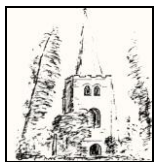


Leam Valley Messenger



Flecknoe



Grandborough



Leamington Hastings



Willoughby

December 2017/January 2018

On All Saints' day exactly 500 years ago a young lecturer at the University of Wittenberg, named Martin Luther, nailed his 95 'theses' to the door of All Saints' Church in that city. This was a normal way to start a theological discussion in those days. The topic raised in the theses was the sale of 'indulgences' by the Roman Catholic Church, but over a period his main concern became the doctrine of Justification by faith.

Luther argued that no human being can be without sin, so there can be no justification by claiming perfect keeping of the law. Instead there was the reality of justification by faith – the belief in God's good purpose in sending His Son, who by his death and resurrection was able to provide forgiveness, and hence justification, to repentant sinners.

So how are we forgiven sinners to live? Surely we should practise active goodness – love of our neighbour, not mere passivity, as members of the Kingdom. But how? That is where the so-called Essential Qualities (Empowering Leadership, Gift-oriented Ministry, Passionate Spirituality, Effective Structures, Inspiring Worship, Holistic Small Groups, Need-oriented Evangelism and Loving Relationships) come in.

Working very hard as a group (despite wide differences in experience, personality and churchmanship) our churchwardens have prepared, agreed and submitted a profile of our benefice and agreed a complete schedule of services for 2018. In 2017 there has been excellent lay leadership of services and many clerical friends have facilitated Holy Communion. The Holy Spirit has been working too!

So why do we need a new priest? My short answer is to provide overall co-ordination with high quality spiritual teaching and guidance; also, by promoting the Essential Qualities, to point us to the needs of the world.

With Christmas and the New Year approaching fast, please be very generous to those in need.

Alec Parker
Reader

From the Registers

Baptisms: We welcome into the life and membership of the church family the children whose baptisms took place as follows:

Esme Fairburn at All Saints' Church, Leamington Hastings on 5th November.

Harry George Crowther on 19th November at St Peter's Church, Grandborough.

Funerals: We offer our sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the relatives and friends of:

Keith Douglas Causer whose funeral took place at All Saints' Church, Leamington Hastings on 12th October.

Church News and Notices

In the absence of a Priest-in-Charge, it is suggested that if you have any queries regarding any of the churches in the Benefice, you should contact The Reader or one of the Churchwardens as follows:

The Reader for the Benefice is Dr Alec Parker Tel: 01926 812548

Flecknoe	Andrew Grant	01788 891076		
Grandborough	Peter Johnson	01788 814994;	Pauline Stratton	01788 521123
L'ton Hastings	Karen Hatch	01926 812363 ;	Andrew Ryan-Smith	01926 811367
Willoughby	Jackie Gibbard	01788 891191;	Karen Nichols	07866 572209

Farmers' Market

Our next market will be on Thursday 7th December when we will have a Silent Auction, Raffle and mulled wine. Our stallholders will have a good selection of Christmas food and gifts. Anne-Marie, florist from Dunchurch will have a stall and Greenacres Rural Enterprises will also be coming along to this event. After shopping, enjoy a chat, while having a cup of coffee and cake in the Cafe.

Please note our first market in 2018 will be on Thursday 1st February.

Electronic copies of the Leam Valley Messenger

We understand that not everyone wants to have a paper copy of the 'Messenger.' If you would prefer to have a copy emailed to you and would like your name to be added to a circulation list, please contact dorothyjohnson@outlook.com. This will also help to make us a 'Greener Benefice.'

Leam Valley Benefice Office Hour

The Benefice Office deals with all enquiries relating to baptisms and weddings in The Leam Valley Benefice. Should you require any information then come along to the Church of the Good Shepherd, Broadwell on the first Monday of the month between 6.00 and 7.00 pm. One of the team will be there to talk with you and answer any questions. Next dates are Monday 4th December and 8th January 2018.

Healing Services

The next monthly healing services at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Broadwell, will be on Tuesday, 19th December and Tuesday 23rd January 2018 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 let your Churchwarden know or Karen on 01926 812363 or email ingrianna57@gmail.com and we will include them in our prayer time.

W†W

'Welcome to Worship' is a 30 minute service held on the third Sunday of the month for everyone of all ages to come together and enjoy worship at St Peter's Church, Grandborough.. Our next service will be held on Sunday 17th December.



