



All Saints'
Newtown Linford



Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

8 September 2024

10am Morning Prayer

The Revd Prebendary John Woolmer

Psalm 125

Hebrews 9.23-10.18

Mark 7.24-37

*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

Harvest

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.

Donations for Harvest are encouraged, and all dry and canned food will be taken to the Y Centre in Leicester, part of the YMCA, for distribution to those who are homeless in the city.

There will be a Harvest Lunch at 12 noon on Sunday 22 September – please sign up at the back of church to attend, or speak to Jane Woolmer if you'd like to help.

Further dates

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 (Roelcliffe 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. The next meeting is Wednesday 18 September, looking at Psalm 84; then October 2 and 16; November 6 and 20; December 4 and 18 (Christmas Meditation). All welcome. Speak to John Woolmer for more details.

Jolly Tots

Our weekly stay-and-play group for toddlers has just started up again for the autumn term. Meeting on Friday mornings, 9-10.45am, all children and their parents, grandparents or carers are welcome. Speak to Ann Scrine to know more.

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.

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.

Prayer

Education Sunday

At the time of writing, we are in the run up to a general election. By the time you read this, we will long know the outcome. And yet, whatever the political climate, the leaders and staff in our Church and Community schools, will have begun the new academic year with fresh hope and excitement.

There are many challenges facing our schools. There is a crisis in provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Children are now waiting many years to be assessed if it is suspected that they may be autistic or have ADHD. The funding pressures for schools are the most significant they have been in decades. More children start school without being toilet-trained and with very poor communication skills. Children's mental health is precarious with many suffering from extreme anxiety that in some cases, means that they can no longer attend school. Teaching is not the attractive career it once was and now teacher supply is in a critical state.

And yet, our headteachers, teachers and teaching assistants still hold on to hope. Day by day, they help children to love life and learning. Governors, too, play their part.

The work of school staff and governors could be described as the art of 'clypping'. This word comes from the Anglo-Saxon 'clyppan' which can mean 'embrace'. In some parts of the country, church communities 'clyp' their church on special days. They all gather round the church building, holding hands and pray for the church as they embrace it. Oftentimes, they all then turn around and pray for the community. Let's pray a 'clypping' prayer for the schools in our communities; embracing them with our care and concern; remembering the challenges they face and praising God for the hope and the joy that may be found there.

Carolyn Lewis, Director of Education

Collects

Collect: God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

Additional Collect: Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in 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.