



Parish of All Souls North Warwickshire

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

April 2024 Church News

Alleluia, Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed, Alleluia.

And it may be April but it's no joke, Christ is Risen and in him all things are made new. Spring is well and truly sprung, bulbs in flower and blossom on the tree's. But new life is more than a season in the gardening calendar. It is what we receive through the grace of God, made possible for us by Jesus's life, death and resurrection.

As mentioned last month, there is an opportunity to discover afresh what that means for us, in a **7 week course, starting on Tuesday 16th April, 7.15** at the Vicarage. Recognising that Jesus often met people over food we will share a simple meal and, with heart and mind explore and learn together more about the Christian faith, Jesus and his teaching. If you want to know more, or to join us, let me know.

There are lots of other 'new' things that we are working towards, especially now we have received the quinquennial reports for each of the church buildings. At **Austrey** we are looking forward to the wall being made new. However, sadly it looks like we will need some new sections of roof, to stop the rain coming in. That means new and exciting events coming up, including a Christian Comedian Andy Kind, on Saturday 11th May at 7.30. Tickets £10 available from Heather 01827 830548. At **Newton Regis**, fundraising is well on the way to enabling the bells to ring anew again and everyone is working towards Open Gardens in July. **Seckington** are raising money to install a new, efficient and eco heating system, with an already sold out visit from Elizabeth I. We are in the process of getting quotes for work to make **Warton** watertight so we can progress the internal decorations, and **Shuttington** not to be left out needs work on the timber frame of the tower.

Some of this is exciting and new, some daunting and new, but we trust in the Lord that makes all things new, who in our weakness is strong. The grave could not hold Him, He brings light into darkness, for He is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

Blessings

Revd Joanne

This Months Services and Readings

Apr 07 2nd Sunday of Easter	Acts 4 : 32 – 35	John 20 : 19 – 31
10.30 am NEWTON REGIS	Family Worship	
No Evening Service		
Apr 14 3rd Sunday of Easter	Acts 3 : 12 – 19	Luke 24 : 36b – 48
8.30 am NEWTON REGIS	Holy Communion	
10.30 am WARTON	Family Worship	
6.00 pm SECKINGTON	Evening Prayer	
Apr 21 4th Sunday of Easter	Acts 4 : 5 – 12	John 10 : 11 – 18
10.30 am AUSTREY	Family Worship	
6.00 pm NEWTON REGIS	Evening Prayer	
Apr 28 5th Sunday of Easter	Acts 8 : 26 – 40	John 15 : 1 – 8
8.30 am WARTON	Holy Communion (BCP)	
10.30 am SECKINGTON	Family Worship	
6.00 pm SHUTTINGTON	Evening Prayer	
May 05 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	

Dates for the Diary

Thurs 4 April	2 – 4.00 pm Coffee & Chat in Warton Parish Room
Fri 12 April	7.30 pm An Audience with Queen Elizabeth I at Seckington Church
Tues 16 April	7.15pm Who, what why? We explore the Christian faith together at The Vicarage. 7 week course begins.
Thurs 18 April	2 – 4.00 pm Coffee & Chat in Warton Parish Room
Sat 20 April	10.30 – 12.30 pm Walk-in Coffee Morning in Austrey Church
Sat 20 April	1 – 4.00 pm Working party at Austrey Church and churchyard
Sat 20 April	3.30 pm Wedding of Jacob Bryan & Polly Simmons at Newton Regis
Sat 27 April	3.30 pm Wedding of Ricky Griffiths & Lauren Evans at Austrey
Mon 29 April	7.30 pm All Souls PCC meeting (to approve accounts)

Prayers for the world: we continue to pray for peace to be restored throughout the world, but especially in Ukraine, between Israel and Gaza, and in Sudan. We urgently desire humanitarian aid to reach those in desperate need of food and water, fuel and medical supplies and we pray for all aid agencies working to supply these including Christian Aid and our Mission Partners Mission Aviation Fellowship, Crosslinks, Bethesda Leprosy Hospital and Birmingham City Mission. We pray for effective action to mitigate the damage caused by climate change, for promises to reduce carbon emissions to be made good.

