



St John's,
Tipton

Weekly Newsheet

4th October 2020

'Ronarag 29'

Dear Church Family,

We are celebrating harvest festival in our churches today. It's probably not quite like our usual harvest festivals! The decorations have been scaled down, our services aren't as full as usual and we can't enjoy singing all the harvest hymns together. It's these events that bring it home to us just how different everything is this year. It's causing us to think much more creatively and 'out of the box' as we plan ahead for the rest of the year.

The great thing is that we are looking at how we take church out into the community. Jesus calls us to go out into all the world and this current time is forcing us to do this. So we are looking at all sorts of ways of shining God's light into our villages over the next few weeks.

One idea is to bless the community by making Christmas angels of hope. The idea is that we deluge our communities with knitted angels which will each have a Christmas message of hope attached to them. Having knitted the angel, a tag is added (which we will provide) and they are then left around the community for others to find and take home. We would aim to leave them around the community during the last week of the school term. If you would like to take part in this project you read more about it [here](#) where you will also find a knitting (or crochet) pattern to download. If you don't have access to a printer please ask Lynn for a printed copy of the pattern. So get knitting – the more angels the merrier! Perhaps we'd like to start a knit and natter zoom group??

With my prayers for you all,
Lynn.

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Notices

Services next week (11th October)

St Mary's Pilsley – 9.30am Morning Worship

To book please contact Katherine or Mark Ratcliffe:
Kratcliffe52@icloud.com or 01246 853901

Harvest Appeals

St Mary's are raising money for the Yemen appeal through Tear Fund and you can find more information [here](#). Envelopes will be available at church for you to make your donation.

St John's are supporting the Food Bank in Clay Cross and would be pleased to receive produce at this week's service (4th October). You can find what the food bank are short of [here](#).

Track and Trace

The Government have introduced QR codes for venues that the public visit. Although Churches are not required to display a code it is strongly recommended. Therefore you will see at the entrance to our churches this Sunday, a poster displaying a QR code. If you have a smart phone and have downloaded the Government COVID app you can swipe in using this. Please be assured that the details will only be used to inform app users that they have visited a venue where they may have come into contact with someone with coronavirus. Details will not be held on who has attended a church service as the venue is only identified by a postcode and a personal email address.

This is NOT compulsory for anyone and the booking system is an effective way of keeping record of those who have visited our buildings.

Thank you! Lynn

APCM – 7.30pm Wednesday 21st October at St Lawrence Church

The North Wingfield Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Weds 21st Oct in St Lawrence church. Due to Covid regulations numbers will be restricted. If you wish to attend, and please do consider coming, you will need to book your place. To book contact Mel Earland on 01246 852281 or melanie@schoolrooms.plus.net.

Alpha

We are starting a new Alpha course on-line beginning Weds 14th October @ 8.30pm. If you've never done the Alpha course before, or not for a long while you would be really welcome to join us. If you would like to invite a friend or family member we'd love to see them too! You can watch the introductory video [here](#)
Contact Lynn for more information

The Bible Course

We are re-starting Home groups on line and on paper! This term we will be exploring the whole of the Bible with the help of 'The Bible Course'. The course is available via Youtube and there is course book to accompany it. If you would like to join a zoom discussion group this will be on Mondays at 7pm starting 5th October. For further information contact Steve (abilyst@hotmail.com or 01773 872293)

Readings for week beginning 5th October:

Mon; Psalm 71;	1 Kings 21;	Acts 21.37–22.21
Tues; Psalm 73;	1Kings 22.1–28;	Acts 22.22–23.11
Wed; Psalm 77;	1 Kings 22.29–45;	Acts 23.12–end
Thurs: Psalm 78.1–39;	2 Kings 1.2–17	Acts 24.1–23
Fri; Psalm 55;	2 Kings 2.1–18;	Acts 24.24–25.12

Prayers

Lord God of creation , during this time of harvest we pray for the hungry and the homeless, the broken and bereaved.

For all for whom this day brings sadness and little joy.

For the lonely and the helpless, for those whose hope has been shattered and their faith destroyed, we pray they may know your compassionate arms and courage.

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

We remember during these difficult times: the struggling and the oppressed; For those without power to negotiate or bargain.

For all whose work goes unrewarded and whose produce is undervalued.

For all who feel unwanted believing their skills are no longer needed.

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

We pray today for all who struggle to change the system striving for justice and fair trade trying to overcome political blindness and public insensitivity.

For all who influence our thinking, our buying and consuming.

For all who formulate policy and manage the market.

For fairness and compassion In all walks of life.

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

For responsible stewardship In our using of your world.; for sustainable consumption as well as production.

For care for creation and compassion for each other. Lord,

May your Kingdom come,

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven **Amen**

Collect for 16th Sunday after Trinity

Gracious God,

you call us to fullness of life:

deliver us from unbelief

and banish our anxieties

with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

What's on this week!

Sunday - Coffee after Church

St Mary's Church – 11am

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86854205991?pwd=YXVUQis4LzkxbHY2UitJWVEzMGpMdj09>

Meeting ID: 868 5420 5991

Password: 408468

St John's Church -12 noon

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88939397383?pwd=eWt3dzRFdTJkQUV1eklrTVRLMVFwdz09>

Meeting ID: 889 3939 7383

Password: 581481

Sunday 6pm – Praying together

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83764610729?pwd=TXo5UzhMRXUwN2tPbEFwTWJlYXVldz09>

Meeting ID: 837 6461 0729

Password: 703237

Tuesday 9am – Morning Prayer

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

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Meeting ID: 896 2412 9307

Password: 681530

Tuesday 10am – Totstop

If the weather is dry, meet outside the Centre for a walk (if there are more than 6 of us, we will split up!)

If it's wet we will be on zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86921099801?pwd=dDBXS3FYakZLYm85RDNEdWFSSmJ
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Meeting ID: 869 2109 9801

Passcode: 574567

Thursday 10am – Pop-In for coffee

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

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Meeting ID: 862 1024 9687

Password: 046923