

TITHE FOR JULY : MALAWI The Diocese of Birmingham is actively linked with the Anglican Church in Malawi, where the majority of the population live in poverty, struggling with the effects of climate change on subsistence farming. Parishes are asked to support both through prayer and giving. If you wish to supplement our monthly tithe, please place your gift, clearly marked, in the offertory box or plate or contact the Treasurer Trish Richardson 01827 66282 or trishrich18@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: Many thanks to those who were able to make a donation using the envelopes in church. A total of £156 – 50 was raised. Thanks too to those who chose to make their donation online – and there's still time if it's something you didn't get round to!

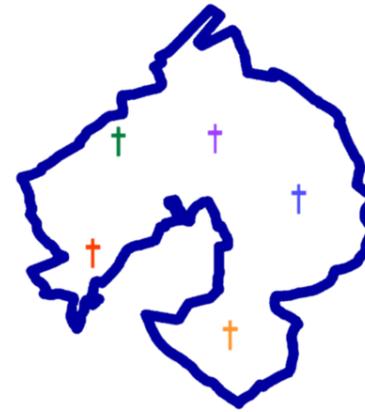
NEWTON REGIS OPEN GARDENS: This ever popular event is being held over the weekend of 6/7 July. Do come along to admire the very varied gardens large and small, the floral displays in church, as well as calling in for welcome refreshments available in the Village Hall. Do join us too for a short session of familiar hymns and prayers in church on the Sunday morning at 10.30 am. Proceeds will be divided between St Mary's Church, still fundraising for the second phase of work to repair the church bells, and village projects.

AUSTREY FUNDRAISING: What better way to spend a summer afternoon than chatting with friends old and new over a delicious afternoon cream tea, served in Austrey Church on **Saturday 20th July** between 2 and 5 pm. Admission will be by ticket, £8 per head, and should be obtained in advance from Trish Richardson Tel: 01827 66282 or Heather Cooke Tel: 01827 830548. And don't miss the entertainment by the tribute act **Pet Shop Boys** **Actually on Friday 6th September** in Austrey Church. Tickets at only £10 are already available online or from Heather Cooke Tel: 01827 830548.

CELEBRATION & MISSION: On **Sunday 21 July** at the 10.30 am service at Austrey we will be celebrating all that we are doing as a church in All Souls. Following the service there will be a simple lunch of soup and a roll and an opportunity to reflect together on how we might take things forward. Two representatives from the Diocese will also be there to help channel our thoughts. Your input will be most welcome so please let Revd Joanne know if you are able to attend.

COFFEE & CHAT: Thanks to a grant from the Household Support Fund, Coffee & Chat will run every week during the school summer holidays, serving hot and cold snacks. Everyone is welcome, young and old, individuals and families, whether you are struggling to pay food bills or not – please come along and join us!

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."(Lamentations 3 : 22 - 23)



Parish of All Souls North Warwickshire

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

July 2024 Church News

Whenever I sit and write for our newsletters I am always mindful of how much the landscape can change from writing to reading. Never more so than today. With a general election looming, if the polls are anything to go by we are in for a change of government and all that brings. But a lot can happen in a few days and only our votes will tell.

Conversations and a wander around our villages tells me that that we are not all of one mind, that there will be differences of views. So amidst all of this, how can we embody the age-old wisdom to "love your neighbour as yourself" especially when our neighbour thinks differently to us?

Change often amplifies divisions—between parties, ideologies, and even neighbours. But what if we saw our neighbours not as opponents, but as fellow humans navigating the same uncertain world? We all have a part to play as individuals and church in making our villages wonderful places to live. Let's bridge the gaps, listen empathetically, and find common ground. Even if we don't always agree on other things we can still show love for our neighbours.

Kindness knows no barriers. We are all capable of kindness, whether it be helping an elderly neighbour get to a coffee morning or baking a cake for the family that moves in over the road. Why not ask your neighbour about their hopes, fears, and dreams. Understand their perspective, even if it challenges your own. Love doesn't require agreement—but it thrives on understanding. Our Villages thrive when love rules over all. for as the wedding service says 'God is love, and those who live in love, live in God'.

As we gather on the 21st July to celebrate all that is good in our Parish and seek out what God is doing or calling us to, let's make 'loving God and loving our neighbours as ourselves', not just a slogan, but the heart of all we do. We all have a part to play in sharing God's love, and loving our neighbour.

