

Sunday, August 21st, 2022

Services this week

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9.30am Holy Communion

11.30am Sunday Celebration – parable series

5pm Holy Communion

Monday to Thursday

8–8.30am Quiet Morning Prayer

Tuesday

7pm Compline

Services next week

Sunday August 28th: 8am Quiet Communion; 9.30am Holy Communion;
11.30am Sunday Celebration – all age worship



Confirmation Classes

Rev Gail is planning to start Confirmation Classes in October as part of the 11.30am services. If you are interested in becoming confirmed, please speak to Rev Gail.

An invitation to an evening of song at The Little Chapel

Just a little note to invite you to our Gospel Hymn Singing Evening on **Tuesday August 23rd, starting at 7.30pm**. Why not come along and sing some good traditional Gospel Hymns? Our musicians are performing too and the evening provides a great opportunity to praise God.

Pastor Graham Johnson

THE LITTLE CHAPEL BULKINGTON ROAD, BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE, CV12 9DH.

Are you a detectorist?

Does anyone in our congregation have a metal detector? We've hit metal sheeting in the Garden of Rest and using a metal detector to find out where it starts and finishes before excavating to remove it would be really helpful. If you have one and would be happy to help please email Penny in the [office](#) or call 024 7636 8008.

September's Parish Magazine is now available in church. Please pick up a copy before you leave.



THANK YOU

Thank you so much to everyone who made donations to World Vision for my 50th birthday.

At least £282 in gifts has gone to World Vision to help prevent child marriage.

Blessings

Gail

Help in a handbag

Do you have any old handbags you no longer use? If you are happy to donate them, the charity *Change Grow Live* will be happy to have them as they continue their work to tackle period poverty in Nuneaton and Bedworth.

The charity is seeing an increase in period poverty in our area, and with the rising cost of living they expect it to increase so are asking for old handbags which they can fill with sanitary products and other small items to make life a little more comfortable.

Offering personal items in a handbag is proving to reduce embarrassment and making it easier for women in need to accept support.

If you have unused handbags or want to donate sanitary products please email Penny in the church office or call on 024 7636 8008.

ANSLEY CHURCH 58th FLOWER FESTIVAL

Ansley Church's annual flower festival takes place during the Bank Holiday weekend and this year's theme is *Journey*. Alongside the impressive flower display there will also be refreshments and a produce stall.

Saturday 27th 11am – 5pm

Sunday 28th 12pm – 6pm

Monday 29th 11am – 5pm

On Monday afternoon there will be a display of Morris Dancing with Ansley Morris, followed by a service of thanksgiving at 5.30pm.

Proceeds will be going towards church funds as well as donations to Acorn Children's Hospice and Nuneaton Hospital League of Friends.

St Laurence Church, Church End, Nuneaton CV10 0QR

Bible readings for this week



Hebrews 12:18–29

You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, because they could not bear what was commanded: 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.' The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, 'I am trembling with fear.'

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, 'Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.' The words 'once more' indicate the removing of what can be shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our 'God is a consuming fire.'



Luke 13:10–17

On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, 'Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.' Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, 'There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.'

The Lord answered him, 'You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?'

When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.



Prayers for our church, our parish and our world

Pray for all who have received exam results that they may make the right decisions about their next move.

Pray that fair solutions may be found for the most vulnerable facing the increase in energy costs.
Pray for The Harbour Centre, which will be facing an increasing need.

Creator God

You made us in your image
May we be fair and impartial
in our treatment of others.

Amen.

PRAYERS and HOME COMMUNION

To add a name the prayer list or arrange Home Communion please
contact

Penny in the parish office 024 7636 8008.

The PRAYER CHAIN

If you or anyone you know, needs prayer urgently call **Chris on 07717 523512** who will pass your request through the chain.

Collect for this week

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please keep in touch

We'd love to know what you're up to and if there's anything you would like adding to the newsletter

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