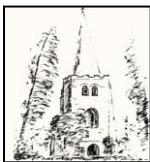


Leam Valley Messenger



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October/November 2017

I am indebted to Paul Simmonds who took the service at Grandborough on Sunday 3rd September for the inspiration for the introduction to this newsletter. Psalm 121 begins, 'I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.' or in a more modern translation 'I will lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from? In biblical times, the hills represented a threat and were full of unexpected dangers.

Written three thousand years ago, the question is just as relevant today. We live in a World of constant change and not always for the better. Kim Jong-un's hell-bent efforts to obtain deliverable weapons of mass destruction, coupled with Donald Trump's inflammatory rhetoric do not make a good backdrop for the advancement of World peace. Record breaking rainfall from hurricane Harvey with up to 52 inches falling near Houston in Texas and catastrophic floods in Nepal, Bihar province in North India and in Bangladesh drowning over 1000 people and destroying the livelihood of millions in one of the World's poorest regions, closely followed by the destructive power of hurricane Irma; all these illustrate the consequences of manmade climate change and how powerless we are to change the course of the natural world. Political upheaval in Europe as the UK tries to extricate itself from the EU with the prospect of a mutually beneficial agreed deal fraught with difficulties from divergent goals, both in the UK and Europe.

Where do we look for a solution to these problems? As time passes, the state of the World seems to be heading ever further away from the utopia of universal peace and multinational co-operation to raise the quality of life for all on Earth.

The Psalmist provides the answer 'My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth'. He goes on to say, 'The Lord will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore'. This is a Psalm of encouragement in the face of adversity that applies just as much to us today as it did 3000 years ago. It requires us to act in faith to believe in a better future. When you are feeling down and life is a struggle, turn to this Psalm to bring you comfort.

Andrew Grant

From the Registers

Baptisms: We welcome into the life and membership of the church family the children whose Baptisms took place at St Peter's Church, Grandborough, as follows:

Erin and Eden McAulley on 30th July.

Thomas Philip Blundred on 17th September.

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

Mirza Sibtain Akhtar whose funeral took place on 29th August at St Peter's Church, Grandborough.

Irene Lilian Woodward whose funeral took place on 12th September at All Saints' Church, Leamington Hastings.

Church News and Notices

Farmers' Market / Messy Church

The next markets will be on Thursday 5th October and Thursday 2nd November at 10.00 am at St Peter's, Grandborough. Our market on 7th December will include a Silent Auction and complementary mulled wine. **Messy Church** is on the same dates from 4.30 pm.

Leam Valley Benefice Office Hour All Saints', St Mark's, St Peter's and St Nicholas' Churches

The Benefice Office deals with all enquiries relating to baptisms and weddings in The Leam Valley Benefice. The office is open on the first Monday of the month between 6.00 and 7.00 pm at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Broadwell.

Healing Services

The next services will be on Tuesday 17th October and 21st November 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.

WtW

'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 15th October.

Bible Study Group

The Bible Study group will meet on Tuesday, 17th October and 21st November at 10.30 am. (The venue changes as we meet in each other's houses). Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee and discussion. For more information, please contact Sarah on 01788 810344 or Karen on 01926 812363.

Leam Valley Benefice Christingle Service

On Sunday 3rd December, we will be holding a Benefice Christingle Service. We hope you will join us for this joyful and moving service at St Nicholas' Church, Willoughby at 4.00 pm

Flecknoe

Holiday Club

We again had a very successful Holiday Club from 16th to 18th August. 28 children visited Millholme Parc Farm where Cym Baseley showed us round her collection of farm animals, including friendly pigs, honking geese, hens, cows and several types of sheep. This all fitted well with the main theme of Noah's Ark of which the children produced fine collages and learned a wonderful Ark dance routine choreographed very expertly by Lucy Thynne. They also enjoyed cooking biscuits, singing and played games and football.

Harvest Festival/Supper

We are holding our Harvest Festival on Sunday 8th October. Please bring produce to be blessed to the service in our church at 5.00 pm. Our Harvest Supper will be held immediately following the service at about 6.00 pm in the Village Hall. Tickets are available from Jane Lee 891451, Clare Grant 891076, Laura Seago 07980 881545 or Louise Evans 07814 878470. All are welcome! As usual, we will have an auction of the donated produce for charity immediately following supper.

