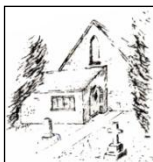
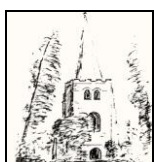


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February/March 2018

Coventry becomes an Eco Diocese

The Diocese of Coventry is registering as an Eco Diocese in the New Year as part of our centenary celebration. Could your church consider signing up to Eco Church in 2018? At the heart of Eco Church is a unique online survey of five key areas of church life: Worship and Teaching, Building Management, Land Management, Community and Global Engagement, Lifestyle.

This free online survey and supporting resources are designed to equip your church to express your care for God's world in your worship and teaching; in how you look after your buildings and land; in how you engage with your local community and in global campaigns, and in the personal lifestyles of your congregation. The actions you take will count towards a prestigious Eco Church Award at Bronze, Silver or Gold level. Complete the Eco Survey to gauge where your church currently is in relation to the three different levels; you may find you already qualify for an Eco Church Award!

Our vision is for churches of all denominations to care for creation as an integral part of loving their neighbours and following God faithfully. Help us bring that vision to reality by participating in Eco Church. There is also a resource pack which supports the five areas surveyed and is designed to equip you and your church as you plan future initiatives and work towards gaining an eco-award, whether at Bronze, Silver or Gold level.

Care for creation is at the heart of the Eco-Church movement. 'The earth is the Lord's', declares the psalmist (Psalm 24:1). It is God's creation, not ours to do with as we please. In the Biblical creation stories God subordinates rule over creation to humans to 'fill the earth and subdue it'. (Genesis 1:26-28) But in doing so God lays on human beings the responsibility for how we manage the earth and every living creature, in ways consistent with the ways of the Owner, to whom we will have to give account. This expresses the now familiar notion of stewardship or trusteeship (Genesis 2:15). We are also called to be partners with the rest of creation and co-partners in the ongoing creative and renewing activity of God. In caring for what God has created, we care for ourselves, because in God's providence and wisdom our flourishing is dependent on the flourishing of creation. To care for what God has created is therefore also to care for each other, and especially for the poor and vulnerable.

From the Registers

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

Ron Cox whose funeral took place on Friday 12th January at St Mark's Church, Flecknoe, and was followed by a burial in the churchyard in a grave shared with his brother Eric.

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

Dorothy Johnson would like to thank everyone who came along and supported the Farmers' Market at St Peter's in December. The Silent Auction raised the grand sum of £1,275; the Raffle £213 and the total raised on the day including the Cafe, Church Table and donations from the Stallholders amounted to £1,857.

We are extremely grateful for the support we get throughout the year, and would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

We look forward to seeing you again on Thursday 1st February and Thursday 1st March.

Healing Services

The next monthly healing services at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Broadwell, will be on Tuesday, 20th February and Tuesday 20th March 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.

Benefice Songs of Praise

There will be a Benefice Ecumenical 'Songs of Praise' Service at All Saints' Church, Leamington Hastings at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 13th February with refreshments afterwards. If you have a favourite hymn or passage from the Bible that you would like included in this service, please speak to Karen Hatch 01926 812363 or Sylvia Toole 01926 632874.

Benefice Ash Wednesday Service

This year Lent begins on 14th February - Ash Wednesday is one of the principal Holy Days. There will be a celebration of the Eucharist with the imposition of ashes at 7.30 pm in St Peter's Church, Grandborough. All Welcome.

W†W

'Welcome †o Worship' is a 30 minute service held at 11.00 am 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 services will be held on Sunday 18th February and 18th March. All welcome.

Lent Group meetings will be held as follows:

Date	Time	Venue
22 nd February	2.30 pm	LH Alms Houses
1 st March	7.30 pm	Hillcrest House, Flecknoe
8 th March	7.30 pm	Grandborough Chapel
15 th March	7.30 pm	Willoughby Village Hall
21 st March	7.30 pm	Broadwell Chapel

Lent Lunches will be served at Broadwell and Grandborough, as follows:

From 12 noon – 1.30 pm on **Wednesday 14th March** at Broadwell Chapel. The proceeds will be donated to 'All We Can' – (Methodist Relief and Development).

From 12 noon – 1.30 pm on **Thursday 22nd March** at St Peter's Church. The proceeds from the lunch will be donated to the Leprosy Mission.

Please come along and support us. Everybody welcome.

Mothering Sunday

A Benefice Mothers' Day service will be held at Flecknoe Church on Sunday 11th March at 10.30 am. Everyone is invited to come along and join us. The children will be handing out posies to all the ladies.

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

Our Palm Sunday service will be held at All Saints' Church, Leamington Hastings on 25th March at 10.30 am.



Maundy Thursday - Remember Our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Maundy Thursday service will be held on 29th March at 7.30 pm at St Mark's Church, Flecknoe.

Jesus' command 'love one another' is powerfully symbolised in the washing of feet. The simple Eucharistic celebration draws us to the Upper Room where Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with his disciples. As the church is stripped bare, we remember and pray as we respond to Jesus' words: 'Could you not watch with me one hour?'

Good Friday

The service on Good Friday will be held at St Nicholas' Church, Willoughby on 30th March at 2.00 pm.



Holy Week is the most important week of the Christian year - do try to attend one of these services. Please ask if you need a lift!

On Easter Day, Sunday 1st April, Holy Communion Services will be held at 9.00 am at Flecknoe, 10.30 am at Grandborough and 11.00 am at Willoughby and Leamington Hastings.



Flecknoe

Carol Singing

Many thanks to all those who joined our choir and to all who gave so generously when we sang round the village on Tuesday 19th December. We raised a record sum of £172.63 for Rugby Hope4.

