



Parish of All Souls North Warwickshire

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

May 2024 Church News

The Month of May see two significant campaigns that challenge us to look beyond ourselves. **Christian Aid week** and **Thy Kingdom Come**. It can be quite easy, and understandably so, to become inward focussed when the roof is leaking or the heating no longer works.

Thy Kingdom Come - words we pray regularly in church as part of the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The Lords prayer is a prayer many know but do we say it or pray it? Saying the words alone are not enough, we need to pray them, and its never too late to start. Thy Kingdom Come is also the name of a global ecumenical call to prayer that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. It started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England. Every person, household and church are encouraged to pray during the 11 days between Ascension the 9th May, and Pentecost on the 19th May, each in their own way. We are invited to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people we know who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call. So who are you going to pray for? If we all prayed for 5 people that could be up to 500 different people being covered in prayer—now wouldn't that be amazing.

Looking even further, **Christian aid week** this year runs from 12th to the 18th May and we are encouraged to pray and raise funds particularly for Burundi. Burundi is one of the poorest countries in the world financially. More than 70% of the population live in poverty. Giving envelopes will be available in church or you are encouraged to donate directly on line.

Perhaps you feel called to do more than pray and donate? Maybe you feel up for **70K in May** Move 70km during May. Walk, run, cycle, however you move is up to you. Invite your friends and family to sponsor you, or even complete the challenge with you! Find out more on the website link found on our back page. Whatever May brings may we lift our eyes and hearts to Gods Glory as we pray Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Blessings

Revd Joanne

This Months Services and Readings

May 5 6th Sunday of Easter	Acts 10 : 44 – 48	John 15 : 9 – 17
8.30 am AUSTREY	Holy Communion	
10.30 am NEWTON REGIS	Family Worship	
6.00 pm WARTON	Holy Communion	
May 9 (Thurs) ASCENSION DAY	Acts 1 : 1 – 11	Luke 24 : 44 – 53
7.30 pm AUSTREY	Holy Communion	
May 12 7th Sunday of Easter	Acts 1 : 15-17, 21-26	John 17 : 6 – 19
8.30 am NEWTON REGIS	Holy Communion	
10.30 am WARTON	Family Worship + APCM	
6.00 pm SECKINGTON	Evening Prayer	
May 19 PENTECOST	Acts 2 : 1 – 21	John 15 : 26-27, 16 : 4b – 15
10.30 am AUSTREY	Family Service + Baptism	
6.00 pm NEWTON REGIS	Holy Communion	
May 26 TRINITY SUNDAY	Romans 8 : 12 – 17	John 3 : 1 – 17
8.30 am WARTON	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30 am SECKINGTON	Family Worship	
6.00 pm SHUTTINGTON	Evening Prayer	
Jun 2 1st Sunday after Trinity	1 Samuel 3 : 1-10, (11 – 20)Mark 2 : 23 – 3 : 6	
8.30 am AUSTREY	Holy Communion	
10.30 am NEWTON REGIS	Family Service + Baptism	

Dates for the Diary

Thurs 2 May	2-4.00 pm	Coffee & Chat – Warton Church
Sat 4 May	7.30 pm	Spring Concert with Diamond Harmony at Seckington Church
Thurs 9 May	7.30 pm	Ascension Day Service of Holy Communion at Austrey
Sat 11 May	7.30 pm	Comedy Night with Andy Kind at St Nicholas Austrey
Sun 12 May	10.30 am	All Souls Annual Parochial Church Meeting in Warton Church
Sat 18 May	10.30 am	Walk-in Coffee Morning at St Nicholas, Austrey
Sat 25 May	2 – 5 pm	Gardener's Delight at Hillview, Seckington

Prayers for the world: we continue to pray for a resolution of the conflicts between Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Hamas and the opposing army factions in Sudan. We lift up all who have suffered injury or loss, have been forced to flee their homes or are threatened with starvation. We pray for all those whose lives and livelihoods are adversely affected by climate change and global warming and pray that world leaders would take urgent action to counteract its harmful effects. We ask your blessing on all agencies working to support the vulnerable and the needy, including Christian Aid, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Crosslinks, Bethesda Leprosy Hospital and Birmingham City Mission.

