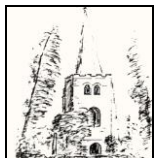


## Leam Valley Messenger



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### New Priest in Charge

“Further to the interview process which we conducted for our Priest-in-Charge, we are pleased to announce that the Reverend Philip Price, currently Curate of St. Catherine’s, Tilehurst in Oxford Diocese, will be our next Priest-in-Charge.

We have yet to arrange a date for his licensing service but will publish details as soon as we are able. Thank you for your prayers during this time. Please continue to pray for us, and for Phil and his family, as they prepare to leave their current church to serve our church and community here in the Draycote Group and Leam Valley Benefice.”

“We are delighted that we can now announce that our new Priest in Charge has been appointed. Revd. Phil Price will be full time and will serve in the 4 churches in our benefice together with the 4 churches in the nearby Draycote Group.

I know that he and his family will have a wonderful welcome into our benefices and Karen Hatch and I, along with Revd. David Shaw (retired vicar in the Draycote Group) are looking forward to working as a team together across all the churches.”

As you can see below, Phil has very kindly written a letter of introduction about himself and his family.

With my love and prayers to you all, Barbara

Dear All,

*I just wanted to write you a short note to say how excited I am to be joining you as your new Priest-in-charge. When Esther and I came to look around the churches it was really clear to us that God is at work in the Draycote Group and Leam Valley Benefice. We can't wait to be part of your communities and start getting to know you all.*



*In the meantime, here's a little bit about me and my family:*

*Esther and I have been married for 13 years and we have two gorgeous girls; Millie (10) and Magdalena (8). We also have two mischievous ginger cats called Pumpkin and Charlotte.*

*We're coming to you from Reading, where I am currently serving at St Catherine's in Tilehurst. Prior to that we were living in Cambridge where I trained for ordination at Ridley Hall.*

*I've been following Jesus for over 30 years. Through many ups and downs in that time God has proven over and over again that he is faithful and good. I see faith as a journey and, as a priest, I love nothing more than walking part of that journey with people – whether they are taking their first steps of faith or are encountering Jesus in new ways, decades after they first came to know him. My hope and prayer for the churches here is that they are places where people are empowered and equipped to take steps of faith.*

*The other thing that you should probably know is that I was born in Newport (South Wales) and am rugby mad. So how Wales perform in the Autumn Tests this year will affect how much of a swagger I have when I join you. I have many other quirks and foibles that I hope you will learn to tolerate, but maybe it is best to keep them as a surprise for now.*

*Esther and I will be remembering you in our prayers as we prepare to join you. God Bless*

## From the Registers

**Weddings:** We congratulate **Charlotte Mercer and Alex Hawkes** whose wedding took place at St Peter's Grandborough on the 18th September.

**Burial of Ashes:** At Leamington Hastings:  
on 7<sup>th</sup> August - **Terence Alfred Lawrence**  
on 13<sup>th</sup> September - **David Malcolm Loudon**

**Funerals:** We offer our sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to the relatives and friends of:

**Rory Macrory** whose funeral was held at St Mark's Church, Flecknoe, on Monday 20th September, with his burial in the churchyard directly after the service.

## Church News

### Flecknoe

#### Coffee Morning

We held a successful coffee morning on the lawn of Hillcrest House on Saturday 4th September. The weather was kind to us and it was good to see old friends and new. We raised an excellent sum of £384.54, which has been split between the church and Carriers for Hope who are supporting Afghan refugees in Coventry.

#### Harvest Supper

Many thanks to all those who supported us at our Harvest Supper on Sunday 26th September, both those who came and bid so enthusiastically at the auction afterwards and those who prepared and served our excellent meal. Although numbers were down on previous years, mainly due to staycation holidays and other events, the atmosphere was as good as ever.

We raised the excellent sum of £437.75 which will be given to the Alzheimer's Society in memory of Florence Gibson and Rory Macrory.

## Breakfast Service

Following the restrictions of the pandemic, our Breakfast Service has been resumed in its normal format with breakfast in the middle of the service.

Dick Withington has agreed to talk to us at our service at 9.00 am on 24th October. Living in Birdingbury (part of the Draycot benefice we are soon to be joined up with), he has had a longstanding history of championing the need for action on climate change, an appropriate topic ahead of the COP26 conference in Glasgow in November.

Our speaker for our Breakfast Service at 9.00 am on 28th November is Dawn Thurkettle who organises the street pastors in Rugby.



## Grandborough

#### Farmers' Market

We were delighted with the success of our first market in 18 months and it was lovely to meet up with our stallholders and customers. There was no doubt that everyone in the café was pleased to meet up with their friends and have a good chat. Next Market will be held on Thursday 7th October.

