

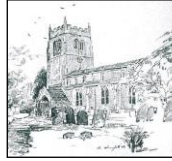
Leam Valley Messenger



Flecknoe



Grandborough



Leamington Hastings



Willoughby

October/November 2018

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Provision

At this time of Harvest, it is difficult not to reflect on the wonder and bounty of our earth and we are reminded in James 1:17 that every good and perfect gift comes from God. This includes His hand in our daily provisions and we must thank Him for this, and yet the harvest does not happen on its own. God includes us in that plan and we have the farmers, fishermen, scientists, engineers and others to thank as well for their contributions to all this produce.

With the extremely hot summer we have had we are also reminded of the fragility of our natural environment. It is a challenge to us all to consider our very real and pressing responsibility as stewards of the earth as we play our part in looking after the creation that God has given us.

On the theme of provision, it is not only the harvest that we are giving thanks for at the moment. We are also rejoicing and giving thanks for the appointment of our new Priest in Charge, Rev Anne Hinks who, with her family, will shortly be joining us. After our long period of Interregnum, we may be tempted to heave a sigh of relief and envisage passing on the baton and putting our feet up! However, just as we have an active role in the harvest, so we need to play our part in the ministry in this Benefice.

In his letter to the Corinthians, Paul reminds us that the church is one body made up of many parts. In these activities we influence those around us. We pray that we are guided to use our unique and God given gifts wisely and may know more of His kingdom come as we do so!

Brian Cooke

From the Registers

Weddings: We congratulate the couples below on their marriages:

Grandborough: **Kate Ingles and Simon Belcher** on 18th August.

Karl Crowther and Joanne Heather Graham on 2nd September.

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

Grandborough **Valerie Margaret Ann Marshall** whose funeral took place on 26th September.

Church News and Notices

New Priest in Charge

We are delighted that the Rev, Anne Hinks has accepted to be our new Priest-in-Charge. She will be formally licensed at a special service to be held on Monday 15th October at 7.30 pm which will take place in All Saints' Church, Leamington Hastings. The service will be led by Archdeacon Pastor Sue Field and will be a celebration to welcome Anne and full of symbolism to signify her role within our communities. The service will be attended by local dignitaries and Rugby clergy who have helped us during the Interregnum, as well as representatives of the Parish she is leaving, St Mary and St Bartholomew, Hampton-in-Arden. As many of you as can, please come to meet and welcome Anne.

Anne was ordained as Priest in Birmingham in 2011. After completing her degree in medicine at Birmingham University, she worked for many years in several hospitals in Birmingham and the Midlands in a variety of roles, either side of a break to bring up her two children. She was involved in Christian Ministry in a variety of ways for a long period before her ordination, so she comes to us with considerable experience. She also has experience of working with people with learning difficulties and is interested in preserving the environment and walking in the countryside.

Leam Valley Benefice Office Hour

If you want to find out about baptism or confirmation for yourself or for your child, would like to book a wedding service in any of the benefice churches or have any enquiries, then please come along to the Leam Valley Benefice Office Hour at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Broadwell on the first Monday of the month (except Bank Holidays) between 6.00 and 7.00 pm. Alternatively contact one of the Churchwardens from your church, details on page 8.

Farmers' Market

Our next Farmers' Markets will be held on Thursday 4th October and 1st November. Please come along and support our stallholders and join your friends for coffee and a chat.

Healing Services

The next monthly healing services at the church of the Good Shepherd, Broadwell, will be on Tuesday 16th October and Tuesday 20th 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 8132363. Alternatively, email ingrianna57@gmail.com and we will include them in our prayer time.

Flecknoe

Holiday Club

We had another very successful Holiday Club this year from 8th to 10th August. A record 34 children attended from across the Benefice. The theme this year was "HELP."

On the first day, Wednesday, following the parable of the Good Samaritan and the making of collages of the story, we had a visit from Bob Crick of the St John's Ambulance service, to explain how those in trouble are helped today. After lunch by Simon Midgley's pond, games were played on the cricket pitch.

On Thursday after hearing about Jesus healing the blind man, we walked to Tibbits Farm, courtesy of Alison and Adrian Bell, where we were visited by the Guide Dogs for the Blind to show how the blind are helped today. This was followed by pond dipping and searching for bugs in trees.

