn leaves, the blessing of work, of things to accomplish, of good food and friendship.

And as we look forward, please pray for:

Good leadership for our country, and an end to uncertainty;  
Our farmers, that they may be able to cope with the market;  
Those who work in social care for the elderly and disabled;  
Courage and tenacity for persecuted Christians abroad;  
Real progress in improving air quality and recycling;  
All who are suffering in body, mind or spirit.

God bless you! 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:

<b>Flecknoe</b>	Andrew Grant	01788 891076;	Laura Seago	07980 881545
<b>Grandborough</b>	Peter Johnson	01788 814994		
<b>L'ton Hastings</b>	Brian Cooke	01926 632917		
<b>Willoughby</b>	Jackie Gibbard	01788 891191;	Karen Nichols	07866 572209
<b>Readers:</b> Dr Alec Parker, 01926 812548 and Karen Hatch, 01926 812363				

## From the Registers

**Wedding:** Congratulations to **Becky Wilks** and **Craig McMullen** who were married at St Peter's Church, Grandborough on 8th June.



## Confirmation

### What is my faith about?

When babies are christened, their parents make promises on their child's behalf that their children will believe in Jesus Christ and be brought up to grow in faith in God. But that means there is a need for each person, as they grow older, to decide for themselves whether they wish to be a Christian and to follow the Lord's way in life. For those who are wondering about their faith, it is normal to not be sure.

In the autumn there will be opportunities to meet together to discuss the Christian faith in a fun and friendly way, and then for those who wish, to be 'confirmed', (made firm) in faith. It's at a service led by the Bishop, who will anoint and pray for God's Spirit to be in each person. It's an amazing service, that changes our lives to be fulfilling lives.

Anyone is welcome to come, even if they have already been confirmed and would just like to be refreshed in their faith. It doesn't matter how old you are; and if you haven't been christened that's ok too. Just let Anne, or one of the Churchwardens or readers know, and we'll find a time that fits in with you.

## Church News and Notices

### We are now fully online!

The Leam Valley Benefice is now fully online! You can visit our new benefice website at [www.learmvalleychurches.co.uk](http://www.learmvalleychurches.co.uk) where you will find the full service schedule for 2019 and forthcoming events, information on organising weddings and other special services, plus contact details for Rev Anne and all the Churchwardens (including safeguarding contacts).

The individual churches have all now caught up with St Peter's at Grandborough, which was the only church at the beginning of the year to have its own website. To find details of services and events happening in the individual churches you can now visit:

- [www.allsaintsleamingtonhastings.co.uk](http://www.allsaintsleamingtonhastings.co.uk)
- [www.stmarksflecknoe.co.uk](http://www.stmarksflecknoe.co.uk)
- [www.stnicholaswilloughby.co.uk](http://www.stnicholaswilloughby.co.uk) and of course,
- [www.stpetersgrandborough.co.uk](http://www.stpetersgrandborough.co.uk)

You can also follow us on Facebook @stmarksflecknoe; @stpeterschurchgrandborough and @St.Nicholas.Willoughby.Rugby for the latest news and photos.

We are really keen to find someone to set up and run a Facebook page for All Saints in Leamington Hastings. If you've got a few minutes to spare and fancy having a go, please contact Brian Cooke or Laura Seago (07980 881545). Training and support will be provided.

Thank you very much to everyone who has worked so hard to get this project up and running.

### Healing Service

The next monthly healing services at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Broadwell, will be on Tuesday 20th August and 17th September at 7.30 pm. The service is open to anyone who wants to spend some quiet time with God and praying for our families, friends and communities. Please come and join us.

If you know of anyone who would appreciate prayer for any reason at all, please advise Anne on 01788 438561 or Karen Hatch 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

**Holiday Club.** We look forward to welcoming children to the Benefice Holiday Club from **Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th August**. 30 children have registered and we have an exciting programme set up. The highlight will be the visit on Thursday to the Falconry centre at Holdenby House. For further information ring Clare Grant on 01788 891076.

**Breakfast Service.** The breakfast service at 9.00am on Sunday 22nd September will be led by Jan Sanchez and others from the church in Napton.



## Grandborough

### Church Opening

Our church is open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm

### Farmers' Market

We had one of our busiest markets in July. Our customers had the bonus of being able to sit outside in the glorious sunshine to enjoy their refreshments and chat with friends. It was lovely to see all the cafe tables full, both inside and outside the church. Hopefully the weather will remain good and we will be able to sit outside again at the August market. Our plant stallholder had a wonderful display of plants which were very popular. Our next markets will be held on 1st August and 5th September.

### Messy Church

We had a most enjoyable Messy Church in July when the children were able to enjoy the freedom of having their activities, worship and singing outside in the glorious sunshine. They finished up with a relaxed picnic which was thoroughly enjoyed by adults and children.

The date for our next Messy Church is Thursday 5th September. **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.

## GWAS

Grandborough Wine Appreciation Society had asked if they could hold a GWAS evening at St Peter's and this was held on 5th July. It was a very successful and enjoyable evening with over 50 people attending. 23 people (3 groups) took the opportunity of having a tower tour and they were amazed at the wonderful views around Grandborough. We were fortunate to have a beautiful evening and able to mingle outside in the grounds. The evening raised the sum of £350, all of which has been donated to the church and will go towards the cost of our new carpet, due to be fitted in early September. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

## Thank you

We would like to thank all the volunteers who turned up to help at our church and churchyard tidy up. We had 8 volunteers outside who spent most of their time hedge cutting and tidying some graves. We had 6 ladies in the church, cleaning windows, polishing, etc. Most of the carpet has now been lifted in readiness for the new one. All of this work has made a big difference, both inside and outside and we are very grateful to all who helped.

