

FUTURE DATES:

Sun 9 January	12.30 pm	Baptism of Oakley Griffiths at Shuttington
Mon 10 January	7.30 pm	All Souls Churchwardens
Fri 14 January	1.30 pm	Funeral of Nicholas John Pitch at St Nicholas, Austrey
Sat 15 January	2.00 pm	All Souls PCC Parish Vision Day
Sun 23 January	12.30 pm	Baptism of Kory Oxford at Newton Regis

For up to date information on services please consult the parish website www.allsoulsnorthwarwickshire.co.uk or your local church noticeboard. Baptisms, weddings and funerals can all be accommodated and enquiries should be made to the Rector.

TITHE FOR JANUARY: Crosslinks

Crosslinks is committed to training bible teachers across the world. In many countries, theological or ministry training is inaccessible or unaffordable. But if this sort of training is made available, many more will go on to benefit as they are taught God's word by those who are trained. Our giving to Crosslinks enables an individual student to be trained and then hopefully go on to set up church and mission groups taking the good news of Christ into the world.

CHURCH FINANCES :

Each year, along side regular bills for energy, and insurance we as a parish have to make contributions to the 'Common Fund'. This fund is what pays for our Clergy, their housing and all the central support we have access to like, training, building surveyors and safeguarding teams. It costs £50501 for one full-time paid minister (Rev'd Joanne doesn't receive that much, just to be clear!). This year we, as a parish have been asked to pay a minimum of £36718 towards this cost. As a PCC we think this is a challenge but doable with everyone's help. Some people have rightly been cautious in their return and therefore the coronavirus pandemic continues to impact church finances but All Souls has managed to meet all its costs in full till the end of 2021, and step out in faith that we will do so in 2022. Any additional help you can give will be deeply appreciated. For further details please contact the Treasurer Trish Richardson – tel: 01827 66282 or email trishrich18@gmail.com

DOVE MAGAZINE:

The next edition of The Dove is due to be available in the first week of February. If you would like to write something – article, editorial, book review – please contact the editor Alison Meredith (email meredithalison2@gmail.com or tel. 01827 892796) in good time to reserve space. **Copy deadline will be Wednesday 19 January.**

“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

(Isaiah 40 : 31)



Parish of All Souls North Warwickshire

Austrey, Newton Regis,
Seckington,
Shuttington with Alvecote
& Warton

January 2022 Church News

What does New Year mean to you? Looking back, seeing how far we have come? Looking forward with hope and anticipation? Making new years resolutions that, if you are like me will be broken by the end of the month, if not the week! As PCC and as church we will be taking some time in the coming months to look back and celebrate all that is good about All Souls, what we are good at together and what our uniqueness as individuals and churches has to offer, as we seek to move forward as followers of Jesus, loving one another and the communities around us. The past is important as it provides a firm foundation for the future, but we need to lift our eyes to where God is leading us next. In the quiet time between Christmas and New Year I was struck by this poem I heard on Radio 4 by Nancy Campbell, and I felt God speak to me through it of transition and change. I share it with you.

The Vostok Ice Core gives a creative writing lesson (first published in *The Rialto*)

1. Be complete. Tell the whole story: every day in every season, summer and winter, from the present until the beginning of time.
2. Be discrete. Record events in one location only; preserve the unities of space, if not of time.
3. Be precise. Do not get distracted by your own fears, the imminence of extinction. Never decide your results in advance.
4. Be concise. Do not use too many words. Do use a language that everyone can understand.
5. Air is invisible, but it holds just as much information as ice.
6. By the time they reach your readers, the events you describe will seem infinitesimal. That faint grey line left by a volcanic eruption that grounded all the world's planes? It's nothing to them.
7. Remember that ice is the frozen state of water. Your document may take on other forms.
8. If you want to find ice, go to the cold places, but keep your own temperature constant.
9. The work will not be quick. Anticipate seven seasons.

