



St Anne's Church



St Paul's & St Augustine's Worship Centre

November 2023

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# PASTORAL LETTER

November is a bit of a strange time in the Christian Calendar, we move quickly from All Saints to All Souls, Remembrance Sunday and then at the end of the we are at the end of the Church's year celebrating Christ the King. While everyone else is beginning to think about Christmas (of course).

So it is worth looking at our pattern of Gospel readings, to see what scripture is telling us about this month. Matthew 25 contains two stories (the parable of the wise bridesmaids and the parable of the talents) and Jesus' account of separating the sheep from the goats at the last judgement. All these tales point faithfulness, preparation, and diligence.

Thus, perhaps we should treat November as a time of getting ready for Advent. We might say preparing for preparedness. Not just for all the celebrations and jollification around Christmas, but the other reason for Advent. The return of Jesus, to put the world, humanity and creation to rights.

Amongst people who call themselves Christians, there are a small minority who seem to be obsessed with forecasting the date of the second coming. Which, to date, have all turned out to be poor predictions! The delay in the end times, was a concern to the first Christians too. The real question is not 'When will Jesus come in all his glory?' but rather 'How shall we live while we wait?'.

The response to the second question runs through the bible like a golden thread. It is in 'loving our neighbour' however we serve and care for them that we live while we wait for Jesus. By caring for those in need, whether near or far is how we wait in diligence, preparation and faithfulness.

As we continue to be faithful disciples of Jesus, serving the bit of the Kingdom of God in our local area, I am reminded that it is in loving service of the world, is our true vocation. This takes many forms, but is the way that we are Jesus to all the different people we met. So, my encouragement to you this month is to 'keep up the good work'.

With love in Christ

Rev'd Liz Wilson

PS: Our Advent Bible study comes from The Bible Project this year. There is no book to buy, instead Paul Henry has taken and used the resources to develop a bespoke A5 booklet for us. Advent bible studies will begin from Sunday 26 November – do chat to one of the Ministry Team or Paul Henry if you want to know more/get involved.



# **SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2023**

### **Thursday 2 November**

9.30am All Souls Eucharist, St Paul and St Augustine's. 12noon Lunchtime Eucharist, St Anne's 6.00pm All Souls Service, St Anne's

### **Sunday 5 November (All Saints)**

9.30am Eucharist, St Anne's

11.00am Eucharist, St Paul and St Augustine's

11.00am Benefice Telephone Church, Tel. 033 3113 3356, Room no. 72775483#, Pin no. 1459# 6.00pm Evensong, St Anne's

# **Sunday 12 November (Remembrance Sunday)**

9.45am Remembrance Sunday Eucharist, St Anne's

10.50am Remembrance Sunday Eucharist, St Paul and St Augustine's

10.50am Benefice Telephone Church, Tel. 033 3113 3356, Room no. 72775483#, Pin no. 1459# 6.00pm Evensong, St Anne's

# **Sunday 19 November (Second Sunday before Advent)**

9.30am Eucharist, St Anne's

11.00am Eucharist, St Paul and St Augustine's

11.00am Benefice Telephone Church, Tel. 033 3113 3356, Room no. 72775483#, Pin no. 1459# 6.00pm Evensong, St Anne's

# **Sunday 26 November (Christ the King)**

9.30am All Age Eucharist, St Anne's

11.00am Eucharist, St Paul and St Augustine's

11.00am Benefice Telephone Church, Tel. 033 3113 3356, Room no. 72775483#, Pin no. 1459# 6.00pm Evensong, St Anne's

Every Wednesday 9.30am Eucharist, St Anne's and 4.00pm Blessed Trinity Meditations St Paul and St Augustine's

Every Thursday 9.30am Eucharist, St Paul and St Augustine's

 $2^{\text{nd}}$  and 4th Saturday of the Month, 3.30pm, Allotment Prayers meet at Boynton Road gates. LE3 1PS



