

Hello everyone,

This week please pray for our local schools as they break up for the summer holidays, and especially for those children in Year 6 who will be leaving primary school and moving up to 'big' school, and Years 11 and 13 who have left secondary schools and sixth form after their exams. May God bless them all on the next steps of their journey.

Our team vicar, Rick Tett, is currently on leave so please direct general enquiries to woodfieldteamoffice@gmail.com until 17th July. The team office will then close until Monday 28th July for holiday so, from 17th, please contact Revd Rick directly at woodfieldteamvicar@gmail.com or call the vicarage on 01530 610235.



Services this week:

This Sunday we have services of Holy Communion at Donisthorpe, Morning Worship at Packington, Celtic Morning Prayer at Measham, and Baptism with Holy Communion at Appleby, all at 10.00am.

Looking ahead:

On Wednesday there will be:

- Midweek Communion at Packington at 10.00am;
- Activeage at 11.00am in Measham Church Hall;
- and Community Lunch in Appleby Church Hall at 12.30pm.

Woodfield Singers meet every Thursday at 7.30pm in Swepstone Church Hall, all welcome.

Little Fishes next session will be at 10.00am on Friday in Measham Church Hall.

Next Sunday (20th July) 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.

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 13th July - The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Reading for 13th July - Luke 10.25-37 New International Version (UK)



The parable of the good Samaritan

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he asked, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’

²⁶ ‘What is written in the Law?’ he replied. ‘How do you read it?’

²⁷ He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, “‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’”^[b]

²⁸ ‘You have answered correctly,’ Jesus replied. ‘Do this and you will live.’

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half-dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii^[c] and gave them to the innkeeper. “Look after him,” he said, “and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.”

³⁶ ‘Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?’

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, ‘The one who had mercy on him.’

Jesus told him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

Prayers for today:

We pray:

Everlasting God, we make our prayers now for all people, everywhere, both close to us and far away:

- Gracious God we pray for our churches in the Woodfield Team, for our ministry team, and all the volunteers who do so much to make our churches beacons of welcome and worship. Help us to work together to build a community which is as open and generous as your love.
- We pray for the ongoing Minster Communities process, and for all those who are anxious and cannot see the way forward in this time of uncertainty and change.
- Loving God, we pray for all those who live and work around us. We thank you for the communities of which we are part and ask you to guide us to be more aware of our neighbours' needs and ways in which we might help.
- Creator 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.
- Father God, we pray for our schools at the end of the academic year this week. We pray for all the children, especially those who will not only be moving up classes as they grow, but whose turn it is to move up schools, or go on to college, university or work. We pray that their teachers and school staff will have a restful break over the holidays and be ready for the next cohort in September.
- We pray for healing in body, mind and spirit for all who are in need. We pray that in lives darkened by any kind of pain, distress or grief the light of Christ will bring comfort, hope and a sense of your all-encompassing love.
- Compassionate God, your love reaches beyond the grave. At the end of our days on earth be with us, with those we love, and with those whom we love and have gone before us. We pray now for those who have recently died and those bereaved by their passing.
- 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.