Flecknoe

Harvest Supper - Many thanks to all who came to our Harvest Supper on 8th October, and also to all those who prepared our meal. Attendance was a record with 80 tickets bought. We collected £385.60 from the sale of donated produce and this was split between the DEC appeal for Rohingya refugees and Hope 4 who provide help for the homeless and poor in Rugby.

Carol Service - Our Carol Service will take place on Sunday 17th December at 6.00 pm. As usual we will be providing wine and mince pies after the service. Everyone is welcome.

We will also be singing carols round the village on Tuesday 19th December. Everyone is welcome to join our choir, even if you can't sing! Meet at Hillcrest House at 5.45 pm for nibbles and a drink to get in the mood.

There is to be a performance of "Aladdin" in Flecknoe church at 6.30 pm on Friday 29th December. **Written and performed by villagers this promises to be a fantastic, as well as a unique event.** Tickets are available from Victoria Lindsell (01788 890581), but hurry as few remain.

Breakfast Service

The Bishop of Coventry, The Rt. Revd. Dr Christopher Cocksworth, will be taking our Breakfast Service on Sunday 28th January. Everyone is welcome, but please let Andrew Grant (891076) know if you are coming so that we know how many to provide breakfast for.



Grandborough.

Harvest Supper and Autumn Serenade Concert

Many thanks to Charmaine for organising the above events which were both enjoyed very much by all of those who attended. An auction was held at the Harvest Supper and the sum of £371.50 was raised for church funds.

The concert was a delightful event and on this occasion we made a profit of £262 for church funds. Many thanks to everyone who helped make these events such a success.

Pennies from Heaven

Thank you to everyone who saves their small change in our boxes. Our recent collection raised the sum of £150 for church funds, making a total of £317.60 for the year.

Messy Church

We are looking forward to having our Christmas party on Thursday 7th December at 4.30 pm and we will be delighted to have as many children as possible come along and join us for party games, worship and a buffet tea. Mums, dads, grandparents and carers are welcome to come along too.

Evensong

Please note that for the months of January, February and March, 2018 we are combining our Evensong services with the Methodist Chapel. The service will be at 6.30 pm in the Chapel.

Women's Institute - On 13th December we will be entertained by Dave Moylan on days gone by "How's ya Father."

On Wednesday 17th January we welcome one of our villagers, Stella Chambers who is coming along with her 'Collection of Antique Dolls.'

Our meetings are held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. All visitors welcome.

Methodist Chapel

Our Christmas concert with Dunchurch Band will be held on Saturday 9th December in Grandborough Village Hall at 7.00 pm. All welcome.

Delivery of Leam Valley Messenger to Woolscott

Due to the fact that we no longer have anyone to deliver the magazine to the houses in Woolscott, this will now only be sent electronically. If you would like your name to be added to our circulation list, please email dorothyjohnson@outlook.com. The magazine can always be viewed on the church web page at: www.stpetersgrandborough.co.uk. Paper copies are also available in the church.



Hill/Leamington Hastings

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2017 - Zinnia Allen would like to thank all the residents of Hill who so generously donated to the Poppy Appeal. The magnificent sum of £111.97p was collected.

Leam Valley Community First Responders (CFR's) would like to thank everyone who came to support them at the Leamington Hastings Christmas Market and helped us to raise £68.11. It was our first fundraising event to help us get the group started. If you would like more information or if you require CPR/Defib training, First Aid cover for events or for talks on CFR's, please contact:

Linda Belgrove Tel: 07943 336574 and Sue Waddington Tel: 07889 532810.

All Saints' Christmas Market

The PCC would like to say a very big thank you to all who took part; helping out before, during and afterwards and in setting up a splendid venue. The market was only possible with the hard work of some baking, cooking and serving wonderful cakes and hot drinks; contributing the raffle and tombola prizes, taking money on the door and baking a Christmas cake to guess the weight.

A big thank you is also owed to the talented stallholders and visitors from near and far and to the children from Leamington Hastings Academy who made some beautiful Christmas tree decorations, as part of a competition. They looked really beautiful on the tree and it was extremely difficult to choose a winner!! The amount raised for All Saints' Church was £1,281.00. Thank you everyone.

Carol Service - This year our Carol Service will be held on Tuesday 12th December at 7.00 pm. As usual, we will be providing mince pies and a glass of mulled wine after the service for all who can stay.