## Cream Teas

On 4th August from 2.30 pm, cream teas will be served in Haydn and Charmaine's garden at Gilgen, Church Road, Grandborough, There will be a cake stall and a tombola stall and this will be in aid of St Peter's Church and the Village Hall. Adults £5; children under 12 free.

## Women's Institute

Our meeting on 18th September will be presented by Susan Rasmussen who will be talking about "WEARING COLOUR" and learning what colours suit you best.

## Methodist Chapel

Preachers for August and September are as follows. Services are held at 6.30 pm in the Chapel. All welcome.

August	Preacher
Sunday 4th	D Hill
Sunday 11th	K Hiscock
Sunday 18th	Rev Canon B Clutton
Sunday 25th	J Wells

Our Harvest Service will be held on 22nd September. The service at 10.30 am will be led by Rev Charity Madenyika and Rev Collinson at 6.30 pm.

Our sale of the produce will be held at the Chapel on Monday 23rd September at 7.00 pm. Please come along and join us. Everyone welcome.

## Songs of Praise

The Village Hall was full for the Songs of Praise service and the hymn singing was enjoyed by all who attended. Delicious refreshments were served at the end. The collection taken from the Songs of Praise evening raised the grand sum of £296 which will be donated to the Air Ambulance. Thanks to all who helped to make this such a good evening.



## Leamington Hastings

The new season of classical concerts in All Saints' has already started. Please go to [www.musicatleamingtonhastings.co.uk](http://www.musicatleamingtonhastings.co.uk) for further details.



## Willoughby

**Thank you** - £336 was raised at the Jumble Sale. Many thanks to all the people who volunteered and helped on the day and to those who donated.

## Quinquennial

The church has recently had its quinquennial inspection completed. This is a five year inspection of the fabric of the church and helps identify any issues. In addition much needed electrical work has ensured we are compliant with requirements.

## Harvest

**A Celebration of Harvest** in September will see our lovely church open on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September for people to visit and see the church. We will also be discussing plans for 'Facilities' in the church. Please visit and give us your ideas and opinions, they are valued.

Our Harvest Festival Service in the church will be held on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11.00 am and will be followed by a Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall and sale of produce. Jackie Gibbard has tickets for the lunch.

## Table Top/Garage Sale

On Saturday 21st September, there will be a Table Top Sale in the Village Hall from 10.00 am and a Garage Sale round the Village. All will be advertised in local papers and a plan drawn on the day, of participating garages. Have a de-clutter before winter. To book a table or inform of a garage sale, please contact Jackie 891191 or Karen 0786 6572209. Cost £5 each.

Although August is a quiet time, please have a walk around the churchyard. It is a haven of peace and welcomes all.

St Nicholas is a church for the village. The village needs its church to be able to serve the community.

## Thursday Club.

1st August: Outing with DACT bus to Winterbourne House and Gardens, Edgbaston, Birmingham. Cost is £16.20 per head, to cover entry and the bus - £17.20 for 'youngsters' under 65. If you would like to come, please pay a £6 non-returnable deposit to Lynn Busby.

12th September: 2.30 pm – Film show at the Village Hall.

19th September: 12.30 pm - Pub Lunch. Probably the Waterside at Hillmorton, some of the committee are trying it out to make sure.

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.

## Flower Club

Woolscott Flower Club is a long established, thriving and friendly club that meets nine times a year on the first Wednesday evening of the month in Willoughby Village Hall. The Club is affiliated to NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies) and invites professional Demonstrators to our club meetings, who use beautiful flowers and foliage to create spectacular floral arrangements. We also arrange club outings to national flower shows, well known beautiful gardens and local showpiece gardens.

Do you love flowers? Then you will enjoy Woolscott Flower Club. If you would like to know more about us and would like to see what we do, why not come along on a club evening as a guest – we meet again on the first Wednesday in September. If you are interested contact: Andrea Hughes on 01788 891313 or by email [mrsandrehughes@btinternet.com](mailto:mrsandrehughes@btinternet.com).

Church Services			
4th August	Willoughby Benefice Service	10.30 am	Holy Communion
11th August	Flecknoe Benefice Service	10.30 am	Holy Communion
18th August	Grandborough Benefice Service	10.30 am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 20th August	C of GS, Broadwell	7.30 pm	Healing Service
25th August	Leamington Hastings Benefice Service	10.30 am	Holy Communion
1st September	Grandborough Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Thursday 5th September	Grandborough	4.30 pm	Messy Church
8th September	Flecknoe Willoughby Grandborough	9.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Family Service Evensong
15th September	Leamington Hastings Grandborough Willoughby	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion WtW Evensong
Tuesday 17th September	C of GS, Broadwell	7.30 pm	Healing Service
22nd September	Flecknoe Willoughby Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Breakfast Service Harvest Festival/Lunch Afternoon Worship
29th September	Willoughby Benefice Service	10.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 3rd October	Grandborough	4.30 pm	Messy Church
6th October	Grandborough Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion

Please note the latest date for items to be included in the next Leam Valley Messenger is 15th September. Reports should be sent to: [dorothyjohnson@outlook.com](mailto:dorothyjohnson@outlook.com)