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JULY 2022

Faith, Family and Friendship

June began amid flowers and festivity. Country churches decorated for weddings with the most beautiful displays along aisles, on window ledges, on pedestals around the church and surrounding entrance archways. The awe and wonder of creation pointing to that creative force for good in the world that some call God. That creative force for good is also called Love. The wedding service begins with one of my favourite quotes from the Bible, from 1 John 4.16

God is love and those who live in love, live in God and God lives in them. After all the social distancing of the previous two years it is a joy to see families and friends meeting together and sharing hugs and smiles.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee has also provided a wonderful opportunity for neighbors, friends and family to come together and celebrate. A number of churches, across the ten parishes I serve, had special services to give thanks for the Queen's 70 years of faithful service. You may have seen similar services on television. Viewers of the BBC's 'Songs of Praise' programme heard author Catherine Butcher talk about the publication she has written 'Our Faithful Queen: 70 Years of Faith and Service'. The booklet is a beautifully illustrated, concise yet moving account of the importance of the Queen's faith to her. Among many other observations I was particularly struck by her statement: 'Through the many changes I have seen over the years, faith, family, and friendship have been not only a constant for me but a source of personal comfort and reassurance.'

I am currently traveling to West Wales for a week's holiday, not just because it is a beautiful place to visit but to spend time with family and friends. I agree with Her Majesty: faith, family, and friends, what an important and powerful combination, we need all three!

If you would like to read 'Our Faithful Queen' it is available to read free of charge or buy online. Either follow the link below or search on the Hope Together website.

<https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/read/66553217/our-faithful-queen>

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Hallaton Benefice Services

Church Services in July in the Hallaton Benefice

You are welcome in any church in any village. Details of services in the Whatborough Benefice are on the Benefice website.

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| 3rd | East Norton | 9.39am | Holy Communion |
| 10th | Hallaton | 10.00am | Holy Communion. |
| 17th | Tugby | 11.00am | Holy Communion. |
| 24th | Slawston | 09.30am | Holy Communion. |
| | Tugby | 10.00am | Morning Praise (lay led) |
| 31st | Tilton on the Hill | 11.00am | Deanery Service |

Zoom Services:

These will continue each Sunday at 11.00am.

Full instructions can be found at the Benefice Web site:

www.ourbenefice.webador.co.uk

Safeguarding - children, young people and vulnerable adults.

The Benefice co-ordinator is Jane Anne Gore Brown who may be contacted on janeannegb@yahoo.com or on 01162598382.

Interim arrangements:

Contact details for clergy (For pastoral support, baptisms, weddings and funerals):

The Reverend Jayne Lewis:

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Covid:

All in person events and meetings are subject to the current guidelines.

If you are attending a service / meeting / event in order to care for each other please respect social distancing and where advised wear a face mask. We continue to remember in our prayers all those who have been affected by Covid and all those who are working so hard to keep everyone well.

Launde Abbey

Classical Concerts 2022

Concert at 3.00pm. £13. Optional Cream Tea to follow the concert £5

Sunday 17th July . Duo Azure. Harp and Violin

and to follow :

September 4th . Singers

October 2nd. Classical guitar

November 6th. Flute and strings

See Launde's website : laundeabbey.org.uk for details of all activities on offer.

Launde Abbey is a wonderful place to visit in the summer - enjoy coffee, lunch or tea there.

Parish News: Visit www.ourbenefice.webador.co.uk for regular updates and the latest news from around the Benefice and for a link to the Weekly Zoom Service.

Horninghold:

June saw two very special celebrations in Horninghold. Our Jubilee 'Not a Street Party' (because of the weather) was held in the splendidly decorated car port and garden of Lorraine and Bruce Aldritt. It was a very happy event with a Bring and Share Pudding table positively groaning with the biggest variety of puddings you could possibly imagine. Ian Richards proposed a toast to the Queen and the church bells were rung. The bells were rung again on June 11th for the wedding of George Norton and Emily Henderson. The church was most beautifully decorated and the sun shone. We wish George and Emily every happiness in their married life together and are very grateful to John and Sue Norton for planting some beautiful rose bushes along the church path. On July 31st the village is giving a lunch for the Ukrainian guests in the area, most kindly hosted by Ian and Fi Richards at The Manor.

Our Brooks Brothers sale items are still available and are of very high quality. Full details, call Sandra Griffin on 01858 555247 or email s.griffin@horninghold.org.uk. All proceeds go to our roof restoration fund.

Don't forget to go via our WEB site Horninghold.org.uk and click the link to order Amazon items. All commissions goes to our restoration fund.