# **READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 2023**

|                                 | Old                                 | Psalm    | New                 | Gospel              |  |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|--|
|                                 | Testament                           |          | Testament           |                     |  |
| 2 November                      |                                     |          |                     |                     |  |
| All Souls Eucharist/<br>Service | <u>Lam 3:17-26,</u><br><u>31-33</u> |          |                     | <u>John 5:19-25</u> |  |
| 5 November                      |                                     |          |                     |                     |  |
| Eucharist/TC                    | Rev 7:9-end                         | 34:1-10  | 1 John 3:1-3        | Matt 5:1-12         |  |
| Evensong                        | Isa 65:17-end                       | 148      | Heb 11:32 –<br>12:2 |                     |  |
| 12 November                     |                                     |          |                     |                     |  |
| Remembrance<br>Eucharist/TC     | Amos 5:18-24                        | 70       | 1 Thes 4:13-<br>emd | Matt 25:1-13        |  |
| Evensong                        | Judg 7:2-22                         | 82       |                     | John 15:9-17        |  |
| 19 November                     |                                     |          |                     |                     |  |
| Eucharist/TC                    | Zeph 1:7, 12-<br>end                | 90:1-8   | 1 Thes 5:1-11       | Matt 25:14-30       |  |
| Evensong                        | 1 Kings 1:15-<br>40                 | 89:19-29 | Rev 1:4-18          |                     |  |
| 26 November                     |                                     |          |                     |                     |  |
| Eucharist/TC                    | Ezek 34:11-<br>16, 20-24            | 95:1-7   | Eph 1:15-end        | Matt 25:31-end      |  |
| Evensong                        | 2 Sam 23:1-7                        | 93       |                     | Matt 28:16-end      |  |



# **ADVENT BIBLE STUDY**

Advent is the beginning of the Christian Year. The pattern that our churches have now developed with respect to learning about the faith is to use the four weeks of Advent (Nov/Dec), the six weeks of Lent (Feb/Mar/Apr) and now the five weeks of Creation-tide (Sept/Oct) for times of Bible Study for the whole church.

We have one Bible Study group that meets all year round except for July and August. However, during Advent, Lent and Creation-tide we now invite everyone to be involved in a number of groups. It is important to be involved if you can. The studies are not so much about our knowledge of the Bible or our expertise in a subject called "Theology", that isn't the point. They are about learning together about what the Bible has to say about the good news of Christ and how that relates to our lives. Therefore, we each have our part to play because Christ is doing a unique work in your life just as he is in mine and we are the only people able to share that experience. And sharing that experience is important whether very blessed or very difficult because in doing so it builds up everyone else in their faith as they see that others have similar experiences to them.

This year we have four studies based on four key words for Advent. They are **Joy**, **Peace**, **Hope and Love**. There will be a Bible Study at the following venues and times

Venues

Paul Henry's home, 24, Clarefield Road, Sunday evening at 7:15 p.m. Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov Throuh to – Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

St Anne's Church Hall, Monday afternoon 2:00 p.m. Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Nov Through to Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

The Vicarage. 76 Letchworth Road Tuesday evening at 7.00 p.m. Mon **28**<sup>th</sup> **Nov Through to Mon 19**<sup>th</sup> **Dec** 

We can also run a group on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. but will only do so if there is a demand. So, if that would suit you, please speak up.

If you would like to be involved in the Advent study, please contact the following;

Sunday Evening – Paul Henry: paul\_henry@btinternet.com. 0116 2858483 Monday Afternoon – John Andrews: john.andrews4352@gmail.com. 0116 2239265 Tuesday Evening – John Andrews

Or speak to us in person of course! Please join us even if you can only make some of the meetings.



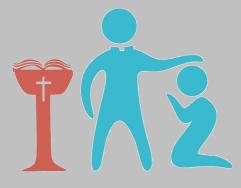
Joy, Peace, Hope and Love.



# PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Re-discovering Healing Prayer Ministry at St Anne's, and St Paul's with St Augustine's

Praying for healing and wholeness has been part of our Christian story since Jesus came as healer, two millennia ago. He instructed us continue to care for others in the same way. Our benefice offers a variety of prayer for healing. Those who have asked for prayer are listed on our weekly notice sheets. On Sundays and midweek services, it is part of our intercessions. For those who receive home communion, prayer with anointing for healing is offered alongside.



The ministry team are introducing prayer for healing and wholeness once a month at midweek Holy Communion services. We will begin with a pilot period and then review. Both PCC's have approved this. We will start during services on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16th November 2023.

What will this look like? During these services, there will be two members of the ministry team. We will have a short additional liturgy (approved words) from the Church of England's Common Worship. No-one is obliged to receive, and we will not be asking people to say a specific prayer need. The ministers will pray for each other first.

At St Anne's, you come forward to the altar rail. At St Paul's, we will come to each person at their seat. There you will be offered laying of hands (we will touch your shoulder gently if you wish) and anointing with holy oil on your hand or forehead. There are short prayers to be said.

