

Hello everyone,

A double issue of readings and notices for you this week as the Woodfield Team office is now closed until Monday 28th July for holiday so please contact Revd Rick directly at woodfieldteamvicar@gmail.com or call the vicarage on 01530 610235.

Please pray for those travelling for holidays, that their journeys should be smooth and, for everyone, whether at home or away, that there will be an opportunity to rest and to recuperate this summer.



Sunday Services:

Sunday 20th we have 10.00am services of Holy Communion at Norton and Swepstone, Sunday People at Appleby, Breakfast Church at Measham, a lay led service at Donisthorpe, and Morning Worship with Baptism at Normanton.

Sunday 27th there will be Holy Communion at Donisthorpe and Packington, Morning Prayer at Appleby, and a Baptism service at Measham, all at 10.00am.

Looking ahead:

Activeage meet on Wednesdays at 11.00am in Measham church hall;

There is a Coffee Morning at Packington Church on Wednesday 23rd from 10.00am to 12.00noon;

Packington also have Toastie Thursday on 24th from 12.00noon to 2.00pm in church;

Little Fishes next session will be at 10.00am on Friday 25th in Measham church hall.

Woodfield Team prayer

God our Father, you long to draw all people into your love.

Increase in number your church throughout the Woodfield Team;

deepen us as followers and learners of Christ;

and give us courage to share the good news of your kingdom.

We pray this in the power of your Spirit,

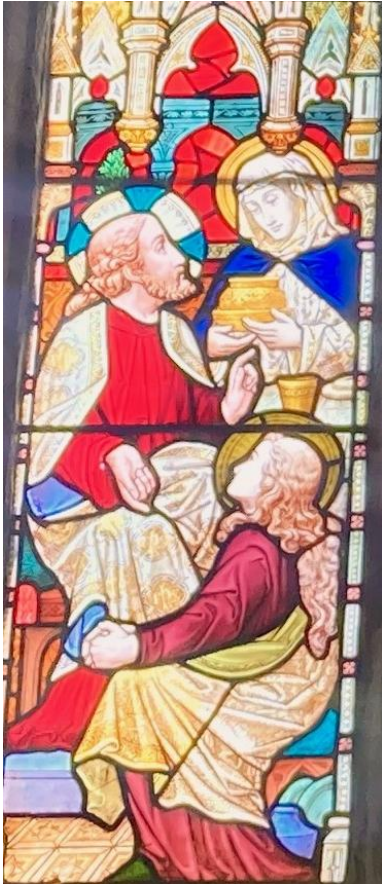
to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect for Sunday 20th July - The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reading for 20th July - Luke 10.38-42 New International Version (UK)



At the home of Martha and Mary

³⁸ As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!'

⁴¹ 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed - or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.'

Collect for Sunday 27th July - The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reading for 27th July - Luke 11.1-13 New International Version (UK)



Jesus' teaching on prayer

¹¹ One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

² He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

“‘Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.
³ Give us each day our daily bread.
⁴ Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation.’”

⁵ Then Jesus said to them, 'Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him." ⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, "Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything." ⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

⁹ 'So I say to you: ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ 'Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Prayers for today:

We pray:

Teacher God, thank you for showing us how to pray. Keep us faithful and diligent as we bring before you the needs of our church, our world, our communities, and ourselves:

- Creator God, we pray for the people of our world who are less fortunate than we are. Help us to remember those who are weary with the relentless struggle to keep alive; for those who can never look forward to a good meal or a comfortable bed; and those who lack even the necessities of life, much less have access to the many material luxuries which we so often take for granted.
- Merciful God, we pray for our troubled world. Give wisdom to all world leaders to seek some way out of the sufferings of the Middle East. May they strive to seek for a deep and lasting peace.
- Everlasting God, we pray that all who come into our churches may be enabled to renew their relationship with you and may find in you rest, peace, strength, grace, and most of all awareness of your abiding presence. Help us to be outward looking that through our fellowship we may share our faith and the Gospel of your Son, Jesus Christ with those whom we love and live amongst.
- Father God, your son Jesus enjoyed rest and refreshment in the home of his friends. May we, like Martha, serve Christ faithfully in the person of our brothers and sisters; and like Mary, feed on his word and grow in his love and grace. Give us the will to love you, open our hearts to hear you, and strengthen our hands to serve you in our families, churches, and communities.
- We pray that the needs of our families, friends and neighbours be made clear to us today, and may we find that in our giving to them we grow closer to you. We pray for all the families travelling for holidays now the school summer break is here, that they may have safe journeys and create lasting memories with their loved ones.
- Gracious God, we pray for your healing touch to rest upon those who are sick; your strength to be felt by those who are tired; your wisdom and your love to encourage those who live with despair and fear.
- Compassionate God, we commend into your hands those whom we have loved and now have lost. You gave them breath and loved and cared for them throughout their lives. Receive them now in your eternal kingdom and “May they rest peace and rise in glory”.
- Faithful God, we offer you these prayers for ourselves and for others. As we look forward to the week to come, we pray for an awareness of your love and support in all we do.

Amen.