Slawston:

Kevin played and we all sang Happy Birthday for Lachlan Pantos' 5th birthday at our Family Communion in May, which was followed the next day by our APCM and PCC meetings. Having started so well for the start of the Jubilee celebrations on 2nd June the weather steadily deteriorated over the weekend so that the venue for our village picnic had to be moved from the Old Rectory garden to one of the Jacksons' barns, which was luckily available. We had a good time despite the chill! Slawston's Ukrainian family - Dasha, Alex and their three children under five - have been here since April 19 and are settling in well. Alex has a job, the children are in pre-school, and the five or six local Ukrainian families who meet up to enjoy the wonderful hospitality at Hallaton's Cafe Morrell do so appreciate it. The Honeypot Barn Dance is back on Saturday 16 July and promises to be just as much fun as last time! Don't miss out - for tickets and details please contact williams@bfh1.co.uk or gaile.lloyd_jones@btinternet.com. We look forward to our next Family Communion Service on Sunday 24 July at 9.30 am, all welcome.

East Norton:

East Norton villagers pulled together in amazing fashion to dodge the rain and set up in style for our Jubilee celebrations. The village was looking its patriotic best, with flags, bunting and colour appropriate flower pots. Thanks to our kind hosts Martin and Heather Rissbrook we pitched the village tent on the lawn at East Norton Hall, continuing the tradition of jubilee events there. Around 60 people enjoyed a delicious hog roast brilliantly produced and served by the Williams family, with typically impressive home made salads and puds donated by everyone attending. We were also delighted to welcome Alex, Liuba and their daughter Anna from Ukraine who are living with the Rissbrook family. A very happy and enjoyable afternoon was enjoyed by all and many thanks to everyone who helped make it so successful. Our next church service is communion at 9.30am on 3 July.

Hallaton:

Like other parishes, we celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in true British style: plenty of bunting, an abundance of delicious food, all sheltering from the rain. The church was delighted to be able to provide shelter from the weather and host a lovely "non-street" party for about 250 Hallatonians. Our monthly service (10am on the second Sunday of each month) continues to be well supported. Please do come along if you haven't tried it yet. Café Morrell is fast becoming a lively community with regular visits from villagers and those in neighbouring parishes. It's a honour for the church to host it. We are very grateful to all those who give up their time to run it on a weekly basis.

Tugby:

The celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee were wonderful! The village looked amazing decorated with bunting, made by villagers. There was a party with live music in the pub on Thursday and we lit a beacon on the village green at 9.30pm. There were an estimated 300 people there. We had decided to hold the street party on the Friday which proved to be a good call as the weather was beautiful and it was very well attended. People brought picnics or got street food from the pub and there was a visit from the ice-cream van! Kevin played his accordeon, we sang the National Anthem and we were able to sit out into the evening. There was a children's fancy dress parade, tug of war and races for children and adults and great fun was had by all! On the Sunday Revd Jonathan led a lovely family service in the Church. We made prayer bunting which everyone enjoyed doing and finished in true Tugby style with coffee, juice and cake. The fantastic display in the Church of photographs and memorabilia of Tugby through the Queen's reign attracted lots of visitors, many thanks to Sue Marsh for all her hard work on it.

Jubilee Food Bank: www.jubileefoodbankmh.uk

The Food Bank is grateful for all the contributions given. However the need continues to be great. You can drop off donations at Hallaton Church or to Linda Jones at 25, Eastgate, Hallaton at any time. The Food Bank really appreciates donations from the list on the web site as it avoids an excess of some foods and a shortage of others. Most Needed items: Please see our WEB site for full details.

Mothers' Union:

On Tuesday 12th July we are holding a coffee morning and bring and buy at Tugby Church, 10.30-12. We are raising money for the work of the MU in Leicestershire, especially the scheme to give families a few days away at the seaside. Everyone is most welcome to join us at the coffee morning.

Ride and Stride around St Morrell's Round, Saturday 10th September

St Morrell's Round is our very own local pilgrimage, devised by Phil Gilbert in Hallaton. We thought we would use the opportunity of the annual Ride and Stride to complete the round and we hope you will be able to join us too. The route is 18 miles long and can be completed on foot or, with a few variations to the original route, by bike. We hope that there will be at least one group from each of the villages along its route, who will take the opportunity to raise money for Leicestershire Historic Churches Ride and Stride at the same time. On **Sunday 11th September**, the Bishop of Leicester, Rt. Rev. Martyn Snow, will come to inaugurate the pilgrimage, take a service and present all those that have completed the route with a certificate. If you would like to take part, please contact Phil [phil@7eastgate.co.uk] or Victoria [victoriabuckingham1@gmail.com]. More details on the poster attached.