Keep going deeper. The story is already there: extraction is the reader's art. Reading in the cold, drilling through the dark.

This Months Services

Jan 2 Epiphany	Isaiah 60 : 1 – 6 Ephesians 3 : 1 - 12 Matthew 2 : 1 – 12
10.30 am NEWTON REGIS	Family Worship
Jan 9 Baptism of Christ	Isaiah 43: 1-7 Acts 8: 14 – 17 Luke 3:15-17,21-22
10.30 am WARTON	Family Communion
6.00 pm NEWTON REGIS	Evening Prayer
Jan 16 2nd Sunday Epiphany	Isaiah 62: 1 - 5 1Corinthians 12:1 - 11 John 2 : 1 – 11
8.30am WARTON	Holy Communion BCP
10.30 am AUSTREY	Family Communion
6.00 pm SECKINGTON	Evening Prayer
Jan 23 3rd Sunday Epiphany	1 Corinthians 12 : 12 – 31a Luke 4 : 14 – 21
10.30am WARTON	Family Worship
6.00 pm SHUTTINGTON	Evening Prayer
Jan 30 Presentation of Christ / Candlemass	Malachi 3 : 1 – 5 Hebrews 2 : 14 – 18 Luke 2 : 22 – 40
10.30 am AUSTREY	Family Worship
6.00pm NEWTON REGIS	Holy Communion
Feb 6 4th Sunday before Lent	1 Corinthians 15 : 1 – 11 Luke 5 : 1 - 11
8.30am AUSTREY	Holy Communion
10.30am SOUL CAFÉ, NEWTON REGIS CofE SCHOOL	

We will be continually monitoring our COVID arrangements. Any alterations to services will be posted on the All Souls website www.allsoulsnorthwarwickshire.co.uk and the All Souls Facebook page as well as church noticeboards.

Join us in prayer

Prayers for the world: we pray for our world as the Omicron variant of the coronavirus spreads more widely and more rapidly. We pray that people would heed the advice to be vaccinated in order to protect themselves and others and to relieve pressure on the NHS. We pray for all involved in delivering medical services and social care, for strength and resilience as they continue to treat the sick and comfort the dying. We pray for generosity on the part of the wealthier nations to donate vaccines to less fortunate countries so that the virus might be contained more effectively. We pray that in the midst of the pandemic measures to combat climate change might not be forgotten. We ask your blessing on all aid agencies, including our Mission Partners, bringing relief and hope to the vulnerable and disadvantaged in the name and love of Jesus.

Prayers for the nation: we pray for Elizabeth our Queen and all in authority under her, that our government will continue to act responsibly to ensure the confidence and trust of the nation. We pray for reassurance and support for those facing financial hardship and loss of employment as restrictions continue to be imposed.

Prayers for the Church: we pray for the Church and its leaders as it seeks to bring hope to communities at the dawn of a New Year. Especially we ask your blessing on our Parish of All Souls, on Joanne as our leader, on the churchwardens and members of the PCC and on all members of our Church family, that we may continue to support and encourage one another as we seek to discern the way forward in the coming year.

Prayers our Community: we pray for all those who reside or work in our parish, that you would continue to protect them in their daily lives. We pray especially for all the staff and children in our 3 village schools and for a safe return to the classroom after the Christmas break.

Prayers for the sick: we ask for your healing touch to be on all who are ill or in pain at this time, especially those of our church family and others known to us, that they might know your loving presence and find healing and peace.

Prayers for the bereaved: we pray for all who mourn the loss of loved ones at this time, especially those who find themselves grieving alone. Help them to find comfort in their sorrow, strength and hope for the days ahead.

“There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.” (Proverbs 23 : 18)

Need or want to talk to our New Rector? Revd Joanne Dyer is here to support you and can be contacted on 07596 933488 or via email: rector_all_souls@btinternet.com
Her usual day off is Saturday, unless you want to get married!