

# This Months Services

<b>Mar 2 ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	2 Corinthians 5 : 20b – 6 : 10	John 8 : 1 – 11
7.00 pm AUSTREY	Holy Communion	
<b>Mar 6 1st Sunday of Lent</b>	Romans 10 : 8b – 13	Luke 4 : 1 – 13
8.30 am NEWTON REGIS	Holy Communion	
10.30 am NEWTON REGIS C E SCHOOL	Soul Café	
6.00 pm AUSTREY	Evening Prayer	
<b>Mar 13 2nd Sunday of Lent</b>	Philippians 3 : 17 – 4 : 1	Luke 13 : 31 – 35
10.30 am WARTON	Family Communion	
6.00 pm NEWTON REGIS	Evening Prayer	
<b>Mar 20 3rd Sunday of Lent</b>	1 Corinthians 10 : 1 – 13	Luke 13 : 1 – 9
8.30 am WARTON	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30 am AUSTREY	Family Communion	
6.00 pm SECKINGTON	Evening Prayer	
<b>Mar 27 4th Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday</b>	2 Corinthians 5 : 16 – 21	Luke 15 : 1 – 3, 11b – 32
8.30 am AUSTREY	Holy Communion	
10.30 am WARTON	Family Worship (John 19 : 25 – 27)	
6.00 pm SHUTTINGTON	Evening Prayer	

## FUTURE DATES:

- Wed 2 March** ASH WEDNESDAY 7.00 pm Service of Holy Communion at Austrey
- Thurs 3 March** Film Showing 7.00 pm Warton Church **“The Theory of Everything”**
- Fri 4 March** 1.15 pm Funeral of Val Redfern
- Fri 4 March** World Day of Prayer 7.00 pm Service at Polesworth Baptist Church
- Sat 5 March** All Souls Churches Together Day 2 – 5 pm Warton Church (see below)
- Sun 6 March** Baptism of Oakley Griffiths 12.30 pm at Shuttington
- Mon 7 March** All Souls PCC 7.30 pm Warton Church
- Wed 9 & Thurs 10 March** Lent groups begin (see below)

For up to date information on services please consult the parish website [www.allsoulsnorthwarwickshire.co.uk](http://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.  
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## Join us in prayer

**Prayers for the world:** we pray for peace to be maintained in our world as the crisis between Russia and Ukraine escalates. We pray that President Putin will be persuaded to withdraw his troops and that further violence and bloodshed and the suffering that brings will be averted. We pray for continued caution and vigilance as countries emerge from the coronavirus pandemic, for testing and vaccination to be provided to prevent the development of new variants. We pray for strength and resilience for all those giving selflessly to care for the sick and the dying. We pray for all those adversely affected by climate change, urging world leaders to act without delay to implement the promises made at COP26 last November. 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 Elizabeth our Queen as she celebrates her reign of 70 years, asking God’s blessing protection on her and a return to full health. We pray for our leaders and members of our government, that they will continue to operate in the best interests of the nation. We continue to give thanks for all NHS and care workers, as their workload continues to be impacted by the coronavirus, that they would be renewed and strengthened in mind and body. We pray for the increasing numbers of people who are struggling to make ends meet as the basic cost of living rises and the worries that brings.

**Prayers for the Church:** we pray for the work of the Church and its leaders, as churches the world over look to use the period of Lent as a time of spiritual reflection and renewal. We pray for our own Lent groups in All Souls, that those who participate might be encouraged and strengthened in their faith.

**Prayers for our Community:** we pray for all those who reside or work in our parish, that you would continue to guard, guide and protect them in their daily lives. We pray especially for all the staff and children in our 3 village schools, that the provision of learning will continue without interruption in the coming weeks.

**Prayers for the sick:** we ask for your love, your comforting presence and your healing touch to surround 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, especially Joanne and family on the loss of Joanne’s mother Beryl and the family and friends of Val Redfern. Comfort all who grieve, strengthen them in their sorrow and hold them in your loving arms.