Big Breakfast

We are holding another much celebrated BIG Breakfast on Saturday 10th February from 8.30 am to 12.00 noon in Flecknoe Village Hall. Prices are unchanged from last year at £8 for adults and £4 for children. For those who do not already know, a fully comprehensive breakfast consisting of fruit juices, cereals, a full cooked breakfast, toast and tea or coffee will be served. This is an excellent opportunity for an outing for all the family. Everyone welcome.

Future dates for your diaries:

We will be holding a Cream Tea event in the garden at the Stone House on Sunday 10th June from 2.00 to 4.00 pm, courtesy of Andrew and Jules Brown.

Our summer Holiday Club for children aged from 5 to 10 will, this year, be held from Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th August based in Flecknoe Village Hall.



Grandborough

Candlelight Service

It was wonderful to see such a full church at our Candlelight service, so many adults and children (approximately 350).

A special thank you to everyone who helped make the service so welcoming. The church looked beautiful in candlelight with an abundance of stunning poinsettia arrangements throughout the church. We couldn't have achieved this without the help of the flower arrangers, people setting out all the candles, the Readers, choir and the lovely service conducted by the Revd Canon Barbara Clutton. Our collection raised the excellent sum of just under £500, for which we are very grateful. This will be shared with Myton Hospice.

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

Bishop John is coming to take our 9.00 am Holy Communion service on Sunday 4th February. Please come along and help us fill the church.

Messy Church - Our next sessions will be held on Thursday 1st February and again on Thursday 1st March from 4.30 – 6.30 pm. If you haven't been before, please give it a try; a hot meal is provided after the crafts and worship. Children should be accompanied by an adult. Everyone is welcome.

Methodist Chapel

Preachers for February are as follows. Services are held at 6.30 pm.

February	Preacher
Sunday 4 th	Mrs M Geldart
Sunday 11 th	Rev Charity (HC)
Sunday 18 th	Rev Michael Haighton
Sunday 25 th	Rev Charity

Missions Evening

This will be on Friday 23rd March at 7.30 pm in the Chapel. Mr John Wright will be talking about "Tools for self reliance." There will be a collection for World Church with refreshments served afterwards. We would be pleased to see you there.

Palm Sunday

On 25th March we shall be doing our walk of witness, leaving from the pub car park at 10.30 am and finishing at the Chapel for a short service. Mr John Kay will be leading this. All are welcome.

Women's Institute

On 21st February, Brian Dalby from Ringswood Ice Cream will be coming along to tell us about "Ice Cream Making."

Wednesday 21st March is a social evening when we will all be having 'a go' at "Kurling."

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



Leamington Hastings

Via Beata – A way of blessing

The carvings for our Waystation are well underway and look amazing. Visit the website to see the workshops to complete the carvings. <http://www.viabeata.co.uk>
We are looking to raise £1,500 to pay for the 2 wooden benches, which will be fixed in the South porch, and to contribute to the cost of some of the carvings.

If you would like to make a donation please make cheques payable to Leamington Hastings PCC; cash is equally acceptable!!! Speak to Kay Reeves or the church wardens if you would like further information. Many thanks.

End of Term School Service

The end of term school service will be held at 2.30 pm on Thursday 29th March at All Saints' Church, Leamington Hastings



Willoughby

Update on Fundraising

We hope everyone had a good Christmas and looking forward to a bright New Year.

Fundraising for the church continues with our next function which is a Valentines Coffee Morning to be held on 17th February in the Village Hall from 10.00 am till midday. We are having a second hand book stall and bring and buy alongside the cakes. All are welcome to come and join us.

Raffle tickets for the draw on 19th May will be on sale. We are busy collecting more prizes. Other fundraising events include a promises auction, a garage sale, strawberry teas and a talent show 'Has Willoughby got Talent'? Information to follow.

The new year will also see renewed efforts at obtaining grants

Thursday Club

8th February at 2.30 pm in the Village Hall: Norman Oates, 'What's in a name?'

15th February at 12.30 pm: Pub lunch at The Steam Turbine, Barnaby Road, Rugby CV21 1GB

8th March 2.30 pm: AGM at the Village Hall.

15 March 12.30 pm: Pub Lunch at The Friendly Inn, Frankton CV23 9NY

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.

Church Services			
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
11 th February	Flecknoe Willoughby Grandborough	9.00 am 11.00 am 6.30 pm	Holy Communion Family Service Evensong (Chapel)
Tuesday 13 th February	Leamington Hastings	7.30 pm	Ecumenical Songs and Bible Praise
Wednesday 14 th February	Grandborough	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday HC
18 th February	Leamington Hastings Grandborough Willoughby	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion WtW Evensong
Tuesday 20 th February	C of GS	7.30 pm	Healing Service
25 th February	Flecknoe Willoughby Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Breakfast Service Holy Communion Afternoon Worship
Thursday 1 st March	Grandborough	4.30 pm	Messy Church
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Tuesday 20 th March	C of GS Broadwell	7.30 pm	Healing Service
25 th March Palm Sunday	Leamington Hastings Benefice Service	10.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 29 th March	Flecknoe	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday HC
Friday 30 th March	Willoughby Good Friday	2.00 pm	Vigil at the Cross HC
1 st April Easter Sunday	Flecknoe Grandborough Leamington Hastings Willoughby	9.00 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion
5 th April	Grandborough	4.30 pm	Messy Church

Please note the latest date for items to be included in the next Leam Valley Messenger is **15th March 2018**. Reports should be sent to: dorothyjohnson@outlook.com