

Hello everyone,

A reminder that the Woodfield Team Office will be unstaffed from Monday 11th August as this will be my last day as the team's Administrator.

From Monday 11th August enquiries will therefore need to go direct to Revd Rick Tett on 01530 610235 or at woodfieldteamvicar@gmail.com, until a new administrator is appointed.

I have greatly enjoyed supporting our churches in this role and thank you all for your encouragement and fellowship over the last three years. It is my firm belief that our churches offer a point of stability in a bewildering world, showing and sharing the love of God through serving and supporting our communities. This simply would not be possible without the faithful service and dedication of so many lovely people I've met over my time working for our team. You will remain in my prayers as I move on, but before then there will be a united team service on Sunday 31st at Measham, and it would be lovely to see you there before I am off to begin training.



Services this week:

This Sunday at 10.00am we have Holy Communion at Appleby, Morning Worship with Baptisms at Donisthorpe and Packington, and Breakfast Church at Measham.

Looking ahead:

Sunday 17th we have Holy Communion at Normanton and Norton, a Baptism with HC at Sweptstone, Morning Prayer at Measham, and Celtic Morning Prayer at Donisthorpe, all at 10.00am.

Sunday 24th there will be Holy Communion at Donisthorpe and Packington, Morning Prayer at Appleby, and a Baptism at Measham at 10.00am.

Further ahead, on Friday 29th August at 7.00pm there will be a Wine and Worship Evening at Donisthorpe. With old hymns and new songs to celebrate the one-year anniversary since St John's reopened. Bring a bottle of wine or non-alcohol beverage and some food for sharing.

Sunday 31st August there will be a united team service in the morning at Measham at 10.00am, and then later in the afternoon from 1.00 to 4.00pm the celebrations continue at Donisthorpe with a Community Fun Day. There will be stalls, games, competitions, BBQ, bar, refreshments and more - please do come and celebrate with us!

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 10th August - The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Reading for 10th August - Luke 12.32-40 New International Version (UK)



³² 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Watchfulness

³⁵ 'Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will make them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or towards daybreak. ³⁹ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.'

Prayers for today:

We pray:

Eternal Lord, you are our creator and sustainer. We bring before you the needs of our church, our world, our communities, and ourselves.

- Everlasting God, we give thanks for our churches that provide a place for us to come together and worship you. We pray that we might be so filled with joy through our belief in you that our hearts overflow with love for you and for all who we meet along our journey.
- Almighty God we pray for our Woodfield Team and ask that our churches be given a clear vision of what is needed to be both focused and relevant in all that is good and serves your purpose of spreading the Good News where we are.
- Merciful God, we pray for our troubled world. In these uncertain times as wars between Russia and Ukraine, and Israel and Palestine continue, drive away despair from our politics, revive our dreams of justice and truth, restore our passion for what is good and right, and give to our leaders wisdom and sensitivity to work for unity and the common good.
- 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, we pray for our families and friends, raising before you those we know with particular needs. May your peace and love surround them, bringing them comfort and strength.
- Compassionate Lord, bring healing in mind, body and spirit to all who are troubled. In lives afflicted by pain, illness, distress or grief bring comfort, hope and the courage they need for today and every day.
- Merciful God, we ask that you receive into your loving care those known to us who have died. Surround their loved ones with your compassion and give them a patient faith to comfort them in their time of grief.
- Faithful God, we offer you these prayers for ourselves and for others. As we look forward to what is to come, we pray for an awareness of your love and support in all we do.

Amen.