So whatever happens on the 4th July, we put our hope and trust in the one who is always present, the one who does not need to rely on elections or polls. The one who already has the victory, Jesus Christ.

Blessings *Revd Joanne*

This Months Services and Readings

July 07 6th Sunday after Trinity 2 Corinthians 12 : 2 – 10 Mark 6 : 1 – 13

8.30 am AUSTREY Holy Communion
10.30 am NEWTON REGIS Open Gardens – Hymns & Prayers
6.00 pm WARTON Evening Prayer

July 14 7th Sunday after Trinity Ephesians 1 : 3 – 14 Mark 6 : 14 – 29

8.30 am NEWTON REGIS Holy Communion
10.30 am WARTON Family Worship + Thanksgiving
6.00 pm SECKINGTON Evening Prayer

July 21 8th Sunday after Trinity Ephesians 2 : 11 – 22 Mark 6 : 30-34, 5 3-56

10.30 am AUSTREY All Souls Family Worship & Celebration
3.00 pm WARTON Baptism
6.00 pm NEWTON REGIS Evening Prayer

July 28 9th Sunday after Trinity Ephesians 3 : 14 – 21 John 6 : 1 – 21

8.30 am WARTON Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am SECKINGTON Family Worship
6.00 pm SHUTTINGTON Evening Prayer

Aug 04 10th Sunday after Trinity Ephesians 4 : 1 – 16 John 6 : 24 – 35

8.30 am AUSTREY Holy Communion
10.30 am NEWTON REGIS Family Worship
6.00 pm WARTON Evening Prayer

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

Prayers for the world: we pray for those areas of our world which continue to be torn apart by the devastation of war, remembering especially the conflicts between Ukraine & Russia, Israel and Hamas, the opposing political factions in Sudan, asking that hostilities might cease, peace return and lives be rebuilt. We ask God's comfort and blessing on the injured, the dying and bereaved, those deprived of the basic necessities of life, those fighting for their country's freedom, refugees and those fleeing their homeland in search of a better life. We pray for increased respect for the natural environment, for greater awareness and urgent action to mitigate the effects of climate change as many countries suffer from intense heatwaves. We ask your blessing on all agencies working here and abroad to help the vulnerable, the needy and the underprivileged, in particular our own Mission Partners.

Prayers for the nation: we pray for a continued return to health and strength for Charles our King and the Princess of Wales. We pray for our country as its citizens vote in the general election, that a stable and trustworthy government will emerge to take the country forward. We continue to pray for those struggling to buy food and pay bills.

Prayers for the Church: we pray for the Church and its leaders as General Synod meets in York from 5 to 9 July, that it would be a time of positive discussion and leadership. We pray for Joanne, for strength and resilience to guide and minister to us here in All Souls. We give thanks and pray for our Churchwardens and PCC members and for all actively engaged in the outreach to our communities.

Prayers our Community: we pray for God's blessing on all who reside or work in our parish, especially those involved in organising community events. We pray for all the staff and children in our 3 village schools as the academic year draws to a close, especially the Year 6 pupils preparing to move to secondary school.

Prayers for the sick and bereaved: we ask that all who are ill or in pain at this time will know something of God's loving presence. We pray especially for those experiencing mental health issues, that they will receive the help and support they need, but above all that they would know reassurance and peace. We pray for all who mourn the loss of loved ones, both old and young. Comfort all those recently bereaved, give them courage and hope for the future.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." (Proverbs 3 : 5)

Dates for the Diary

Thurs 4 July 2 – 4 pm Coffee & Chat in Warton Church
Sat/Sun 6/7 July 11am – 5 pm Open Gardens at Newton Regis (see below for further details)
Mon 8 July 12 noon Memorial Service for David Hames at Seckington
Tues 9 July 12 noon Funeral of Maurice Luby at Warton
Sun July 14 10.30 am Thanksgiving for Florence Sharman at Warton

Thurs 18 July 2 – 4 pm Coffee & Chat in Warton Parish Room
Sat 20 July 2 – 5 pm Fundraising Afternoon Cream Tea in Austrey Church
Sun 21 July 10.30 am All Souls Family Worship & Celebration at Austrey (see below for further details)
Sun 21 July 3.00 pm Baptism of Maverick Cash-Nadin at Warton
Mon 22 July 7 .30 pm All Souls PCC meeting Warton Church
Thurs 25 July 2 – 4 pm Coffee & Chat in Warton Parish Room