“Come near to God and he will come near to you.” (James 4 : 8)

## **TITHE FOR JANUARY: MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP**

Millions of people cannot access basic medical care, clean water, schools or receive the Good News of God's love, simply because it's too dangerous or time-consuming to reach them. MAF provides flights for 2000 aid, development and mission organisations to enable them to transform lives. It's a great partnership that our tithes help make possible.

**LENT COURSE 2022:** This year's Lent Course, entitled "The Mystery of Everything", is based around the film "The Theory of Everything" which tells of the life of the late Stephen Hawking. Through it we will explore the ways in which the mysteries of the universe and everyday life can reinvigorate our faith and spiritual journeys. In preparation there will be a showing of the film on Thursday 3rd March at 7 pm in Warton Church. Lent groups will commence the following week: on Wednesday evenings at 7.45 pm hosted by John & Gina Larkin at Austrey and on Thursdays at 7.30 pm hosted by Stephen & Kathryn Packham at Newton Regis. The sessions will include watching a clip of the film, reflecting on some questions and exploring a little of what the bible has to say. Please let Alison Meredith know if you are interested in taking part.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 4 MARCH:** Formerly the Women's World Day of Prayer, the first Friday in March is marked with a service worldwide by Christians of all denominations. This year's service is prepared by Christians from England, Wales and Northern Ireland and has as its theme "I know the plans I have for you". Our local service this year is being held at Polesworth Baptist Church starting at 7.00 pm.

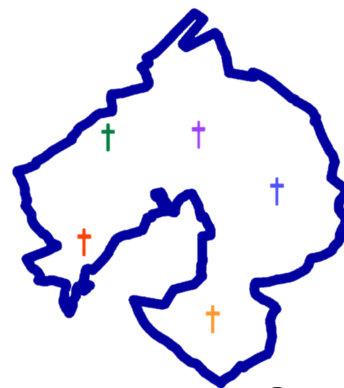
**CHURCH FINANCES** : Church finances have not yet fully recovered from the effects of the pandemic but All Souls is still hoping to be able to meet all its costs in full, including its Common Fund asking for the year 2022 which has been set by the Diocese at £36,718. Any help you can give will be deeply appreciated. For further details please contact the Treasurer Trish Richardson – tel: 01827 66282 or email trishrich18@gmail.com

## **DOVE MAGAZINE**

The current edition of The Dove is now in circulation. Copies are also available in the village stores in Austrey, Shuttington and Warton.  
Thanks to all who have contributed to this edition.

**"The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and I am helped."**

**(Psalm 28 : 7)**



**Parish of All Souls  
North Warwickshire**

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

# **March 2022 Church News**

## **A DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING—ASH WEDNESDAY—2ND MARCH**

Many of us will have troubled hearts as we watch with horror the attack by Russia on Ukraine. We lament with the people of Ukraine, and we pray for the innocent, the frightened and those who have lost loved ones, homes, and family. As church we continue to call for a ceasefire and the withdrawal of Russian forces as well as wide-ranging efforts to ensure peace, stability and security. These events remind us that peace is precious and fragile. In Chapter 14 of John's Gospel, Jesus speaks to his disciples at the Last Supper and he leaves them his peace. This peace is something that only Jesus gives; it is a gift, a way of living, something to be received, for the gift of peace is the gift of Jesus himself. As Christians, our response to a crisis must always be rooted in prayer. And so we are invited to join in praying most earnestly for an outpouring of the Spirit of God, that the world may once again choose peace, strengthening those international bodies that enable us to work and live together as one humanity inhabiting one world. We pray for those in Ukraine who suffer grievously, for all who take decisions around the world, and for the people and leaders of Russia too.

## **ALL SOULS CHURCHES LOOKING FORWARD:**

Saturday 5th March 2 – 5 pm at Holy Trinity Church, Warton. Hopefully you have saved the date, as all church members are warmly invited to come to Warton Church to share ideas and discussion, or simply listen, as we seek to discern God's will as to how the parish might move forward now that the pandemic is receding and we have a new Rector in post. Please let Alison know if you are able to join us.