We trust that these will be times to remind ourselves of God's desire for our wholeness in body, mind, and spirit. It is a ministry we hope will grow as we serve and care for one another through prayer. If you would like to know more, please ask members of the ministry team.



# The Blessed Trinity



A Service of Meditation

Paul's with St Augustine

Starts Wednesday 4.00pm



# **COMMUNITY**



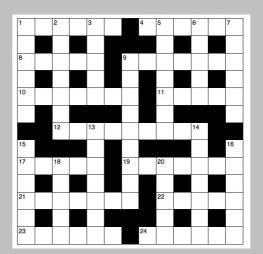
**CHRISTINGLE** 

3 pm Sunday 3rd December

COME AND JOIN US!
REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW!

ST PAUL'S & ST AUGUSTINE'S WORSHIP CENTRE





### **Across**

- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when he had given —, he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
- 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
- 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
- 17 'They make many promises, take false and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
- 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
- 22 'And feeble as —, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
- 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep to his voice' (John10:3) (6)
- 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

### Down

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
- 2 'I am not of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
- 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
- 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
- 6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7 A three (anag.) (6)
- 9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
- 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
- 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
- 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
- 16 See 6 Down (6)
- 18 Paste (anag.) (5)
- 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)



# ST PAUL'S WITH ST AUGUSTINE'S FUNDRAISING PAGE

The Table Top Sale held on October 14th raised £777 (including pre-sales of homemade and sales from the Community Hub) for Church funds with £110 being sent in support of the work of The Community of the Resurrection Mirfield (see Mirfield page on Website) and £110 in Contribution to Leicester Diocese.

The next Table Top Sale will be held on Saturday 11th November

Any donations for the forthcoming Table Top Sale will be gratefully received – contact Dave 07800746121

The September 100 Fund draw took place on 24th September after the Service in the Church Hall.

**Winning Number** 

£50 28

Congratulations to the winner and remember you have to be in it to win it!

# HAVE YOU PAID UP? WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN?

The following numbers are available:-

1, 12, 23, 26, 27, 34, 38, 39, 40, 41, 45, 48, 49, 51, 52, 76, 79, 84, 85, 89, 91, 92, 96, 97, 98 and 99.

\*If you are interested in joining the 100 Fund then please contact Dave on 07800746121 or email <a href="mailto:dave1960king@hotmail.com">dave1960king@hotmail.com</a>

The winner of the October 100 Fund draw due to be held on Sunday 29th October will be announced in December's magazine.







# ST JAMES THE LEAST OF ALL

# On Using Glebe Land for Allotments

The Rectory St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

I hear you have joined the committee which wants to convert the waste land between the abandoned soap factory and canal in your parish into allotments – although I would have thought there were holier sorts of conversions you could have concentrated on. I am sure you will soon be caught up in arguments which make that little disagreement over an apple in the Garden of Eden seem quite trivial.

Some years ago, we similarly decided to let part of our Glebe land become allotments; the outcome was not wholly as may have been anticipated. Colonel Wainwright saw it as an opportunity of re-living his War years and was only just restrained from digging trenches around his plot; no doubt he would have offered to play football with neighbouring allotment holders on Christmas Day.

It caused some surprise when the Earl of Stowe applied for a plot, but it has become something of an attraction to see his daily procession, preceded by his gardener pushing the wheelbarrow, the under-gardener carrying the tools and following him, his butler with the newspaper, a deckchair, and a flask of coffee. He then settles down for a comfortable hour while occasionally supervising the work, once reports on the local hunt have been read.

Miss Simpson managed to unite everyone in communal outrage by using her plot to encourage fluffy bunnies, darling foxes, and sweet squirrels. She seemed to be particularly grateful to everyone else for providing fruit and vegetables for their happiness. Resolution was only achieved when she was convinced to grow potatoes, helping the Colonel in his War Effort. Fortunately, he did not ask her to arrive equipped with the regulation gas mask.

Our local architect seems to spend most of his time beautifying his garden shed, rather than growing produce. With its gothic arched windows, Norman tower and flying buttresses, I do wonder if he may have spent rather too much of his time renovating ancient churches. Neighbouring plot-holders look forward to the agricultural equivalent of the Dissolution of the Monasteries.

I am sure you will find you have committed yourself to many hours of unnecessary work. Just make sure you get a percentage of their produce for your Harvest Festival.