On Friday after the story of the feeding of the five thousand, and the making of clay figures, we had a visit from the local Police. The children enjoyed trying on various police uniforms and seeing inside a police car. After lunch on the cricket pitch, we were visited by the local Fire Brigade with their fire engine and they explained what all the equipment they carry is used for. Some of the boys preferred to play football with the firemen!

In all, a great time was had by all. Congratulations to Clare Grant, Laura Seago and Caroline Reid for organising everything and thanks to the several others from Flecknoe without whose help managing so many children would not have been possible.

Grandborough

Messy Church

Messy Church will be held on Thursday 4th October and Thursday 1st November from 4.30 – 6.30 pm. A hot meal is provided after the crafts and worship. We would be delighted to have some new families come and join us. Children should be accompanied by an adult. This is open to all families in the Benefice.

Autumn Clean and Churchyard tidy

On Saturday 6th October we will be having a clean-up in both the church and churchyard and would be very grateful for as much help as possible. If you could please bring your gardening tools, hedgecutters, cleaning equipment, etc with you, that would be helpful. As you all know, "**Many hands make light work.**"

Music and Flower /Festival

On Saturday 13th October and **Sunday 14th October** we will be having a **Music and Flower Festival** from 1.30 to 5.00 pm. Admission will be £5.00 to include tea/coffee and a cake. Children under 12, £2.00. All proceeds will go to church funds.

Harvest Service/Supper

Our Harvest service will be held on Sunday 14th October at 5.00 pm, followed by supper in the Village Hall at 6.15. Tickets from members of the PCC at a cost of £6.00 per adult and £3.00 for children. All welcome.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate flowers for the Altar in memory of a loved one's birthday or anniversary, please contact Dorothy Johnson by email at: dorothyjohnson@outlook.com.

Remembrance Service

'Grandborough History Group will be holding an exhibition in St. Peter's on Sunday November 11th to commemorate the fallen in the First World War. This is the last in a series of exhibitions that have been held since 2014 to honour those who died that came from Grandborough Parish. This year four soldiers will be honoured who died in 1918. You are invited to this free exhibition to learn more about these men who gave their lives so that we could live in peace. The exhibition will be open from 11.30 am (after the Remembrance Service) to 1.00 pm.

Women's Institute

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th October when Judy Haslam Jones will be talking us through 'A Journey with Clay.'

Our meeting on 21st November will be our Annual General Meeting, concluding with cheese and wine.

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

Methodist Chapel

October	Preacher	November	Preacher
Sunday 7 th	Rev Rob Anning	Sunday 4 th	Mrs Marilyn Pratt
Sunday 14 th	Miss Gillian Glenn	Sunday 11 th	Mr Adrian Price
Sunday 21 st	Rev Charity (HC)	Sunday 18 th	Rev Charity (HC)
Sunday 28 th	Mrs Margaret Geldart	Sunday 25 th	Circuit service at Bilton

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Harvest Festival Service and Supper

Come and join us for a celebration service on Sunday 28th October at 4.00 pm followed by a 'Bring and Share' supper in the church. Everyone is very welcome.

Service of Remembrance

There will be a service at All Saints' on 11th November at 10.30 am with laying of wreaths at the War Memorial.

Afternoon Worship

Come and join us for tea and cake on the 25th 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!!

Date for the Diary

Saturday 8th December at 7.00 pm; 'Carols By Candlelight' with Armonico Consort. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served during the interval. Some tickets still available; ring 07966 584328 or email dpotts@musicatleamingtonhastings.co.uk.

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. If you think you would like to be involved with this ministry please call Karen Hatch on 01926 812363.

Christmas Market!!!

Come and join us to perhaps get some early Christmas presents, on Saturday 17th November from 10.30 am to 2.30 pm in the church.

There will be local produce, delicious home-made cakes, many excellent local craft stalls, a tombola stall and a prize draw. There will also be a 'café' serving drinks, cakes and light lunches. There are still a few spaces left for stallholders. Please email Karen Hatch on ingrianna57@gmail.com for an application form.

Table Top Sale

A Table Top Sale in aid of Breast Cancer will be held at Marton Village Hall on Saturday 6th October 2018 from 10.00 am till 2.00 pm. If you would like to book a table at a cost of £10, please contact Mary on 01926 632939. Tea and coffee will be served plus a raffle. Please come along and support us. There will be lots of goodies to buy and bargains to find.

