

This week's service

Sunday 28th January 2024

This week's reading



Today's service is led by Nigel Worth with Rev Bex Allpress preaching



Psalm 111 Mark 1:21-28

A thought from Bex

The thought for this week is based on the words from Psalm 111. In this Psalm we are invited to always praise the Lord – whether it is in the depths of winter or the highs of summer! This is inspired by the fact that when we look at creation in every season – the more we gaze, the more we see the loving hand of our creator God holding together the fabric of the world around us. Let our eyes be open to seeing how there are no small things created by so great a hand worthy of praise. Amen

Prayer for the week

God of heaven,

you send the gospel to the ends of the earth

and your messengers to every nation:

send your Holy Spirit to transform us by the good news of everlasting life

in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hill Street Baptist Church Clothes Bank



This week I was chatting to a friend who volunteers at Hill Street Baptist Church Clothes bank.

The clothes bank provides free clothing to anyone in need by self referral or referral from agencies already working with individuals. They have a room set up as a dedicated clothes shop which allows clients to freely access items as they would in any clothes shop. They currently have 322 families registered to access the clothes bank (with on average 40 individuals attending each week. They give out an average 1200 items each month. Unsuitable clothing is passed onto other charities to be reused or recycled.

The staff are all volunteers with a desire to help those in need in the local community. New volunteers are welcome.

They accept donations of good quality clothing of all sizes.

Open Fridays 1-4pm.

For more information visit their Facebook page.



Weekly Prayer Meeting

Thursdays, 7-8pm

at Sean and Sandra's home, 122 Church Street, Church Gresley.

A floral tribute to Pauline has been left in the church for you to view. Every day she put out peanut butter sandwiches for the badgers that came into her garden.



Church diary for the next month

Thursday 1st February 7pm Prayer Meeting

at Sean & Sandra's home 122 Church Street, Church Gresley

Sunday 4th February 10:45 Morning Worship in the church hall with Sean O'Toole

Sunday 11th February 10:45 Morning Worship in the church hall with Debbie Patrick

Sunday 18th February 10:45 Holy Communion with Rev Mike Firbank

Sunday 25th February 10:45 Morning Worship with Nigel Worth

Cleaning Rota

Please clean the church before the date marked.

Please swap with someone else on the rota if you cannot clean during your week.

The toilets will be cleaned weekly by Sean & Sandra

4 th Feb	Deb P
11 th Feb	Jane
18 th Feb	Bill
25 th Feb	Brian Redfern
3 rd Mar	Val & Andrew
10 th Mar	Nige & Deb
17 th Mar	Christine

RefreshmentsRota

It's a real blessing to be able to spend time chatting with one another after the service. We have a rota for serving tea & coffee.

Please swap with someone if you cannot do a particular date.

Please bring the milk. Thank you

28 th Jan	James
4 th Feb	Maxine & Jane
11 th Feb	Christine
18 th Feb	Deb W & Alicia
25 th Feb	Carol
3 rd Mar	James
10 th Mar	Maxine & Jane
17 th Mar	Christine

LENT across Swadlingote Minster

Lent begins with our annual Minster ASHING SERVICE on Ash Wednesday starting at 7pm on Wednesday the 14th February 7pm at St John's Newhall. Please join us as we also launch the LICC Lent course 'ON PURPOSE'... because there is purpose and intent in every part of God's creation and calling.



We are encouraging everyone to follow the new LICC Lent course called 'ON PURPOSE'. There are 2 parts to this course – daily readings to follow and weekly material which can be used in small groups and on Sundays.. that is entirely up to you.

There will be lots more resources on their website negrer the time

<u>SMALL GROUPS running this course across Lent are as follows – if you are planning to join then please contact them first:</u>

Monday morning group.

10am via zoom apart from the 1st Monday of month. Contact Rev Patrick on 07968 503447

Tuesday evening group.

7:30pm at 2, Hastings Road, Church Gresley. Contact Sue Stubbs on 07762188467

<u>Tuesday evening</u> group.

Contact Caroline Carr 07814 270347 for details

Friday afternoon group

2pm-3pm in Emmanuel Church Hall. Contact Rev Alison 07986 527293

The daily reading devotional can be downloaded by clicking on the picture

