

The Benefice of Foremark and Repton with Newton Solney

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity - 11th October 2020

Daily Reading Sunday 11th October to Saturday 17th October

Sunday 11th October (Harvest Thanksgiving).

Deuteronomy 8: 7 – 18

God promises to bless his people with wonderful things as they remain true to his commandments.

2 Corinthians 9: 6 – 15

God loves a cheerful giver, and we can afford to be generous because God is generous toward us.

Luke 12: 16-30

Jesus teaches about the fleeting nature of this world and how we need to keep our faith in God and live in and for His kingdom.

Monday 12th October

Psalm 80, 2 Kings 5, Acts 26:1-23

Tuesday 13th October

Psalm 89:1-18, 2 Kings 6:1-23, Acts 26:24-32

Wednesday 14th October

Psalm 119:105-128, 2 Kings 9:1-16, Acts 27:1-26

Thursday 15th October

Psalm 90, 2 Kings 9:17-37, Acts 27:27-44

Friday 16th October

Psalm 88, 2 Kings 12:1-19, Acts 28:1-16

Saturday 17th October

Psalm 96, 2 Kings 17:1-23, Acts 28:17-31

Collect

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is
given through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

All providing spiritual and pastoral care to our parishes and those within the wider community during this period of COVID-19. May we all continue to pray for and support one another in love.

All our Church, Messy Church and Youth Alpha families that they may continue to deepen their faith.

Those serving God, here and abroad: Nick Parish training for ordination and Sarah Attwood in Bosnia.

Those in need of long-term prayerful support: Andrew Pitchford, Lynn Wells, Ian Tennant, Samantha Taylor, Ted Weston, Alf Booth, Pat Rodgers, Kay Howard, Claire Rose, Audrey Morris, Joan Taylor, Colin Campbell, Robin Nelson, Carl Baker, Shirley Wells.

Prayer requests: Nazanin & family, Alex Murchie, for all affected by the coronavirus and all seeking to contain & combat this pandemic, for all providing care and support at this time.

Those who have recently died and those known to us, R.I.P.: George Paley, David Shilton, Gordon Snell, Brendan Matier (Brenda Goring's father), 'Margaret Atkin (mother of Christine Gibbs, URC) and their families and friends who mourn them.

BENEFICE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

Because of lockdown APCM's were postponed. The deadline for their happening is October 31st. With current restrictions there are some changes outlined below.

Foremark – will be on Monday October 12th at 4.00pm in St Saviour's Church

Newton Solney – will be on Sunday October 25th at 11.30pm in St Mary's

Repton – will be on Wednesday October 28th at 7.00pm – in St Wystan's and on zoom [video or telephone].

[in Church face masks will be worn and social distancing complied with]

These meetings are for the period March 2019 – March 2020 only.

We are encouraged to keep the Meetings as short as possible. There will be no verbal reports at St Mary's and St Wystan's other than the Vicar's.

There will be the opportunity for questions – those on zoom will have their questions relayed.

Those on zoom will be able to vote.

Sidespeople are no longer elected at the APCM.

With the end of the Triennium, [3 years in post] new Deanery Synod Representatives have to be elected.

Nominations for Church Wardens [Newton Solney has a vacancy], for new P.C.C. – all PCC's have vacancies – PLEASE talk to the Vicar

REPORTS

Newton Solney reports and outstanding Repton reports to Cathy and Karen by Saturday 17th please.

Reports and the accounts should be read/viewed before the meeting [see below*]. These will be available on-line or can be posted to you. They should be requested on/after Sunday 18th from:

Repton – Rebecca the Administrator Newton Solney - Cathy P.C.C. Secretary fergii05@yahoo.co.uk

***to save postage/printing 'clean' copies of the accounts for Repton will be available in church on Sundays 18th and 25th*

**HARVEST GIFTS FOR THE PADLEY CENTRE CAN BE PRESENTED DURING BOTH OUR SERVICES
PLEASE KEEP THEM WITH YOU UNTIL ASKED TO COME FORWARD**

1st SERVICE at ST MARY'S since lockdown - 11.30 am on Sunday 11th October

Do wear a facemask and expect: to sanitise your hands; give your details for Track & Trace; and to be seated on your own or in your bubble at a distance from others.

**SERVICE AT ST WYSTAN'S 10.00 am on SUNDAY 11th October
IF YOU CAN'T ATTEND ON THE 11TH OR CHOOSE NOT TO**

Everyone can join in via Zoom – either with video via your computer/ipad/iphone – or by telephone.

Alternatively the service is also streamed live to Youtube [St Wystan's Church Repton] and will be available for 6 days.

To use Zoom via computer or telephone you need to:

Ask Rebecca our Administrator 07817997419 or de656fh@gmail.com for a copy of the Order of Service and the invite to Zoom you require to log in via internet or phone.

Sermons are posted to YouTube [St Wystan's Church Repton] and Facebook [St Mary's Church Newton Solney] each week.

IF YOU WISH TO COME TO WORSHIP ON THE 11th

It is now mandatory that people wear masks all the time in church.

Leaders of worship, including singers, readers and intercessors may remove their masks when appropriately distanced from people.

ST MARY'S [EVERY DAY] & ST WYSTAN'S [WEEK DAYS] ARE OPEN FOR PRAYER 10.00 - 6.00 pm.

