



All Saints'
Newtown Linford



Fourth Sunday of Easter

8 May 2022

10am

Morning Prayer

Revd Alison Prince

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Collects

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Additional Collect: Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.

News and forthcoming events

APCM

Our Annual Meeting, at which reports about the life of the church are received and opportunities for questions given, and elections for churchwardens and PCC members are held, will be on Sunday 22 May, following a (shortened) 10am service. Forms to join the Electoral Roll so you can fully participate and to nominate people to vacancies are at the back of church.

Laying up of the Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry Guidon

There will be a special service at 11am this Saturday, 14 May, to formally lay up the old Guidon of the Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry. This replaces and will incorporate the annual Frezenberg Memorial Service in mid-May.

Platinum Jubilee

On Sunday 5 June there will be a special service to mark and celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Watch this space for further details as we're able to confirm them over the next few weeks, but we will be thanking God for Queen Elizabeth's exemplary service of this nation and the Commonwealth for 70 years, and praying for her in the continuing challenges of the role.

Carbon Reduction Course

This should resume this term, to complete the exploration begun last autumn in reducing our individual carbon footprints. More details from Jane Woolmer.

Jolly Tots

We're hoping to restart this group at some point over the summer. We still need several volunteers willing to help set up, serve refreshments, potentially read a story or lead some songs, and then clear away and clean up. Do contact Richard or Ann Scrine if you would be interested or know someone who might.

Giving

If you would like to give to support All Saints', please use our online donation page, <https://bit.ly/asnl-donate>. A basket and the contactless giving system are available at the back of church. If you would like to give regularly, please speak to Michael Upstone or Phil Baker about the Parish Giving Scheme.

Carparking

With the onset of Spring (hopefully) and dryer weather, we are again able to use the field at the back of church for parking for services when it is firm enough.

Church open daily

The church building continues to be open daily for prayer and for visitors, usually from around 9am to 4pm. We're very grateful to the team of volunteers, coordinated by Michael Upstone, who enable this to happen.

Shaped by God Together: Journey to Minster Communities

In October Diocesan Synod agreed the new minster communities framework for our diocese. This is a journey that we will all take and it is hoped that by 2026 the new framework will be fully implemented across the diocese. But this will happen differently for each area and context, all with support from the diocese. There are three main 'stages' to this journey.

In the first stage, communities are asked to think and pray about where God has placed them: to think about what they can offer to and gain from a Minster Community and to continue to promote vocations, work with schools and children and young people and partner with others locally.

The three stages will happen at different points for different parishes and communities. For some, particularly those in the pilot areas, they will be entering stage two – the formation of a minster community – fairly early in 2022 giving them more time in stage three – the development of cooperative working. For others stage one will be their focus until implementation of their minster community can take place. But we are all on this same trajectory, all following the same journey of change. Shaped by God, together.

Revised Covid measures

Our maxim is: choice when possible, clear consideration of the vulnerable always. To quote St Paul: *'in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others'*. (Phil. 2)

The chief scientific and medical officers still encourage vaccination, ventilation, good hygiene, spacing and mask-wearing when appropriate.

Vaccination: that's one you need to do yourself!

Ventilation: we have some windows and a door open whenever we meet.

Masks: some are available in the porch. While these are optional at all points, we encourage everyone to consider others as well as their own preferences.

Space: the south side of the aisle is for those who prefer to have their own space.

Hygiene: sanitizer is provided in key locations – at the entrance, where books can be collected and where communion is distributed.

Communion continues to be shared with the bread dipped in the wine.

It continues to be the case that you should not attend services if you have COVID-19 symptoms or have tested positive.

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