Willoughby

Update on Fundraising for St Nicholas' Church

The latest on our fundraising saw £800 raised for the church roof from the bonfire and firework party. Many thanks to everyone for all their hard work.

Christingle

The Christingle Service is to be held in the church on Sunday 3rd December at 4.00 pm. All welcome.

Carol Singing

A band of intrepid people will once again brave the December air to go carol singing round the village on Friday 22nd December to raise funds for the church. The Thursday club speaker has donated £40 of his fee to the church roof appeal. Really appreciated thank you.

Many thanks to all who donated for the craft fair at Leamington Hastings church on 18th November. Christine has been very busy making items for this. We are hoping to put a fundraising target up in the village very soon so all can see progress.

Raffle tickets are on sale for a planned big draw in May 2018. 1st prize £100, two further prizes of Veolfit watches, a £20 Sainsbury's voucher, the hire of a skip (worth £190) and many other prizes planned. Tickets from any members on the PCC. Three further grant applications have been posted and ongoing research into further avenues is continuing.

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 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.

If you love flowers 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. If you are interested contact: Andrea Hughes on 01788 891313 or by email mrsandreaughes@btinternet.com

The Flower Club needs someone to help put out chairs and tables in the Village Hall and to put these away again at the end of the evening. We offer a good rate of payment. If you think you can help, please contact Andrea, as above.

Thursday Club

14th December: - Christmas Lunch at the Boat, Birdingbury CV23 8HQ

11th January - 2.30 pm at The Village Hall, Social

18th January - 12.30 pm - Pub lunch at the Sporting Club, Barby CV23 8UX

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

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

The Willoughby Society

In view of the decision to limit the number of pages in the LVM, the following items will, regrettably, be the last submitted by Willoughby WI and The Willoughby Society. However, visitors are always welcome at their meetings. Details of all the events are available in the Willoughby Monthly (downloaded from www.willoughbyweb.net or the Willoughby Monthly Group page on Facebook).

A Christmas Carol: A Folk Opera on Friday 1st December at the Village Hall.

Tickets from Richard Jackson 01788-891898 - Adults £12.50 U16 Free.

On Wednesday 17th January at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall - Burt Manton with his Implement Quiz. If you have an old implement/tool that you don't know what it is for, bring it along for identification.

We wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Women's Institute

On Thursday, 14th December, Mrs. Cymbrie Baseley will be talking about sheep fleeces and felting. Have a go at making a small woolly lamb or snowman. The competition is for donations to Rugby Food Bank.

On Thursday 18th January, Mr. Kim Taylor will be giving us a talk "From Microlights to Royal Flights" working with the Queen's Helicopter Flight. The competition is for a photo of a snow scene.

Our meetings take place at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Visitors welcome.

Happy Christmas and New Year to Everyone.

Church Services			
3 rd December	Grandborough Leamington Hastings Willoughby	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Christingle
Thursday 7 th December	Grandborough	4.30 pm	Messy Church
10 th December	Flecknoe Willoughby Grandborough	9.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Family Service Evensong
Tuesday 12 th December	Leamington Hastings	7.00 pm	Carol Service
17 th December	Leamington Hastings Grandborough Willoughby Flecknoe	9.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm 6.00 pm	Holy Communion WtW Carol Service Carol Service
Tuesday 19 th December	C of GS Broadwell	7.30 pm	Healing Service
Friday 22 nd December	Willoughby	1.30 pm	School end of term service
24 th December	Grandborough Willoughby Leamington Hastings	6.00 pm 11.00 pm 11.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight Holy Communion Holy Communion
25 th December	Grandborough Flecknoe	9.00 am 10.30 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
31 st December	Leamington Hastings Benefice Service	10.30 am	Holy Communion
7 th January	Grandborough Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
14 th January	Flecknoe Willoughby Grandborough Chapel	9.00 am 11.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Family Service Evensong
21 st January	Leamington Hastings Grandborough Willoughby	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion WtW Evensong
Tuesday 23 rd January	C of GS, Broadwell	7.30 pm	Healing Service
28 th January	Flecknoe Willoughby Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Breakfast Service Holy Communion Afternoon Worship
Thursday 1 st February	Grandborough	4.30 pm	Messy Church
4 th February	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 January 2018**. Reports should be sent to: dorothyjohnson@outlook.com