Your loving uncle, Eustace



# **COMMUNITY LITTER PICKING TEAM**



# **MEET:**

11.00 AM WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER **& WEDNESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER** 

ST PAUL'S & ST AUGUSTINE'S WORSHIP CENTRE **2 KIRBY ROAD LE3 6BA** 



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# **HOLY DAYS FOR NOVEMBER**

- 1 All Saints' Day
- 2 All Souls' Day
- 7 Willibrord of York apostle of Frisia (658 739)
- 8 Four Crowned Martyrs
- 10 Leo the Great
- 10 Justus leading the Church in troubling times
- 11 Martin of Tours
- 13 Remembrance Sunday
- 18 Elizabeth of Hungary
- 19 Hilda Abbess of Whitby
- 20 The excitement of the Sunday of Christ the King
- 22 Cecelia patron saint of musicians
- 30 Andrew

8<sup>th</sup> November: Four Crowned Martyrs

Has your boss ever tried to get you to do something that is against your Christian faith? If so, here are some saints for you. They chose to make a Christian 'stand' at work, even though it really irritated their boss.

Claudius, Nicostratus, Simpronian and Castorius were simple stonemasons in early  $4^{\text{th}}$  century Rome. They worked in the imperial quarries and workshops of Sirmium. They made a number of carvings for the Emperior Diocletian, who had a passion for building.

Then Diocletian decided he wanted a statue of Aesculapius, the ancient Greek god of medicine. Here Claudius, Nicostratus, Simpronian and Castorius hesitated: they were Christians, and not comfortable about making a 'god'. They demurred. Their line manager Lampadius was furious, and soon had them imprisoned for refusing to sacrifice to the gods. Claudius and his friends were in bad trouble – and then it got worse. Lampadius suddenly died. His family were distraught, and so blamed the stonemasons. Claudius and his companions were killed by drowning.

The courage of these four simple stonemasons to risk everything rather than make a stone statue of a god, was a great inspiration in the early Church. Their story was told and retold down the centuries.... eventually Claudius and his friends became the patron saints of guilds of stonemasons in England.



# A QUIET DAY OUT

On a glorious Autumn morning in September, Jean and I headed over to Launde Abbey for an individual retreat. The weather was superb for the entire three days and so was everything else!

The staff could not have been more helpful and friendly and the food was wonderful. We spent our time doing our own thing and came together in the evening for a lovely meal. We had full use of the chapel, library, and the very comfortable lounges to relax, reflect and unwind.

The gardens and grounds are very well tended and maintained and contain many hidden gems such as the trail of the stations of the cross, the quiet gardens, the well stocked kitchen garden and the outdoor worship area complete with an altar and a fire pit.



# **LAUNDE PRAYER**

Father, here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened.

Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.

Here may the tempted find help ,and the sorrowful comfort.

Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.

Here may the aged find consolation, and the young be inspired.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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# Wednesday 9:15am to 11:15am



Looking for somewhere to take your small children Where they can have some fun and socialise with others their age? Somewhere you can enjoy a chat over tea or coffee?

We meet every Wednesday morning during term time and we are open to everyone who takes care of children up to school age

Pram Club is unstructured, with a variety of toys for baby and toddlers. We also offer regular arts and crafts actives.

All we ask is a small donation of £1 per Family

Any question? Please drop us an email: harrellcathy28@gmail.com

THE HALL @ ST.ANNE'S LETCHWORTH ROAD. LE3 6FN







# The Hall

at





# FOOD BANK DROP OFF THURSDAY

1.30pm to 2.45pm





We are collecting

small unwrapped Christmas items

for children from 0-11 year of age

Tins, Dried, Long life Food, Eggs also required,

Men & Women toiletries etc. Thank You



# **SMILE LINES**



### Died in the services

Little Alex was staring up at the large brass plaque that hung on the side wall of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and it seemed to fascinate the seven-year-old. "All those names," he said to the minister. "Who are they?"

"Well, they were people who used to go to this church," explained the minister. "This is a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the services."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, "Which service, the 9 o'clock, or the 11 o'clock?"



### Scare it

A man had the courage - but not always the skills - to tackle any home-repair project. For example, his garage was littered with the pieces of a lawn mower he had tried to fix. One day his wife found him in the living room, attacking the vacuum cleaner with a screwdriver. "I can't get this thing to cooperate!" he exclaimed.

