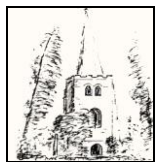


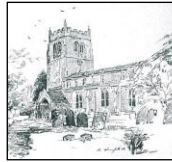
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Dear Friends in Leam Valley.

Surprisingly the church celebrates Easter for six weeks, (though, not with Easter eggs every week!) It's because Easter speaks of life after death, perhaps the most sought-after treasure since human thought began.

The older part of the Bible speaks only a little about life after we leave 'this mortal coil'. There were only prophecies of one who would come to life again. Then, as time went on, it seemed unreasonable that these bodies, so finely made, would have no eternity. Even more so, these souls, so precious to each other, and surely also precious to God, must have some sort of future.

Jesus' followers were amazed that when Jesus died, he should fulfil those hopes and prophecies. He appeared to them many times so there would be no doubt that he was indeed alive. He ate and drank with them to convince them he was not a ghost. Even doubting Thomas was granted the chance to see Jesus again for himself.

As time went on, one of his followers put it like this:

"We are born perishable, but raised imperishable." That's good news for those who are dying; good news for those that mourn; good news for everybody. It is because of this wonderful gift, that we go on celebrating for so long. Let's celebrate all year! May you be truly blessed in the coming months, here and on holiday,

With 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		
L'ton Hastings	Brian Cooke	01926 632917		
Willoughby	Jackie Gibbard	01788 891191;	Karen Nichols	07866 572209
Readers: Dr Alec Parker, 01926 812548 and Karen Hatch, 01926 812363				

From the Registers

Baptism: We welcome into the life and membership of the church family **Ava-Rose Luna Grout** whose Baptism took place on 14th April at St Peter's Church, Grandborough.

Wedding: Congratulations to **Rachael Aldersley and James Elford** who were married on 27th April at St Peter's Church, Grandborough.

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

Evelyn Royans whose funeral took place on 12th April and **Gladys Collett** whose funeral took place on 9th May at All Saints' Church, Leamington Hastings

Burial of Ashes: **Michael Reynolds** on 23rd April at St Nicholas Church, Willoughby.
Gaynor Mary Morris (daughter of Ray and Doreen Cox) on 28th May at St Peter's Church, Grandborough.

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Church News and Notices

Leam Valley Web Page

We would like to advise everyone that we now have a web page for the churches in the Benefice. Please click on www.leafvalleychurches.co.uk to find out what is happening. Once in the main site, you can then click on a specific church

Healing Service

The next monthly healing services at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Broadwell, will be on Tuesday 18th June, and Tuesday 16th July 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 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

Church Spring Clean

We will be spring cleaning the Church and Churchyard on **Tuesday 4th June from 10.00 am to midday**. Anyone who can come and help will be greatly appreciated.

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

Church Opening

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

Mother's Day

We had a very good attendance at our Mother's Day Service. Rachel Askquith-Ellis told the story of Moses while 10 children acted it out. The hymn singing was excellent with lots of action and everyone enjoyed themselves. The collection was split between the church and Christian Aid with £50 being donated to the Cyclone Idai Appeal.

Christian Aid

A special thank you to everyone who has helped with the delivery/collection of Christian Aid envelopes. Door-to-door collections amounted to **£576** with Gift Aid of £288.70.

Our Christian Aid Coffee morning was very successful. It was a beautiful sunny day and we put tables and chairs outside so that our customers could enjoy the sunshine, while having their refreshments and a chat. The money received at this event totalled **£131**.

We received the sum of **£57** at our Lent Lunch and this has also been given to Christian Aid. The total sum raised overall amounts to **£764**.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who has supported this very worthy cause, either by giving their time or by donating.

Pennies from Heaven

Thank you to everyone who has filled their boxes with small change. The sum of money collected this time amounted to £107.80. A number of people were out when Dorothy called and if you would like her to collect your boxes, then perhaps you could contact her by email (details on the back page), otherwise she will be back again in October.

Farmers' Market

Our next markets will be held on 6th June and 4th July and we hope you will be able to come along and support our stallholders and enjoy refreshments and a chat in the Café. We have a new baker selling a very large selection of bread and cakes and we are hoping we may have a stallholder selling fruit and vegetables at the next market. However, we are still waiting to have this confirmed. Our plant stallholder is back again with us for the summer months.

Messy Church

The dates for our next Messy Church are 6th June and 4th July. 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.

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 - On 19th June, Dr Rae Ritchie is coming to tell us about 'Women's Magazines – past and recent.'

On 17th July we will be having an outing to visit Charles Rennie Mackintosh House at Northampton.

Methodist Chapel

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

June	Preacher	July	Preacher
Sunday 2nd	Rev Rob Anning	Sunday 7th	Songs of Praise
Sunday 9th	Mr John Wright	Sunday 14th	Rev Jane Gaffney
Sunday 16th	Rev Charity (HC)	Sunday 21st	Rev Charity (HC)
Sunday 23rd	Rev Andy Hardwick	Sunday 28th	Deacon Georgina Brooks
Sunday 30th	Rev David Collinson		

Songs of Praise

This will be in the Village Hall on Sunday 7th July at 6.30 pm. Please come and join us. Refreshments will be served and there will be a collection for the Air Ambulance.