Grandborough

The PCC would like to thank those who responded to our leaflet in the June/July newsletter for additional giving to the church. If you would still like the opportunity of 'extra giving' but have not yet got round to it, please contact Eddie Kirk who can give you details of how to set up a standing order.

Thank you

We would like to say a big 'Thank You' to everyone who came along and assisted with the recent clean up at the church and churchyard. Your help was very much appreciated.

As many high level cobwebs that were accessible in the church have been cleared away – any that you see at our Harvest Service are all new ones!!! The hedges around the churchyard have all been cut and looking very much tidier.

Broadband

St. Peter's PCC would like to thank all those who support "Broadband." Your contributions have enabled the church to install CCTV, which reduces our insurance, purchase a really top-of-the-range projector and to pay for the refurbishment of the War Memorial. We would also like to thank Andrew Hull and Mark Homer for master-minding and looking after the broadband equipment.

Harvest Festival/Supper

Our Harvest Festival will be held on Sunday 8th October at 5.00 pm. This will be followed by our Harvest Supper and auction in the Village Hall at 6.15 pm. Please bring any produce gifts to the church to be blessed during the service. Supper tickets (adults £7.50 and children under 10, £3.50) can be obtained from Charmaine Williams (810166), Pauline Stratton (521123) or Dorothy Johnson (814994). Please bring your own drinks. Everyone is welcome

Women's Institute

The topic for our meeting on Wednesday 18th October is "Making a Difference through Sport." Ian Carr will be giving a talk and practical demonstration of sport for the visually handicapped by the British Blind Sport charity. All visitors welcome.

On 15th November we will be having our Annual General Meeting followed by cheese and wine.

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

Autumn Serenade

A concert of music from the shows by 'Cavatina' will be held at 3.00 pm on Sunday 5th November in St Peter's Church. Tea/ coffee and homemade cake will be served at the interval.

Tickets from Charmaine, Dorothy and Pauline - Adults £8, children under 12, £4.

Grandborough Churchyard

Help required for two hours strimming in the churchyard on a regular basis throughout the growing season. If you are able to help please contact Peter Johnson on 01788 814994.

Chapel

Preachers for October and November are as follows. Services are held at 6.30 pm.

October	Preacher	November	Preacher
Sunday 1 st	Reve Charity (HC)	Sunday 5 th	Mr Keith Hiscock
Sunday 8 th	Mr Derek Lill	Sunday 12 th	Rev Charity
Sunday 15 th	Rev Andy Hardwick	Sunday 19 th	Mrs Marilyn Pratt
Sunday 22 nd	Rev Charity	Sunday 26 th	Circuit at Daventry
Sunday 29 th	Miss Miriam Sitch		

Advance notice – Our Christmas concert with Dunchurch Band will be held on Saturday 9th December in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm.

Leamington Hastings

Do you like working with children??

Thank you to those who have already expressed an interest in being involved with our school ministry. We are still looking for more new team members to assist with School assemblies at Leamington Hastings C of E Academy on Monday afternoons; once a fortnight. If you think you would like to get involved with this ministry please call Karen Hatch on 01926 812363.

Harvest Festival

Archdeacon Clive Hogger will be leading our Harvest Festival Service on Sunday, 1st October at 11.00 am.

The Holy Communion service will be followed by a 'Bring & Share' lunch. Please come and join us for both or either of these events!! You are very welcome to join us for lunch even if you are unable to attend the service, we would love to see you.

Afternoon Worship

Come and join us for tea and cake on the 22nd October and 26th November at 4.00 pm. The service is for all ages and children are especially welcome. We break the service and have our refreshments and fellowship in the middle! Come and try it!!

Warwickshire Symphony Orchestra

The WSO is performing the Leningrad Symphony on 14th October to be held at All Saints' Church, Leamington Hastings. The concert will also feature Shostakovich's masterpiece, **Symphony No 7 in C**, also known as the Leningrad Symphony. For more information contact the ticket secretary on 01926 850385.

Telephone Box

As most of you are aware, the door to the Telephone Box in Leamington Hastings has been replaced and the outside repainted. If anyone has any ideas on how we can put the Box to good use for the benefit of Village residents, please let Jane Cresswell know either by emailing janiecresswell@btinternet.com or phoning her on 633223. Unfortunately there was little support for installing a defibrillator.

