



Austrey, Newton Regis, Seckington,
Shuttington & Warton
Parish of All Souls, North Warwickshire
Church News May 2021

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

Sunday 2nd May – 5th Sunday of Easter

(Acts 8:26-40 John 15:1-8)

8.30am Holy Communion, Seckington

(Fr Philip Wells)

10.30am **SOUL CAFÉ ONLINE**

Sunday 9th May – 6th Sunday of Easter

(Acts 10:44-48 John 15:9-17)

10.30am Family Worship, Austrey

6.00pm Holy Communion, Newton Regis (Revd Michael MacLachlan)

Thursday 13th May – Ascension Day

(Acts 1:1-11 Luke 24:44-53)

Sunday 16th May – 7th Sunday of Easter

(Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 John 17:6-19)

10.30am Family Worship, **ONLINE**

6.00pm Evening Prayer, Shuttington

Sunday 23rd May – Pentecost

(Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15)

10.30am Family Worship, Austrey

6.00pm Holy Communion, Warton (Revd Michael MacLachlan)

Tuesday 25th May – Licensing of Revd Joanne Dyer Times to be confirmed

Sunday 30th May – Trinity Sunday

(Isaiah 6:1-8 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17)

10.30am Family Communion, Warton

6.00pm Evening Prayer, Seckington

During the month of May we are cautiously resuming live worship but may have to return to online services if the government roadmap changes. Please check for any changes in the usual way.

Please note: the wearing of face coverings is mandatory in church and that Booking strongly advised for live services, especially on Easter Day, to ensure they are COVID secure. Please contact the relevant church warden (see website for list).

PRAYERS

Prayers for the World: We pray for our world in the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, especially those countries where the number of new cases has started to escalate and progress with vaccinations is slow. We pray for health services to receive the support and resources they so desperately need, for supplies of the vaccine to be maintained, and for a fair distribution across the world. We pray for continued resilience for all those caring for the sick and comforting the dying. We ask your blessing on all agencies working to help the vulnerable and the needy, including Christian Aid, Mission Aviation Fellowship, Crosslinks, Bethesda Leprosy Hospital and Birmingham City Mission.

Prayers for the Nation: We pray for Elizabeth our Queen and all the Royal Family as they continue to mourn the loss of Prince Philip. We ask that our government would show wisdom and discernment in overseeing the easing of restrictions out of lockdown and patience and understanding to the nation at large. We continue to give thanks for the selfless dedication of all NHS and care workers in delivering treatment and vaccinations, as we pray for their safety and protection. We pray for continued reassurance and practical support for those facing financial hardship and loss of employment.

Prayers for the Church: We pray for the Church and its leaders as it re-examines its role in the nation. We pray especially that the resumption of live worship in our Parish of All Souls will proceed smoothly and securely. We continue to pray for Revd Joanne Dyer as she moves into the parish with her family, asking that she will know God's guidance and blessing in her ministry among us.

Prayers for our Community: We pray for all those who reside or work in our parish, that you would continue to guard, guide and protect them in their daily lives. We pray for a strengthening and continuation of the community spirit evident over the past year. We pray especially for all the staff and children in our three village schools, that they enjoy an uninterrupted return to face to face learning during the summer term.

Prayers for the sick: We ask for your love and healing touch to surround all who are ill or in pain at this time, 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 at this difficult time, remembering especially the families and friends of Pauline Johnson, Dominic Smith, Jake Clark, Maurice Wood and Dawn Develin. Comfort all who are grieving, strengthen them in their sorrow and hold them in your loving arms.

“And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)

Tithe for April

Crosslinks

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: 01827 66282 or trishrich18@gmail.com

Future Dates

Monday 17 May
Tuesday 25 May

Meeting of All Souls Churchwardens (via Zoom)
Licensing of Revd Joanne Dyer as Vicar of All Souls

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, subject to COVID regulations, and enquiries should be made to the PCC Secretary Alison Meredith – Tel: 01827 892796 or email meredithalison2@gmail.com

GOOD NEWS!

Revd Joanne Dyer will be installed as Vicar of All Souls on the evening of **Tuesday 25 May**. We are awaiting details regarding her Licensing Service which will be made known as soon as they become available.

AUSTREY CHURCHYARD

In anticipation that the Licensing Service for Revd Joanne Dyer may be held in Austrey Church (albeit subject to COVID restrictions) we are appealing for a work party to spend a couple of hours from **10 am - 12 noon on Saturday 22nd May** to help tidy up Austrey churchyard. Please bring your own tools. If you are able to assist, please contact either Heather Cooke on 01827 830548 or Peter Oliver on 01827 830337. Thanks for your help

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Christian Aid Week this year runs from **10-16 May** and this year is focusing on the issue of climate change and how the lives and livelihoods of many in developing countries are affected by extreme and unpredictable weather conditions. Those who rely on subsistence farming for a living are particularly badly hit but can be helped to adapt to changing conditions. The Christian Aid website www.christianaid.org.uk has lots of helpful ideas and sponsorship forms for fundraising in a COVID secure manner. There will also be some Christian Aid gift envelopes available in church and we hope you will be able to support the appeal as in previous years.

THY KINGDOM COME 13-23 MAY 2021

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, an international and ecumenical call to prayer, starting on Ascension Day and culminating on Pentecost Sunday, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ, pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus, pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness. Do be encouraged to have a look and see how you might get involved. The website www.thykingdomcome.global gives full details of resources.

CHURCH FINANCES:

The suspension of public worship during the first quarter of 2021 has had a marked impact on church finances but All Souls is still hoping to be able to meet all its costs in full for the year 2021. 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 should be available at the beginning of May. Thanks to all who have contributed or helped in the distribution.

ECCLESIASTICAL INSURANCE GROUP (EIG) INSURANCE OFFER – EXTENDED TO 31/12/21

EIG's offer to donate £130 to parishes for each new **home insurance policy** taken out has been extended further to 31 December 2021. Awarded the First Place Gold Ribbon ahead of 51 other insurance companies in this year's independent Fairer Finance Customer Experience ratings for home insurance, EIG's rates are highly competitive. Worth investigating and a relatively effortless way of raising funds to support the church of your choice.

To find out more, call **0800 783 0130** quoting **TRUST 130** or visit www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130

"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us." (2 Corinthians 5:20)