His wife replied, "Why don't you just drag it out to the garage and show it what happened to the lawn mower?"

### Did Noah fish?

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms?"







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# CartoonS





# **Friday Coffee Morning**

At the Hall at St Anne's

**Every Friday coffee from 10am to** 12noon.

All welcome for friendly get together of coffee and chat. Catch up with friends.



# ST. ANNE'S MOTHERS' UNION



# DIARY NOTES FOR NOVEMBER

Didn't we have a treat at our last Meeting when Margaret Rouse came to talk to us about how she completed the MU Diocesan Banner, which had actually been started by one of our own members, Olive Bevans. Sadly, Olive had been obliged to ask someone else to complete the project due to failing eyesight. The faces, which Margaret had been able to incorporate into the finished work, and the concept were very much Olive's, the practical stitching etc. are very much Margaret's. The more observant of you will have noticed a fourth Banner in the Sanctuary for the past few weeks. This is in fact the Banner in question which has been on it's travels around the Branches during the building work at the Cathedral, so as Margaret talked about the various stages the work went through, we were able to have it in front of us and see exactly what she was talking about. Wonderful!

As I write this, we still have the quiz and Fish and Chip Supper to come, and for our November Meeting, Guy Willcock will be coming to talk about the Leprosy Mission. There will be no raffle on this occasion, as we shall have a collection so that we may make a donation to the Leprosy Mission. For our December Meeting, we shall be having some musical entertainment - more details next month.

IMPORTANT NOTICE - AFTER THE AGM (TUESDAY JANUARY 9th) THERE IS TO BE AN EGM (EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING) AND IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE, ATTEND TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE RUNNING OF THE BRANCH.

Wednesday, 1st November at 9-30. Corporate Communion Tuesday, 14th November at 2-30. The Leprosy Mission (Guy Willcock)



Mavis Walker
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# WEDNESDAY CLUB PROGRAMME 2023

1<sup>ST</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

NOV 1<sup>st</sup> Roxanne, Belly Dancer

DEC 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Celebration Lunch 12.30pm. Please book your place in advance with Lesley or Hilary

Just come along on the day, or contact Lesley 0116 2331884 Hilary 07970 075039

# **KNIT AND NATTER**

The knit and natter meetings is on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1.30pm.

# The next meeting will be on Tuesday 28th November

We look forward to seeing everyone that used to come before the pandemic took hold.

If you know of anyone who you think would enjoy an afternoon of friendship, and to just come along for a chat, please do invite them along.

They will be made very welcome.



Ann 2858581



# **DEADLINES**

The deadlines for the next three issues are:

December Issue Wednesday 15th November 2023
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# **LOOKING BACK ON THE 2023 CRICKET SEASON**

The 2023 cricket season ended on a jarring note. A widespread review of the game in England found it suffered from racism, sexism, elitism and class-based discrimination.

Older cricket fans will wince. They recall the days when each county side was divided into amateurs and professionals, called Gentlemen and Players. They had separate changing rooms. Gentlemen came from wealthy families, so didn't need the wages paid to the others. You could distinguish them on cricket scorecards, where Gentlemen's names were printed with their initials in front of their surnames, whereas Players' names were the other way round. The team captain was always an amateur.

For centuries, women have played cricket, using a smaller ball, but it wasn't until 1976 that they were allowed to play at Lords, where schoolboys from Eton and Harrow had played for years. Twenty five years later, Ebony Rainford-Brent became the first black woman to play for her country, and was subject to racist abuse. "As soon as I walked into the world of cricket the comments started", she said.



In the early days, a few Indian cricketers who were members of noble families, played for English counties and even for the national team. But by and large the game in England was played by white people. Class distinction was accepted without question. In church, they were still singing,

The rich man in his castle,
The poor man at his gate;
God made them, high or lowly
And ordered their estate.

Although the Bible acknowledges distinctions between rich and poor, employers and workers, kings and their subjects, it gives priority to the poor and powerless, and places grave responsibility on those who are wealthy and wield power. No reference is made to their skin colour. Adam and Eve are presented as non-ethnic and non-national because they represent all people of all ethnicities.



One outstanding cricketer, who lived by these biblical themes, was David Sheppard. He captained England, both before and after he was ordained in the Church of England. He chose to minister only in the most downtrodden areas, wrote *Bias to the Poor* as part of his campaign for social justice and refused to play against South Africa when their team was controlled by apartheid. All sports need players of principle like him.



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