Male Voice Choir

LH Parish Hall Management Committee is proud to announce that the Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir will perform a concert with a strong Christmas flavour in the Parish Hall on Saturday 1st December at 7.30 pm. Doors open at 6.45 pm. Also featuring in this event will be Solihull soloist, Rose Rowley.

Tickets are £12, including a light supper to be served at the interval, and are available from: Pat Toole (01926 632874) or Jill Ayres (01926 633119).

Proceeds in aid of much needed Parish Hall improvements.

Willoughby

Chancel Roof - The theft of all the lead from the chancel roof towards the end of August has accelerated the need for enough funds to be in place in order to cover the cost of repairs. The chancel ceiling has also suffered damage and more is expected there. The insurance for the roof is capped at a level which falls far short of what is required and there is now a sense of urgency to try to get the work underway before any bad weather sets in.

The belief that all will be well because insurance will pay, could not be further from the truth. The hope is that the roof will now be covered with tern coated stainless steel as advised by the Diocese. Views have changed towards lead on roofs in that, if stolen, the requirement for like for like is no longer the case. We still have to obtain planning permission, but the obstacles that were in place before, are no longer there. The overall cost is going to be higher because of more internal damage and we have no lead to trade in. However with the insurance, and some hard work we should be able to achieve the amount required.

All Age Service - The church held an All Age Service on 9th September where children planted seeds as we explored the Parable of the Sower.

Soup/Social -- The soup and social went down well and we are hoping to repeat this. Thanks to all who helped.

Dates for your diary

5th November - With kind permission of Elaine and Richard Heckford we will be having a bonfire night party.

16th November - A pop quiz evening will be held in the Village Hall.

Talent Show – This was planned for the end of October but has now been cancelled until the New Year. Date to be advised.

Pennies from Heaven - Boxes are in the process of being collected. Please contact Christine or Karen if we miss you.

Friends of St Nicholas - The Church needs Friends. People to help tidy up, fundraising or generally support us. The church is here to serve the community and to survive the challenges it is facing it needs help. Please contact any of the PCC if you can spare any time to help us.

Thursday Club Willoughby, Thursday Club.

11th October 2.30 pm at the Village Hall: John Stirling, Toytown to Buckingham Palace.

18th October 12.30 pm - Pub Lunch, venue to be decided.

8th November 2.30 pm at the Village Hall: Kim Taylor, Police Helicopters.

Christmas Fayre - Thursday Club Stall, and Children's Grotto.

We are still collecting stamps and foreign and old coins just bring any to one of our meetings. Myton Hospice will gladly take them. New members very welcome, ring Jim (the Sec) 891805.

Church Services			
4 th October	Grandborough	4.30 pm	Messy Church
7 th October	Grandborough Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
14 th October	Flecknoe Willoughby Grandborough	9.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Family Service Evensong
Tuesday 16 th October	C of GS, Broadwell	7.30 pm	Healing Service
21 st October	Leamington Hastings Grandborough Willoughby	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion WtW Evensong
28 th October	Flecknoe Willoughby Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Breakfast Service Holy Communion Afternoon Worship
Thursday 1 st November	Grandborough	4.30 pm	Messy Church
4 th November	Grandborough Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
11 th November	Grandborough Leamington Hastings	10.30 am 10.30 am	Remembrance Sunday
18 th November	Leamington Hastings Grandborough Willoughby	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion WtW Evensong
Tuesday 20 th November	C of GS Broadwell	7.30 pm	Healing Service
25 th November	Flecknoe Willoughby Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Breakfast Service Holy Communion Afternoon Worship
2 nd December	Grandborough Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion

Should you need to contact one of the Churchwardens, their details are noted below:

Flecknoe	Andrew Grant	01788 891076;	Laura Seago	07980 881545
Grandborough	Peter Johnson	01788 814994;	Pauline Stratton	01788 521123
Willoughby	Jackie Gibbard	01788 891191;	Karen Nichols	07866 572209

At the moment there are no Churchwardens at Leamington Hastings. Please contact a member of the PCC, should you require any information.

Please note the latest date for items to be included in the next Leam Valley Messenger is **16th November 2018**. Reports should be sent to: dorothyjohnson@outlook.com