

Church Services

5 th August	Grandborough Benefice Service	10.30 am	Holy Communion
12 th August	Flecknoe Benefice Service	10.30 am	Holy Communion
19 th August	Leamington Hastings Benefice Service	10.30 am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 21 st August	C of GS, Broadwell	7.30 pm	Healing Service
26 th August	Willoughby Benefice Service	10.30 am	Holy Communion
2 nd September	Grandborough Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
Thursday 6 th September	Grandborough	4.30 pm	Messy Church
9 th September	Flecknoe Willoughby Grandborough	9.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Family Service Evensong
16 th September	Leamington Hastings Grandborough Willoughby	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion WtW Evensong
Tuesday 18 th September	C of GS Broadwell	7.30 pm	Healing Service
23 rd September	Flecknoe Willoughby Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Breakfast Service Holy Communion Afternoon Worship
30 th September	Willoughby Benefice Service	10.30 am	Holy Communion
Thursday 4 th October	Grandborough	4.30 pm	Messy Church
7 th October	Grandborough Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion

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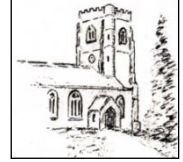
Flecknoe



Grandborough



Leamington Hastings



Willoughby

August/September 2018

St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians.

Thinking of the recent Royal wedding as well as weddings taken and taking place in our various Benefice Churches at present, it seemed appropriate to reflect on St Paul's letter to the Corinthians in which he stated: "There are three things that last forever: faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love."

In the old versions of the New Testament, love is called Charity. However, the word "charity" has become tarnished in view of allegation concerning "Oxfam," Care Homes where care is turned into abuse of the vulnerable, and situations where the wealthy treat their workers with contempt, and sometimes like slaves. Nowadays charity implies just the giving of money - but as St Paul says "I may give all I possess to the needy...but if I have no love, I gain nothing by it." The word "love", in common use, can be abused too. Such love is often exploited and is a tawdry image of the real thing, giving rise to such things as the "Me Too" campaign.

The love that St. Paul means is the care and understanding we should give, not to just our loved ones, but to whoever we come across. It is the attention to all the needs of those we meet every day and sometimes to those we will never meet (when we just "put money in the box") - real selfless love. "Love is patient and kind. Love envies no-one...and keeps no score of wrongs."

This is the basis of our Christian faith. Faith in God is a prerequisite. Hope keeps us moving forward - a special gift from God to combat the challenges of life - keeping us running the race until we reach the finishing line. Without Faith we cannot know the God of Love; without Hope we wouldn't endure. But without Love there can be no redemption. Christ died for us - an act of sacrificial love. So "Love" is the virtue upon which "faith and hope" stand.

For all newlyweds and the rest of us, never go to sleep on a quarrel, treat each other as you'd like to be treated, and hang on to that Love.

Quote: REB 1. Corinthians Ch 13.

Pauline

Please note the latest date for items to be included in the next Leam Valley Messenger is **18th September 2018**. Reports should be sent to: dorothyjohnson@outlook.com

From the Registers

Weddings: We congratulate the couples below on their marriages:

Grandborough: **Victoria Pawsey** and **Gary Richens** on 16th June
Jayde Beck and **Jack Berwick** on 30th June

Leamington Hastings: **Matthew Lockyer** and **Kirsten Mee** on 29th June
George Bostock and **Joanna Marshall** on 28th July

Funerals: We offer our sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the relatives and friends of:

Grandborough **Michael Allan Lea** on 25th June

Church News and Notices

New Priest in Charge

Further to the recent interview process which we conducted for our Priest-in-Charge, we are pleased to announce that, subject to completion of the usual formalities, the Reverend Anne Hinks, currently Assistant Priest at St Mary and St Bartholomew, Hampton-in-Arden, St Peter, Bickenhill and St Swithin, Barston, will be our Priest-in-Charge.

We have yet to arrange a date for her licensing service but think it is likely to be sometime in September/October.

Thank you for your prayers during this time. Please continue to pray for us, and for Anne as she prepares to leave her current church to serve our church and community here in the benefice of the Leam Valley.

