



Austrey, Newton Regis, Seckington,  
Shuttington & Warton  
Parish of All Souls, North Warwickshire

# Church News

October 2020

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity** (Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46)

8.30am Holy Communion, Warton (Fr Philip Wells)

10.30am **SOUL CAFÉ** **ONLINE**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity** (Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14)

10.30am Family Worship **ONLINE**

6.00pm Evening Prayer, Newton Regis

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity** (1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22)  
(or, if celebrating the Feast of St Luke the Evangelist 2 Timothy 4:5-17 Luke 10:1-9)

10.30am Morning Prayer, Austrey

6.00pm Evening Prayer, Seckington

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Last Sunday after Trinity** (1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-45)

10.30am Family Worship **ONLINE**

6.00pm Holy Communion, Shuttington (Revd Michael MacLachlan)

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November – All Saints** (1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12)

8.30am Holy Communion, Seckington (Fr Philip Wells)

10.30am **SOUL CAFÉ** **ONLINE**

During the month of October we are continuing to offer a combination of live and online services, subject to government and Diocesan guidelines. Links for the online services will be posted on the All Souls website and the Soul Café Facebook page as well as via the Prayer Circle and Bible Club. We hope there will be something for everyone! **\*Please note the wearing of face coverings is now mandatory in church.**

**Church Website** - for latest news: <http://www.allsoulsnorthwarwickshire.co.uk>

## PRAYERS

**Prayers for the World:** We pray for our world, as the number of cases of COVID-19 continues to increase. We pray for those called upon to treat the sick, comfort the dying and for all the efforts to improve treatment or find a vaccine to combat the disease. We ask for your blessing on all aid agencies, including Christian Aid, Mission Aviation Fellowship and Crosslinks, giving aid in the name and love of Jesus to those caught up in the pandemic.

**Prayers for the Nation:** We pray for Elizabeth our Queen and all in authority under her, that our government will act with wisdom and integrity as it seeks to deal effectively with the rapid rise in cases of COVID-19. We pray for reassurance and support for those facing financial hardship and loss of employment in the current crisis. We also pray for people to show understanding, patience and restraint as restrictions on movement are reintroduced.

**Prayers for the Church:** We pray for the Church and its leaders as it continues to adapt to new ways of worshipping and relaying the message of the gospel. We give thanks for the opportunity to conduct public worship while continuing to reach out to our church family via online services. We pray for the smooth running of our APCM later this month. We continue to pray also for the welfare of our Mission Partners, including our Crosslinks Study Partners present and past, Patrick Cyprian and Irene Apio.

**Prayers for our Community:** We pray for all those who reside in our parish, that you would keep them safe and that members of the community will continue to support one another so that no one need feel alone. We pray especially for our 3 village schools, for the physical and emotional well-being of staff and children in these uncertain times.

**Prayers for the sick:** Merciful and loving Father, we ask for your healing touch to be on all those who are ill or in pain at this time, especially those of our church family and others known to us, that they might have a sense of your loving presence and find peace.

**Prayers for the bereaved:** We pray for all who mourn the loss of loved ones at this time. Help them to find comfort in their sorrow, strength and hope for the days ahead.

***“The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.” (Deuteronomy 33:27)***

### Tithe for October

### Birmingham City Mission

A tenth of all our offerings is given as a tithe. If you wish to supplement this, please place your gift, clearly marked in the offertory box or contact the Treasurer Trish Richardson – Tel: 01827 66282 or email trishrich18@gmail.com

### Future Dates

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| Monday 5 October    | 7.00 pm – Churchwardens' Meeting (via Zoom)      |
| Saturday 17 October | Interment of Ashes at Austrey (Elizabeth Toes)   |
| Monday 19 October   | 7.30 pm – Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) |

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. Enquiries regarding baptisms, weddings and funerals should be made to the PCC Secretary Alison Meredith – Tel: 01827 892796 or email meredithalison2@gmail.com

### HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

As in previous years, donations of non-perishable food items for Tamworth Food Bank and Birmingham City Mission are extremely welcome but must be received by 18th October. BCM will be calling to collect the following day. Toiletries are urgently needed along with tinned meats, fish, pulses, vegetables, biscuits, tea, coffee and long life milk. Certain items of furniture can be accepted but must be booked by 14 October with Gwyneth Shilleto (01827 330569). Suitability can be checked with Gwyneth. No clothing, books or bric a brac. Toys (new only) can also be accepted ready for wrapping and distribution at Christmas.

### ANNUAL MEETING (APCM)

The Annual Meeting of All Souls has been set for **Monday 19th October 2020 at 7.30 pm in St Nicholas Church, Austrey**. It will start with a short service of Evening Prayer. Places will be limited and you will need to book with the PCC Secretary (Alison Meredith) in the week prior to the meeting (between 12th and 19th October) and it will be helpful if this can be limited to one person per household, to allow as wide a representation as possible. Clearly all the above arrangements are provisional at this stage and will have to be changed if the government introduces new and tighter restrictions, in which case the meeting will be conducted virtually. Any changes will be notified via both the website and church noticeboards.

### DAILY HOPE

If you do not have internet access and as yet do not feel able to attend one of our live services, you might be interested in a free telephone service offered by the Church of England entitled "Daily Hope" which you can access by dialling 0800 804 8044. There are a number of options offering hymns, prayers, reflections, as well as the opportunity to tune in to a full worship service. Well worth exploring.

### CHURCH FINANCES

The effect of the coronavirus pandemic continues to impact church finances but All Souls is committed to meeting its costs, including Common Fund, in full, until the end of the year. Whilst we are truly grateful for all donations received in recent weeks, we still need to rely on your continued generosity wherever possible to avoid having to dip too far into our reserves. For further details please contact the Treasurer Trish Richardson – Tel: 01827 66282 or email trishrich18@gmail.com

### VACANCY PRAYER

As we await the re-advertisement of the post of Vicar of the Parish of All Souls, we continue to offer our Vacancy Prayer, trusting in God's mercy and providence:

Father God we bring before you your precious church.

We pray that, during this interregnum and time of change, all the people of "All Souls" will encourage one another and work together to honour and glorify your Holy name. We pray especially for the churchwardens and members of the PCC and all who will share responsibility until a new leader is found.

Thank you, Lord, that you have gone before us and chosen the right person to lead us.

In Jesus' mighty name we pray. **Amen.** A longer version is also available, if preferred, for private use.

### DOVE MAGAZINE

The next edition of The Dove is scheduled to appear late October/early November. If you have any items to submit, please contact Alison Meredith, Anne Bufton-McCoy or Sally Parkes. **Copy deadline will be Sunday 18th October.**

***"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32)***