Leamington Hastings

The new season of classical concerts in All Saints' starts on 8th June this year. Please go to www.musicatleamingtonhastings.co.uk for further details

Projects in and around All Saints' Church.

We are enormously grateful to those in the parish and elsewhere who currently help with the maintenance of the church and churchyard - without their tireless help we could not keep this treasured and beautiful building and space up to its current high standards. However, we have a number of additional projects we would now like to get going, in and around the church. These include:

- Church paths repair/restoration.
- Security arrangements to consider, to enable us to have the church open during daylight hours.

- Repair of the hot water system in the church.
- Repair/replacement of space heaters in the church.
- Systematically go through latest architects report and address outstanding issues raised.

Would anyone be interested in helping or leading any of these projects (or would like to discuss the other projects on the list)? If so, please contact the Churchwarden, Brian Cooke on 01926 632917.

Leamington Hastings Academy- Would you be interested in becoming a governor of Leamington Hastings Academy?

Leamington Hastings Academy is an infants school and nursery and covers the catchment areas of Grandborough, Willoughby, Broadwell, Hill, Birdingbury and Leamington Hastings. Due to a couple of governors standing down after serving 3 terms off office (a term is 4 years), including myself, the school is looking for new governors.

This is a very rewarding role which involves oversight of the school's strategy, performance and finances. The time commitment is 6 meetings a year in the evening (which last around 1.5 to 2 hours) and a termly visit into school to discuss progress against the allocated action on the school development plan.

If you have 15 hours a year that you could commit, please feel free to speak to either Paula Whitfield or Mrs Marson, the Head of School - we would be happy to answer any questions. Please note that training is also available. **Paula Whitfield, Chair of Governors.** Paula.whitfield@hotmail.co.uk

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

Leamington Hastings Bowls Club have begun their outdoor season and would like to invite you to come along and have a go. You can play twice with no obligation to join and you can borrow bowls. All you need to do is wear flat shoes, comfortable clothing and turn up at the Leamington Hastings Parish Hall any Wednesday at 6.00 pm. We are a non league club with emphasis on having fun, getting some gentle exercise in lovely surroundings with good company. You will be made most welcome so please just turn up and join in.

Willoughby

Finally, the work appears to be completed.

The whole Chancel has had a much needed coat of paint and the roof and ceiling restored. It has been a long journey and we have missed not being able to use our church. The dusty interior caused by replacing the lime plaster panels has now gone and after a rest, plans for the next phase in the life of St Nicholas Church will be worked on.

We want to thank everyone for their support and generosity, without which life would have been very difficult.

We were very thankful to be able to use the Village Hall for services when we were unable to be in the church.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 4th June - Bishop John is coming to Willoughby Church to lead compline (a meditative evening prayer) during the time when we hope to be praying for the church in our areas, and worldwide, that the Holy Spirit will bless the churches and enable them to thrive. This will be a special service and you are welcome to come.

"You know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jer 29:11)

Saturday 15th June - We are having a Thanksgiving celebration in the church at 11.00 am to celebrate the completion of the work. A slideshow of the work and progress will be shown. Refreshments including strawberries and cream, tea and cake will be served. An invitation is extended for all to come and join us.

Saturday 22nd June - Jumble Sale in the Village Hall at 2.00 pm. Admission 20p.

Thursday Club.

13th June at 2.30 pm - Garden Party at Dorothy and Bert Ogle's
(note: this is a change to the programme on your card).

20th June at 12.30 pm - Pub Lunch at The Romer Arms, Newnham. NN11 3HB

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			
2nd June	Grandborough Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Tuesday 4th June	Willoughby	7.30 pm	Meditative Evening prayer with Bishop John
Thursday 6th June	Grandborough	4.30 pm	Messy Church
9 th June	Flecknoe Willoughby Grandborough	9.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Family Service Evensong
Saturday 15th June	Willoughby	2.00 pm	Thanksgiving Service
16th June	Leamington Hastings Grandborough Willoughby	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion WtW Evensong
Tuesday 18th June	C of GS, Broadwell	7.30 pm	Healing Service
23rd June	Flecknoe Willoughby Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Breakfast Service Holy Communion Afternoon Worship
30th June	Leamington Hastings	10.30 am	Holy Communion Benefice Service
4th July	Grandborough	4.30 pm	Messy Church
7th July	Grandborough Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
14th July	Flecknoe Willoughby Grandborough	9.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Family Service Evensong
Tuesday 16th July	C of GS Broadwell	7.30 pm	Healing Service
19th July	Leamington Hastings	TBD	LH School end of Term
21st July	Leamington Hastings Grandborough Willoughby	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion WtW Afternoon Worship
28th July	Flecknoe Willoughby Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Breakfast Service Holy Communion Afternoon Worship
4th August	Willoughby	10.30 am	Holy Communion Benefice Service

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