St Wystan's is open on Saturdays 10.00AM - 3.00pm the church will be cleaned and set up ready for Sunday.

On **Sundays** the church will be cleaned after the service and then open for prayer until **6.00 pm**.

DAILY PRAYER - will continue this week at 9.00 using a Service Order from Iona Abbey. We 'meet' on Zoom and all are most welcome. Please ask Rebecca for a copy of the service order and a Zoom link.

ECUMENICAL COVID PRAYERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

In this time of COVID-19, we pray:

When we aren't sure, God, – help us be calm.

When information comes –

from all sides, correct and not, help us to discern.

When fear makes it hard to breathe,

and anxiety seems to be the order of the day, slow us down, God.

Help us to reach out with our hearts,

when we can't touch with our hands.

Help us to be socially connected,

when we have to be socially distant.

Help us to love as perfectly as we can,

knowing that "perfect love casts out all fear."

Help us, O God, that we might help each other.

In the love of the Creator, in the name of the Healer,

in the life of the Holy Spirit that is in all and with all, we pray. Amen.

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TO THOSE WHO ARE NOT WITH US - 10.00 am NEXT SUNDAY - THE FEAST OF ST LUKE -

A service dedicated to those who are not able to worship with us at this time

Some members of our congregations have not worshipped with us since the beginning of lockdown. There can be many reasons for this. Some have to continue to shield, some can't 'zoom' because they do not have access to the internet, some find it too 'alien' to worship over the phone and others have discovered new depth of meaning in the services on the TV and Radio. With limited contact it must seem to some that they are forgotten- but, if you are one of them, you're not forgotten. You are very much in our minds and our hearts and we miss you.

As a sign of that please know that the service on the 18th, will be dedicated to you and we will be specifically remembering you as a group in our prayers. At the start of the service at 10.00 I will as I always do, light the Paschal Candle. In your homes you might like to light a candle at 10.00 and for an hour let it burn to remind you that we are still as one in the unity of Christ and that in our service we are thinking of you and praying for you at that time.

ALL SOULS - COMMEMORATION OF OUR LOVED ONES DEPARTED

Each year we hold a special service to remember and give thanks for those family and friends we have loved who have died, either in recent times or many years ago. With the Covid situation as it is, we are unable to offer such a service. We hope that those who might have wanted to come to remember loved ones will find comfort in what is offered in St Wystan's Church on behalf of the whole Benefice.

**On Saturday October 31st 10.00 - 3.00 pm, Sunday November 1st [All Saints Day] 12.00 - 6.00 pm
And Monday 2nd [All Souls Day] 10.00 - 8.00 pm**

You are invited to come into church, to write the name of your loved one onto a piece of paper and add it to a display. You will also be able to light a candle in their memory and if you wish, say a prayer for them.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN PEN to write their name [Covid guideline].

If you are unable to attend but would like your loved one remembered we will write their name for you,

light a candle and say a prayer for them. If you would like us to do that then please contact:

the Vicar 01283 6219686 thevicarofrepton@gmail.com

or Wendy Longden 01283 703259 wendylongden@btinternet.com

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PARISHES

"We will remember them"

Remembrance Sunday - November 8th

There will be no special service either at St Mary's or St Wystan's.

St Wystan's will hold its 10.00 Communion at the end of which there will be the 2 minute's silence.

Our main focus for Remembrance will be on **ARMISTICE DAY - Wednesday 11th November**.

In Repton – in partnership with the Royal British Legion We shall gather at the Memorial at 10.45. As limited numbers will be allowed on the Car Parking area – if we go beyond that number we will use the Churchyard. We are hoping to have a sound system in place. The names of the fallen from Repton, Milton, Foremark and Ingleby will be read. If any of the usual organisations wish to attend and lay a wreath please inform the Vicar before the day.

In Newton Solney – With very limited space around the Memorial in church you are invited to gather [Socially distanced] at the white memorial cross by the front gate – also at 10.45. Again, the names of the fallen will be read. If you are bringing a wreath to be laid outside [subsequently to be moved to the Memorial in Church] please contact Mr Stephen Longden 01283 703259 stephenlongden@btinternet.com who will be conducting the Act of Remembrance.

GOOD NEWS/INSPIRATION From Bishop Libby

"...neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8.37-39

Looking ahead to the next six months may seem daunting, as uncertainty increases. But as Paul's letter to the early church in Rome reminds us – we need not live in fear if we live in Christ. Therefore, I want to share with you the resource created by the Diocese of Oxford, which offers a new take on the 'Rule of Six' we are observing during the pandemic.

The idea is to use the number six as a springboard for to show, as I've written and said before, generous faith, courageous hope and life-giving love. So, here's an invitation for:

Living well through the next six months

- **Six months is the new horizon**
Focus on Easter and lean back into the great themes of the church year.
- **Six days to work and a sabbath to rest**
Reclaim the gift of one day each week for rest and re-creation.
- **Six people to journey with**
Rediscover church as small groups of people supporting one another.
- **Six ways to be salt and light**
Identify the people and community organisations you can support.
- **Six percent to your church**
If your income is stable, increase your giving to sustain the local church.
- **Six people to pray for**
Pray for people you know to discover the riches of our faith.

If you want help to engage with any of these or have ideas prompted by them do please get in touch with me.....Martin the Vicar