



St Peter's Church, Raunds

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I hope you are all keeping well.

Lockdown restrictions are lifting in certain areas although there is still much caution from many people. Currently St Peter's Church is not opening for private prayer, as this would need to be supervised and there is much work involved in preparing the church, such as signage, removing books etc. Hopefully the situation will be different by the time of the next newsletter. However, services continue to be available online. The weekly benefice service continues to come from the Vicarage as there is no internet in any of the churches. Wednesday Worship will be via Zoom on Wednesday 8th July. Please contact Rev Jon for details if you wish to join in.

This past weekend would have been our patronal festival and also 800 years celebration. It should also have been the ordination service at the Cathedral. Although the actual service has been postponed, the licensing will still take place and the candidates will be taking up their new posts. Please remember them in your prayers as it is going to be a difficult time to get to know their congregations and communities with the current restrictions. Also remember our team here at St Peters who are doing a great job in the community with shopping etc.

Our thoughts and prayers go to Roger Bird and Nicola, following the death of Ellen a week ago.

In the meantime, stay safe, and keep the faith.

Judy



COVID-19 Coronavirus Update

You will have seen the PM's announcement that churches will open for worship from July 4th.

After consulting with all the churchwardens, I have decided to hold a communion service in each church on a monthly basis, These will be for the parishes only because of social distancing measures please see rota below.

This will be a shorter service than normal and will have no singing. Social distancing, hand sanitizing and contact information will be required as per government guidelines.

I will also be streaming a communion service as usual for those who cannot attend on Sunday mornings at 10.00am.

I look forward to worshipping together and meeting with you.

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July 5th All Hallows Hargrave 10.00am

July 12th St Laurence Stanwick 10.00am

July 19th St Peter's Raunds 10.00am

July 26th St Mary's Ringstead 10.00am

August 2nd All Hallows Hargrave 10.00am

August 9th St Laurence Stanwick 10.00am

August 16th St Peter's Raunds 10.00am

August 23rd St Mary's Ringstead 10.00am

August 30th TBC

Please note this is for parishes only due to numbers.

I will be reviewing this with the churchwardens in August ready for September.

If you need to contact me for anything please

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Or phone 07591225766, 01933 461509

May God bless you all. Rev Jon

30 Days Wild – The Wildlife Trust



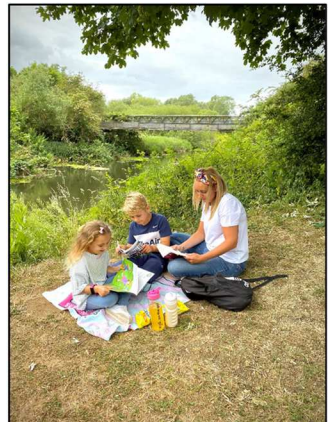
The children at St. Peter's CE Academy have been encouraged to participate in some 'wild reading' during the month of June, as part of the Wildlife Trust's 30 Days Wild initiative.

During lockdown, the children continue to learn at home and we set a reading challenge to find a quiet space outdoors to enjoy their stories.

We think our children and families have been truly inventive with this reading challenge and we are really proud of their achievements.



"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free." – Frederick Douglas





A Musing

I was given a copy of Bill Bryson's book, "The Body, a Guide for Occupants" for Christmas. I'm a big Bill Bryson fan and this book didn't disappoint being an exploration of the human body, how it functions, what can go wrong, how it heals itself but ultimately how wonderful, mysterious and complex we are.

In the first chapter, Bryson tells of a 2013 attempt by the Royal College of Chemistry to work out how much it would cost to build a human (they took Benedict Cumberbatch as their model). They attempted to cost out the raw materials, all 59 elements. 61% of us is oxygen and that would cost £8.90 (2013 prices!) and hydrogen (10%) £16 with nitrogen coming in at 27p. After this we get expensive...£44,300 for carbon (pure, I'm sure some soot would be less) and lots of other things in small amounts. Their estimate of building costs came out at £96,546.79 with no labour or VAT.

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well" Psalm 139:14

A bargain! A person for under a £100,000. But what price the soul, the essence of our being, all of us different and unique.

"For we are all God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" Ephesians 2:10

A gift from God indeed and priceless.

Friday Club / Prayer Group

Friday Club.

We are, of course still not able to meet, and I feel that our July talk will not be possible - we would be too close, and although restaurants & pubs are opening in July, I'm not sure that our August meal would work as we would be a reasonably sized group; about 8 people. If things change, I will contact everyone.

Let's hope for a meeting in September, and maybe a meal then, it should be a social evening at 1 Chamberlain Way.

Prayer Group.

Our prayer group continues to meet, at least in spirit, on the 4th Tuesday of the month, at 7.30, and we shall continue this until we can meet in person again, so July 28th will be "in spirit" and August we might be able to hold a proper meeting! I will contact everyone if the distancing rules allow us to do this on the 25th. We don't want to take any risks!!

Pat Stuart



Ginny Pledger— Child & Family Worker

I hope that you are all able to enjoy this beautiful weather at the moment. Even though a lot of our lockdown restriction have now been lifted in our country, the virus is still present which means precautions still need to be put into place and adhered to in order to keep everyone safe. This is why as a church we are still having to proceed with caution which means that a lot of our activities still need to be on hold for the time being. I am still working in our Benefice in the community and so far to date we have helped over 500 households which is incredible. The Benefice team is brilliant in responding to the requests for shopping, prescriptions and contact phone calls. We have made some fantastic connections with members of our communities.

Whilst we cannot meet in person for our monthly Messy Church, we are still in contact with the families and over the summer we have decided to email out craft activities, baking activities or quizzes etc. for families to participate in at home. We are aware that it will be a long summer for parents needing to keep their children occupied, so hopefully this will provide a bit of fun and entertainment for all involved. The activities will also be put onto our Facebook page so if you would like to join in, please do get involved. The more the merrier!

Until next month, stay safe and enjoy the sunshine.

God bless

Ginny Pledger

Child & Family Worker

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September Newsletter

Just a quick reminder that the closing date for the next issue is
Friday 28th August.

Purely For Fun

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and click its first letter then its last letter to highlight it. After you have found all the words, click the leftover letters in the correct order to form the mystery answer.

Abija,
David,
Jeroboam,
Necho,
Zimri

Basha,
Elah,
Josiah,
Omri,

Darius,
Jehoram,
Nadab,
Saul,