In the meantime, if you have any queries regarding any of the churches in the Benefice, you should contact The Reader or one of the Churchwardens as follows:

The Reader for the Benefice is Dr Alec Parker Tel: 01926 812548

Flecknoe	Andrew Grant	01788 891076		
Grandborough	Peter Johnson	01788 814994;	Pauline Stratton	01788 521123
Willoughby	Jackie Gibbard	01788 891191;	Karen Nichols	07866 572209

August

5th August - We will be serving cream teas from 2.30 pm at the church. All welcome.

11th August – A tidy up is planned in the churchyard from 10.00 am. Any help will be really appreciated.

September

8th September - Soup and Social at midday in the Village Hall.

9th September – All Age Service at 11.00 am when we will be exploring the Parable of the Sower. Keeping with the theme of Harvest as we are celebrating the Harvest Festival at the church the following week. We look forward to welcoming you all.

27th October - We are planning a 'Has Willoughby got Talent Show' in the Village Hall. Tickets and details nearer the time. Anyone interested in entering talk to Jackie or Karen Nichols.

Friends of St Nicholas

Please don't forget St Nicholas' Church needs Friends. If you can spare any time to help with our fundraising or give the church a tidy we would love to hear from you. You don't have to get involved in committees or necessarily be a church goer just someone who wants to see our lovely church survive. Just contact any of the PCC. Thank you.

Thursday Club.

2nd August Trip to Countryfile Show at Blenheim - Lynn Busby co-ordinating, and members booking direct individually.

13th September 2.30 pm at the Village Hall, Film Show

20th September 12.30 pm Pub Lunch, venue to be confirmed.

We are still collecting stamps and foreign and old coins just bring any to one of our meetings. Hearing Dogs have stopped accepting them, and Air Ambulance are not interested, but Myton Hospice will gladly take them. New members very welcome, ring Jim (the Sec) 891805.

Do you like working with children??

We are looking for new team members to assist with School assemblies at Leamington Hastings C of E Academy. If you think you would like to get involved with this ministry please call Karen Hatch on 01926 812363.

Christmas Market!!!

I know that this is *really early*, but planning is very important. The market is to be held in the church on 17th November from 10.30 am to 2.30 pm. If you are interested in having a stall or are able to help at the Market please contact Karen on ingrianna57@gmail.com We also need prizes for the tombola stall and the Prize Draw; again, please contact Karen if you can help. Thank you.

Outdoor Bowls

Would you like to try something different? Maybe outdoor bowls? We meet every Wednesday at 6.00 pm at the bowls green next to the Leamington Hastings Parish Hall. You don't need any special equipment, (just bring flat shoes and a sense of fun)! Any age, any ability, you are most welcome to come and join us. Come and have a go, you might enjoy it.

A Date for your Diaries

LH Parish Hall Management Committee is proud to announce that the Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir will perform a concert with a strong Christmas flavour in the Parish Hall on Saturday 1st December. Please make a note in your diaries.

Celebrating its 90th anniversary year, the choir is more familiar with the Royal Albert Hall than LH Parish Hall! But they are looking forward to visiting our Parish with an extra-special programme.

The concert, part of the Hall's fundraising to refurbish essential facilities, will follow the usual format, which includes a light supper during the interval. More details in future Leam Valley Messengers.

Willoughby

Grant

We were delighted to receive news of a grant from the Bishop Wolfson Foundation of up to £5,000 which has given us all a much needed boost.

Thank you

The jumble sale held on 7th July raised the sum of £316. Many thanks to all who contributed and a special thank you to those who gave up time to come and help. We couldn't do it without you.

Healing Services

The next monthly healing services at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Broadwell, will be on Tuesday, 21st August and Tuesday 18th September at 7.30 pm. Please come and join us and spend some quiet time with God.

If you know of anyone who would appreciate prayer for any reason at all, please let your Churchwarden know or Karen on 01926 812363. Alternatively, email ingrianna57@gmail.com and we will include them in our prayer time.

Farmers' Market

Our next Farmers' Markets will be held on Thursday 2nd August and 6th September. Please come along and support our stallholders, and join your friends for coffee and a chat.

Leam Valley Benefice Office Hour

If you want to find out about baptism or confirmation for yourself or for your child, would like to book a wedding service in any of the benefice churches or have any enquiries, then please come along to the Leam Valley Benefice Office Hour at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Broadwell on the first Monday of the month (except Bank Holidays) between 6.00 and 7.00 pm. Alternatively contact one of the Churchwardens from your church, details on page 2.

