



All Saints' Newtown Linford



Creationtide

29 September 2024

10am Morning Prayer

The Revd Prebendary John Woolmer and Jane Woolmer

Psalm 104

Romans 8.19-25

Luke 12.22-32

We welcome members of the churches in Anstey and Thurcaston with Cropston as they join us for this celebration of God's creation and reflection on our care of it

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

A huge thank you to all those who donated to the collection for the Y Centre for Harvest. Also to all those who decorated the church so beautifully for the occasion (see the October magazine for pictures if you missed it in person) and those who helped provide and serve the Harvest Lunch.

Further dates

At the beginning of November we will celebrate All Saints' Day on 3 November and mark Remembrance on 10 November. 1 December sees Advent begin, we have Christingle on 8 December and 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 October 2, then again on 16 October; 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 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.

Richard Trethewey

Richard's temporary secondment to be Acting Archdeacon of Loughborough begins this Tuesday 1 October. He will be covering Claire Wood's absence on sabbatical through to the New Year. He will still largely be present on Sundays but will be working elsewhere during the week.

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

Black History Month happens every October in the UK – and while it is a good time to commemorate and celebrate black voices, we would be naïve to think that the Church is well on its way to being a racially just body. Guvna B shares some challenges and suggestions in his article below, which is taken from the cover story of Premier Christianity April 2023 issue.

“I’d like to think the Church has made promising strides in the area of racial justice, but if there are Black people in our congregations who feel they aren’t welcome, we need to ask why that is, and what needs to change.

Before George Floyd there was Stephen Lawrence and countless others. Thirty years on from Stephen’s murder, I can’t help but ask: have attitudes towards race really changed – in wider society or in the Church? I travel to a lot of churches up and down the country to play music and speak to young people and, from what I’ve seen and heard, churches are not only becoming more diverse from the top down, but they’re also thinking more about the experiences of their Black members and how they can build bridges. But the reason we can’t rest on our laurels is because there is still a lot of work to do.

I believe Christians are some of the best at helping those in need... handouts can feel great because they make us feel important, but do you know what’s more costly? The Church giving up some of its wealth, its comfort, its positioning and leaving the four walls of the building to get its hands dirty. Partnering, collaborating and building relationships with organisations and communities who are actively fighting against issues like racism is a start. We have to begin treating those we help like people, and not projects. When we start to do this, we tend to focus less on political or denominational agendas, and more on love and empathy.

Whether it’s the life-ending racist attack on Stephen Lawrence, the slow nine-minute murder of George Floyd, or the eye-opening attack on me in broad daylight, the thread that holds these three completely different events together is an attitude of hate. The antidote for that is love, something Jesus intended for the Church to have in abundance. The mandate is clear:

“A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13.34-35).

Jessie Tang, Intercultural Ministry Director

Collects

Climate Change Collect: Holy God, earth and air and water are your creation, and every living thing belongs to you: have mercy on us as climate change confronts us. Give us the will and the courage to simplify the way we live, to reduce the energy we use, to share the resources you provide, and to bear the cost of change. Forgive our past mistakes and send us your Spirit, with wisdom in present controversies and vision for the future to which you call us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect of the day: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

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.

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.