Prayers for the nation: we pray for members of the Royal family, especially King Charles and the Princess of Wales in their ongoing treatment for cancer. We pray for our leaders and members of our government, that they will continue to operate with integrity and in the best interests of the people, especially the vulnerable, disadvantaged and those struggling financially. We continue to give thanks for all NHS and care workers, as they seek to deal with the nation's health needs.

Prayers for the Church: we pray for the work of the Church and its leaders, that the Easter message of hope and salvation would be received worldwide. We pray for Joanne and our Parish of All Souls, for the Annual Meeting on 12 May and those considering election as churchwarden or PCC member, for more volunteers to share the load of looking after our 5 churches.

Prayers for our Community: we pray God's blessing on all who reside or work in our parish and the preparations for all the community events being planned over the summer. We pray especially for all the staff and children in our 3 village schools, that they might end the academic year with a real sense of achievement.

Prayers for the sick: we ask for your loving, comforting and healing presence to be with all who are ill or in pain at this time, especially those of our church family and others known to us, whether at home, in care or in hospital.

Prayers for the bereaved: we pray for all who mourn at this time. Hold them in their grief and comfort them in their sorrow over the loss of a loved one.

“My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?” (John 14 : 2)

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 Revd Joanne Dyer: email: rector_all_souls@btinternet.com or tel: 07596 933488

Tithe for May : Crosslinks Our current Study Partner Karuna Shresthra, is nearing the end of her studies for a Masters in Divinity at the Nepal Ebenezer Bible College in Kathmandu and we will shortly be linking with a new student. If you wish to supplement this with a gift of money, please place it, clearly marked in an envelope, in the offertory box or plate or contact the Treasurer Trish Richardson 01827 66282 or trishrich18@gmail.com

SECKINGTON CONCERT: You are warmly invited to join us for “**True Colours**” a Spring Concert with **Diamond Harmony**, a ladies’ acapella choir, on **Saturday 4th May** at 7.30 pm in Seckington Church, in aid of the heating fund. Tickets are £12.50 (to include a glass of wine & refreshments) available from Lynda (07577 696725) or Elaine (07426 924409).

AUSTREY COMEDY NIGHT: On **Saturday 11th May** at 7.30 pm in St Nicholas Church Austrey we are hosting a **Comedy Night** with **Andy Kind** to raise funds for much-needed repairs to the boundary wall and the roof. Some licensed refreshments will be available to purchase. Tickets are £10, available online or from Revd Joanne and Heather Cooke (01827 830548).

ALL SOULS APCM: This year’s APCM will be held on Sunday 12 May at 10.30 am as part of Family Worship in Warton Church, when in addition to reviewing the past year we will be appointing churchwardens and 3 PCC members. Please consider whether you can offer help in any way, not only in an official capacity but assistance with cleaning, flower arranging, refreshments, as well as reading the lesson at services and leading prayers. **ALL SOULS NEEDS YOU!**

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: Christian Aid Week this year runs from **12 – 18 May** and this year is focusing on action against poverty in developing countries such as Burundi. With a General Election due to take place this year, Christian Aid is encouraging voters to make candidates aware of the pressing need for action. The Christian Aid website www.christianaid.org.uk has lots of helpful ideas on how to go about this as well as for fundraising. There will also be some Christian Aid gift envelopes available in church and we very much hope you will be able to support the appeal as in previous years.

THY KINGDOM COME 9 - 19 MAY 2023: During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, starting on Ascension Day and culminating on Pentecost Sunday, more than a million Christians in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions will be praying for 5 friends or family to encounter and come to know the love of Jesus in their lives. The website www.thykingdomcome.global gives full details of resources. Do be encouraged to have a look and see how you might get involved. “Novena” booklets will be available in church.

GARDENER’S DELIGHT: Anne and Ray’s garden at Hillview, Seckington is always a delight and will be open as usual to visitors on **Saturday 25 May** from 2 – 5 pm. Make sure you visit all the stalls before relaxing with a cuppa and slice of home made cake in (hopefully!) warm Spring sunshine. Proceeds will be divided between All Saints Church and the Alzheimer’s Society.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15 : 13)