Flecknoe

Cream Teas

Many thanks to Jules and Andrew Brown for organising and hosting Cream Teas on June 10th. Jules made wonderful three tier cake stands and a magnificent selection of cakes was provided with an efficient waitress service provided by Lily and a friend. A Garden Party atmosphere was created in a fine marquee with the weather cooperating. This was a well supported village event and we hope it might be repeated next year? £251 was raised towards church funds.

Holiday Club

Our Summer Holiday Club for children aged from 4 to 10 will be held from Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th August and will be based in Flecknoe Village Hall, as usual. The theme this year is "Help" and will include Bible stories that relate to this subject. As always there will be many other activities, including making collages, cooking, singing and playing games.

For further information or to book a place for your child, please contact Clare Grant on 01788 891076 or e-mail aaggrant@aol.com. Children and their friends are welcome from across the Benefice.

RDA Charity Walk

There will be a fundraising charity walk on Sunday 9th September for the RDA (Riding for the Disabled Association) Hillcrest Group. This will start at 11.00 am from Hillcrest House, Flecknoe, We will walk over to Staverton where lunch will be provided, returning to Flecknoe by a different route for tea.

£15 per person, reduced rate for children. Tickets are available from Clare Grant on 01788 891076 or e-mail aaggrant@aol.com or Gill Howe on 10327 871951 or e-mail gihowe@btinternet.com.

Harvest Festival

This year our Harvest Festival will be held on **Sunday 30th September** at 5.00 pm, and will be followed, as usual, by our Harvest Supper at 6.00 pm. Please bring produce to be auctioned after the Supper to the Church to be blessed during the service. Tickets are available from Jane Lee 891451, Clare Grant 891076 or Laura Seago 07980 881545. All are welcome!

Grandborough

Strawberry Teas

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Strawberry Teas. It was wonderful to be able to sit outside in the churchyard on a glorious sunny Sunday afternoon enjoying our cream teas. A number of people also enjoyed having a 'Tower Tour.' We were delighted to raise the sum of £270 for church funds. Special thanks to all those who helped in any way at all to make this such an enjoyable occasion.

Messy Church

Please note there will be no Messy Church in August and our next session will be held on Thursday 6th September from 4.30 – 6.30 pm. If you haven't been before, please give it a try; a hot meal is provided after the crafts and worship. Children should be accompanied by an adult. We are always pleased to welcome new families.

Dates for your Diaries

On Saturday 6th October we will be having a clean-up in both the church and churchyard and would be very grateful for as much help as possible. As you all know, "**Many hands make light work.**"

We will be having a **Music and Flower Festival** on Saturday 13th October from 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm and also on Sunday 14th October from 1.30 pm to 5.00 pm, which will be followed by our **Harvest Festival and Supper**. More details in the next Leam Valley Messenger.

Women's Institute

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th September when Colin Rowe will be telling us about Luxurious Locomotion and the 'Story of the Orient Express.

The meetings are held in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. All visitors welcome.

Methodist Chapel

Harvest Festival

We shall be holding our Harvest Festival on Sunday 23rd September. The morning service at 10.30 am will be led by Rev Charity and the evening service at 6.30 pm by Rev David Collinson.

Our sale will be on Monday 24th at 7.00 pm when a donation will be sent to 'All We Can,' a Methodist Church Charity for famine relief. We would love you to join us.

Leamington Hastings

Music at Leamington Hastings

The next concert will be on Saturday 8th September at 7.30 pm with Dante String Quartet, playing music from Haydn, Shostakovich and Beethoven. Tickets available on the door or from David Potts on 07966 584 328.

Ecumenical Service on the Green Broadwell

Our annual Ecumenical Service on the Green will be held on Sunday 9th September at 10.30am. Everyone very welcome.

Celebration of Reader Ministry and Licencing Service at Coventry Cathedral

On Saturday 22nd September at 4.00 pm, seven new Readers will be licenced at the cathedral. Karen Hatch, from All Saints Church, Leamington Hastings will be one of the seven. Please pray for Karen in her preparations and come and join her on the day to help celebrate this wonderful occasion. The service is open to all. No tickets are needed, and everyone will receive a warm welcome at the main entrance of the Cathedral.

Readers in the Church of England are lay people who have been called by God, trained and then licensed by their Bishop. They lead worship, preach, teach the Christian faith and encourage effective pastoral care and evangelistic ministry.