### TITHE FOR JANUARY: Birmingham City Mission

Birmingham City Mission is a Christian charity established in 1966 committed to helping the needy and marginalised of Birmingham and to sharing the Christian

message. The Mission runs many projects where there is need, offering friendship and support to the homeless, elderly, young and those struggling with poverty. BCM is a Christian mission but offers its services without test or condition. BCM could not survive for a single day without its supporters – individuals, churches and other groups who share its vision and become involved in many different ways, generously giving time, energy, money and prayer.

### ALL SOULS LOOKING FORWARD:

Following a lengthy interregnum, compounded by the pandemic with its lockdowns and restrictions, now that we have a new Rector in post and the New Year is under way, it seems a good time to take a look and appraise where we are as a parish, with a view to moving forward. In January the PCC met for an afternoon of discussion and will be sharing their ideas with the wider Church family on the afternoon of

**Saturday 5th March between 2 and 5 pm.** All Church members are encouraged to attend, so please make a note of the date in your diary and we will let you know in good time when a venue has been arranged.

### **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 next edition of The Dove is now available and will be out for distribution in the first week of February. Copies are also available in the village stores in Austrey, Shuttington and Warton. Thanks to all who have contributed to this edition.

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand."

(Isaiah 41 : 10)



# Parish of All Souls North Warwickshire

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

# **February 2022 Church News**



February is the month when we turn, from Christ's birth and the revelation and Glory of who is, to face the Cross and journey with Him in his passion.

This journey through Lent to the Cross is traditionally one where we come together for a time of reflection and learning

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 in Warton Church on Thursday 3rd March at 7.00 pm. In the following weeks the Lent Group (or Groups depending on demand) will meet to watch a clip from the film, reflect on some questions and explore a little of what the bible has to say. More information can be found in the new edition of The Dove.

Please let Alison Meredith know if you are interested in attending the film night or attending or hosting a Lent group.

## This Months Services

**Feb 6** 4th Sunday before Lent 1 Cor 15: 1 – 11 Luke 5: 1 – 11

8.30 am AUSTREY Holy Communion

10.30 am NEWTON REGIS C E SCHOOL Soul Café

**Feb 13 3rd Sunday before Lent** 1 Cor 15: 12 – 20 Luke 6: 17 – 26

10.30 am WARTON Family Communion

6.00 pm NEWTON REGIS Evening Prayer

Feb 20 2nd Sunday before Lent Revelation 4 Luke 8: 22 – 25

8.30 am NEWTON REGIS Holy Communion

10.30 am AUSTREY Family Worship

6.00 pm SECKINGTON Evening Prayer

**Feb 27 Sunday next before Lent** Exodus 34: 29 – 35 Luke 9: 28 – 36

10.30 am WARTON Family Worship

6.00 pm SHUTTINGTON Evening Prayer

**FUTURE DATES:** 

Mon 7 February 7.30 pm All Souls PCC Warton Church Wed 9 February 7.30 pm Coleshill & Polesworth Deanery Synod

(via Zoom)

Wed 2 March ASH WEDNESDAY 7.00 pm Holy Communion Austrey

Thurs 3 March 7.00 pm Film Night at Warton Church

(see details on front cover)

Sat 5 March 2 – 5.00 pm All Souls Church Together Looking Forward

(See details below)

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.

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### Join us in prayer

Prayers for the world: we pray for our world and the continuing battle to control the coronavirus. We pray for renewed energy for all those treating the sick, in particular our overstretched NHS and social care workers as many fall victim to the disease resulting in staff shortages. We pray for the vaccination programme to be extended worldwide to curtail further spread and the emergence of new variants. We pray for peace to come to areas of conflict and a resolution of the tensions between Russia, Ukraine and the countries of the NATO alliance. We pray for all suffering the hardships of hunger, cold, lack of shelter and loss of livelihood through war or other disasters and we ask your blessing on all agencies working to support them.

Prayers for the nation: we pray for Elizabeth our Queen as this month marks the 70th anniversary of her accession to the throne, giving thanks for her long reign and devoted years of service to the people of Britain and the Commonwealth. We pray for a restoration of trust and confidence in the leaders of our nation, so that the country can move forward and attention be focused on the welfare and best interests of all its people, especially the vulnerable, disadvantaged and needy.

Prayers for the Church: we pray for the Church and its leaders seeking to offer support to those whose
 lives continue to be impacted by the pandemic and its consequences.

Especially we ask your blessing on our Parish of All Souls, on Joanne and her family, on the churchwardens, PCC members and all our Church family as we begin to think about where God might be leading us.

Prayers our Community: we pray for all those who reside or work in our parish, that you would continue to bless, guide and protect them. We give thanks for the opportunities to meet and socialise and pray that people will continue to exercise caution in their dealings with others. We pray especially for all the staff and children in our 3 village schools as Covid continues to impact their learning. Keep them safe and enable them to flourish and know the blessings of Jesus' love.

Prayers for the sick: we ask for your healing touch to be on all who are ill or in pain at this time,

whether at home or in hospital, 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 where death has come suddenly and unexpectedly. Comfort and strengthen them in their shock and grief and soothe their sorrow. We ask your special blessing on the family and friends of Lorraine Thurgood.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

(Matthew 11 : 28)