



All Saints'
Newtown Linford



Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

1 September 2024

10am Holy Communion

The Revd Prebendary John Woolmer

Hebrews 9.1-15

Mark 7.1-23

*When possible, services are streamed online at
www.facebook.com/allsaintsnewtownlinford/live*

A warm welcome to all to worship today, whether onsite or online. Please use this sheet to help you during the service and then take it away as a reminder of the notices and as a guide to prayer.



There is a loop system for those with hearing aids

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News and forthcoming events

After the summer

In September we will celebrate Harvest and take a week to reflect on our care of God's creation, on 22 and 29 September respectively. We are an Eco-Church and both of these themes will help us reflect on what that means. Then at the beginning of November we will celebrate All Saints' on 3 November and mark Remembrance on 10 November. 1 December sees Advent begin and, among other services, Carols by Candlelight will be on 22 December.

Meditations on the Psalms

Meeting at Fig Tree Cottage (Roeclyffe Road) at 8pm (7.45 for tea/coffee) on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month through the autumn, with guided meditations on a number of Psalms. First meeting this Wednesday, September 4, looking at Psalm 8, then Wed 18 (Psalm 84); Oct 2 and 16; Nov 6 and 20; Dec 4 and 18 (Christmas Meditation). All welcome. Speak to John Woolmer for more details.

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 contactless giving system are available at the back of church or you can scan this QR code. If you would like to give regularly, please speak to Rebecca Hale about the Parish Giving Scheme.



If you pay tax, filling out a Gift Aid declaration will enable the church to reclaim the tax you have already paid on your gift, making each £1 you give worth £1.25 to us. This can make a truly substantial difference to the church – please consider whether you can do this, declaration forms are available at the back of church.

Distribution of Communion

At Communion services here in Newtown Linford it is possible to receive the wine from a chalice. If you wish to continue to receive the wafer dipped in the wine rather than sip from the shared cup, please hold out **just one** hand as the priest approaches you and they will dip it in a separate chalice.

Shaped by God Together: Journey to Minster Communities

The PCC has opted to continue the conversations about All Saints' involvement in a Minster Community within the Area which incorporates most of our deanery. This means there will be a short delay while those begin. Over the autumn we will be consulting with all the congregation at the service on the fourth Sunday from October onwards to prepare our contribution to those conversations.

Prayer

*"For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed."
Romans 8.19*

Creationtide is a month where Christians from around the world come together to celebrate the wonderful creation which we are part of, and look to care for our common home. This year, we are called to hope and act with creation – to be ones who bring hope in the midst of the darkness of the climate and biodiversity crisis.

Romans 8.22 encourages us to recognise the situation we are in and to cry out in lament for the state of the world: the effects of climate change are becoming more obvious (wildfires, heatwaves, drought, hurricanes, intense storms, flooding, warming oceans, habitat destruction) and we cry out in repentance for the situations we, as humanity, have caused.

We are then pointed towards hope: "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness" (Archbishop Desmond Tutu). We are waiting to see creation, with us included, set free to be a new creation – to be renewed, restored and redeemed. This is the guarantee we have in Jesus and so we wait in eager expectation for this to happen.

But, hope is not passive: hope leads to action and we partner with God within this time of waiting. Creation is waiting for the children of God to be revealed: the Church is the hope of creation to bring flourishing life where there has been damage and to safeguard all that has been made.

This Creationtide:

- Lament for the state of creation;
- Pray in hope for specific places where you know there is suffering because of climate change;
- Pray in hope for wise decisions to be made by governments and businesses;
- Pray in hope for an end to the use of fossil fuels;
- Turn your hope into action with your church's eco church journey, your local community or place of work and with your own lifestyle.

*Anne Scott, Lay Associate Minister: St Peter's Belgrave Community Church and
Convenor of the OWL Network Eco Communities Archives*

Collects

Collect: Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion: Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Additional Collect: Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Measures for everyone's safety

Ventilation: we continue to have windows open whenever we meet.

Space: pick up a card from the table as you enter to place next to you to indicate you wish increased space.

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

Communion is available with the bread dipped in the wine.

We would prefer you not attend services while you are testing positive for COVID-19. Please join the service online.