#### Messy Church

Although we had intended to start Messy Church in October and had a programme prepared, we have now decided that with the rising numbers of Covid in schools, we feel it would be unwise to start at this time and will review the situation for November. We are very sorry to disappoint those children that may have been looking forward to coming back, but we feel it is for the best.

#### Churchyard Clean-up

We would welcome support from anyone in the village who has an hour or two to spare on Saturday 9th October from 10.00 am to 12.00, to help cut back hedges and generally tidy up in the churchyard. Please bring your tools with you, hedge cutters, wheelbarrows, etc. All ages welcome.

## Harvest Service/Supper

The Harvest service on 24th October will be held at 5.00 pm, followed by supper in the Village Hall. Tickets will be available from PCC members and the cost will be £5.00 for adults and £3.00 for children between 4 and 12. Under 4's free.

We will not be auctioning floral arrangements this year and would suggest that you bring tinned food or packets which we can then donate to Hope4.

## Remembering Service

We will be holding a special service at St. Peter's, Grandborough at 4.00 pm on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November to remember those whom we love but see no longer.

During this service we will remember by name, all those dearly loved members of our communities who have died. There will also be an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance for them.

This has been a difficult time when many people have been unable to attend funerals because of covid restrictions, so this will be an opportunity to come together to pray and remember those we have lost.

All are most welcome to join us and to stay for a cup of tea and cake following the service.

I hope that the service, with God's help, will be a celebration of the lives of those whom we love but have died.

If you would like a name to be read out at the service – please do send the details to me or one of your churchwardens

## W.I.

Our meetings are held at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of each month

## Leamington Hastings

### Churchyard Clean Up

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm; help is much needed to tidy up the new churchyard and car park. If you can come, please bring any tools that you may have to help; especially power tools to cut the hedges. The church will be open for refreshments. Further information from Lucy and Ian Sewell on 01926 6333270.

### Harvest Festival

Please join us to celebrate Harvest Festival on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00 am, followed by lunch in the church. Please come for lunch at midday, even if you cannot make it to the service; everyone is very welcome, so please bring your family and friends. More information from Karen Hatch.

### Remembrance

There will be a service of Remembrance on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30 am, around the memorial, in the churchyard. If you wish to lay a wreath or crosses, please contact Karen Hatch on 01926 812363.



## Willoughby

**Harvest** saw the church beautifully decorated with an exhibition of times past and present. The church will be open for people to view. Please contact Karen for details or check notice board and local Facebook.

**Produce sale** raised £77 for Children's Society. Thank you to all volunteers and helpers and people who attended both church and lunch.

### Kitchen/Toilet

Permission is through for the kitchen/toilet project. Tenders are being sought with an application being made for one more grant.

## Tools with A Mission

Tools with a Mission send tools out to Africa. St Nicholas will be open between 10.00 am and 12.00 on the first Saturday of every month to take collection of any tools you would like to donate. A comprehensive list will be put up in the church porch. In addition, we will also recycle people's old reading glasses. A bin will be available at the same time. If this doesn't suit you, please contact Karen at [kjndon@aol.com](mailto:kjndon@aol.com) or 07866572209 to arrange a convenient time.

Volunteers at St Nicholas are busy researching the rich Heritage of the church and village, exploring the history of bells and tower. We intend running exhibitions through the year to share the information.

Volunteers are needed to help create our community garden at the back. Thank you. Please contact [kjndon@aol.com](mailto:kjndon@aol.com) or 07866572209 for any more details.

Church Services			
3rd October	Grandborough Leamington Hastings	9.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Communion
10th October	Flecknoe Leamington Hastings Willoughby Grandborough	9.00 am 11.00 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion Harvest Festival Family Service Evensong
17th October	Leamington Hastings Grandborough	9.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion WtW
24th October	Flecknoe Willoughby Grandborough	9.00 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm	Breakfast Service Holy Communion Harvest Festival and Supper
31st October	Leamington Hastings <b>Benefice</b>	10.30 am	Holy Communion
7th November	Grandborough Leamington Hastings Grandborough	9.00 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion Holy Communion Remembering Service
14th November	Grandborough Leamington Hastings	10.30 am 10.30 am	Remembrance Service Remembrance Service
21st November	Leamington Hastings Grandborough	9.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion WtW
28th November	Flecknoe Willoughby	9.00 am 11.00 am	Breakfast Service Holy Communion

Services at the Methodist Chapel are held at 6.30 pm on a Sunday. Everyone welcome.

Please note the latest date for items to be included in the next Leam Valley Messenger is **15<sup>th</sup> November**.  
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