Leamington Hastings Bowls Club

We have had a good season this year and the club members have all enjoyed themselves and played well. We would like to invite anyone who is interested, to come along and join us for our indoor season which will be held on a Wednesday evening at 7.00 pm in the Leamington Hastings Parish Hall. If you require further information please call Susan on 01788 336913.

Willoughby

Land's End to John O' Groats

Just a quick update on Karen's bike ride. 14 days of cycling, ten of which were over 70 miles with the others not far behind, several were over 80.

The weather, as expected was variable, a wet day to start with, some nice days some rain and wind and one very cold, sleet and rain up in the Highlands in Scotland. Challenging hills, breathtaking and beautiful scenery. To get in the mindset that every day we will be biking all day long is quite hard, but manageable. Lovely ice cream and cakes.

To date we have raised £1,200 for our lovely church towards repair of the roof. More to follow hopefully. Thanks to all who have supported. Now legs tired.

Carillon Bells - On Saturday the 19th August, the carillon was rung in the afternoon to mark the occasion of Karen Nichols finishing her cycle ride from Land's End to John O' Groats. Well done Karen.

If you would like the Bells at St Nicholas rung exclusively for YOU, then please contact Jackie Gibbard on 01788 891191.

Homemade Crafts

We have been reliably informed that we have some very talented people in Willoughby who may be willing to donate homemade crafts for the stall that St Nicholas' Church is having at Leamington Hastings Craft Fayre on 18th November, in order to raise funds for the leaky roof. Please contact Karen on 07866 572209, 01788 891435 or kjndon@aol.com and she will happily collect.

Women's Institute

On Thursday, 19th October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Ruth Smith will be giving a talk on 'Victorian Housekeeping'. The competition is for something Victorian.

Thursday, 16th November at 7.30 pm – usual venue. Annual General Meeting and Ploughman's Supper. The competition is for a decorated cupcake.

Thursday Club

12th October, 2.30 pm at the Village Hall: Craig Fellows 'Wildlife Crime'.
 19th October, Pub lunch at the King's Head, Napton CV47 8NG
 9th November, 2.30 pm at the Village Hall, Mike Tebbit 'Lost Villages'
 16th November, Pub lunch at The Steam Turbine CV21 1GB
 23rd November - shopping trip to Milton Keynes

The Willoughby Society

Our next event is the return visit of the fantastic 6 piece group **Holy Moly & the Crackers** on the 14th October at 7.30 pm. Tickets £14 (includes interval food) from Richard Jackson or committee members. Everyone is welcome to come.

At our meeting on 25th October, Alan Standish will be telling us about the excavation of an Anglo-Saxon Cemetery and the exciting discoveries made.

On the 29th November, it will be our Annual General Meeting followed by cheese and wine plus a quiz for those who wish to have some brain exercise!!

A date for your diary: Our Christmas show is on Friday, 1st December. Titled: '**A Christmas Carol – A Folk Opera**'. For more information and tickets, please contact a member of the Willoughby committee.

Church Services			
1 st October	Grandborough Leamington Hastings	TBC 11.00 am	TBC Harvest Festival/ 'Bring & Share' lunch
5 th October	Grandborough	4.30 pm	Messy Church
8 th October	Willoughby Flecknoe Grandborough	11.00 am 5.00 pm 5.00 pm	Family Service Harvest/Supper Harvest/Supper
15 th October	Leamington Hastings Grandborough Willoughby	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion WtW Evensong
17 th October	C of GS Broadwell	7.30 pm	Healing Service
22 nd October	Flecknoe Willoughby Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Breakfast Service Holy Communion Afternoon Worship
29 th October	Willoughby Benefice Service	10.30 am	Holy Communion
2 nd November	Grandborough	4.30 pm	Messy Church
5 th November	Grandborough Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
12 th November	Grandborough Leamington Hastings Remembrance	10.30 am 10.30 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
19 th November	Leamington Hastings Grandborough Willoughby	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion WtW Evensong
21 st November	C of GS Broadwell	7.30 pm	Healing Service
26 th November	Flecknoe Willoughby Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Breakfast Service Holy Communion Afternoon Worship
3 rd December	Grandborough Leamington Hastings Willoughby	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Benefice Christingle

As we are in a period of Interregnum and 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 one of the Churchwardens as follows:

The Reader for the Benefice is Dr Alex 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

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