Prayers for the nation: we pray for all members of the Royal Family, especially King Charles and the Princess of Wales, wishing them a complete and speedy recovery following their cancer diagnosis and treatment. We pray for our government to exercise wisdom and discernment and to show compassion towards those struggling financially to meet the ever rising cost of living. We continue to give thanks for the selfless dedication of all NHS workers in their care of the nation's health.

Prayers for the Church: we pray for the Church and its leaders seeking to convey the good news of the gospel in a world facing challenges on so many fronts. We pray that the message of Easter will be a source of comfort and hope for many. We pray for our Parish of All Souls, for Joanne, the churchwardens and members of the PCC as we continue to seek to reach out to those around us.

Prayers our Community: we pray for all those who reside or work in our parish, that you would continue to bless and protect them in their daily lives. We pray especially for all the staff and children in our 3 village schools as they enjoy a welcome Easter break.

Prayers for the sick: we ask for your love and healing touch to surround all who are ill or in pain at this time, whether at home, in hospital or residential care, that they might be aware of your loving and healing presence.

Prayers for the bereaved: we pray for all who mourn at this time. Comfort all who are weighed down with grief, support and reassure them as they adjust to life without their loved ones.

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (1 Peter 1 : 3)

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 APRIL: Bethesda Leprosy Hospital: Bethesda continues to put its trust in the Lord as it celebrates 100 years of serving those suffering from leprosy, HIV and AIDS in the name and love of Jesus. Finances are always tight and they are often unable to pay staff salaries so if you would like to supplement this month's tithe offering, please put your gift in a clearly marked envelope as part of the weekly collection or contact the Treasurer Trish Richardson 01827 66282 or trishrich18@gmail.com

ALL SOULS ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: This year's APCM will be held on Sunday 12 May at 10.30 am in Warton Church, when in addition to reviewing the past year we will be appointing churchwardens and 3 new PCC members. Churchwardens are elected annually and PCC members serve a term of 3 years. Please consider carefully and prayerfully whether you could undertake one of these roles, in particular that of churchwarden : out of a potential team of 10 to cover our 5 churches we currently have only 3. Assistance is also welcome with cleaning, flower arranging, refreshments, as well as reading the lesson at services and leading prayers. **ALL SOULS NEEDS YOU!**

ALL SOULS ELECTORAL ROLL: Every year the church electoral roll is revised. The names of those who have moved away or are no longer with us are removed and all regular worshippers are encouraged to join. This year's revision will take place between 14 and 28 April, prior to the Annual Meeting. If your name is already on the roll, you need do nothing but if not you may be approached to join. It affirms you as part of our worshipping community and entitles you to have your say regarding church matters.

CHURCH FINANCES : The Common Fund asking for the year 2024 remains at £36,718, although this by no means meets the full cost of having a vicar in post. All parishes are being asked to consider making an additional voluntary gift and the churchwardens have recommended we commit to an extra £1,000 for this year. Your continued support will therefore be deeply appreciated. For further details please contact the Treasurer Trish Richardson – tel: 01827 66282 or email trishrich18@gmail.com

CHURCHYARD MOWING: Can you help please? Nearly all our churchyards are mowed and kept tidy by volunteers and we are deeply indebted to them. Many, however, have had to retire or are approaching that stage, so some new blood would be most welcome, in particular at **Warton** (please contact Alison Meredith tel: 01827892796/07733082778) and **Austrey** (please contact Peter Oliver tel: 01827 830337 or email: pjroliver@btinternet.com or Martin Cooke tel: 01827 830548 or email: mvcooke55@gmail.com). Willing volunteers would also be appreciated at **Newton Regis** (please contact Shirley Faulkner tel: 01827 830504).

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this : While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5 : 8)