

ON THIS WEEK

Monday 19th June

9.30am Revd Diane Civic Service meeting
3.00pm Standing Committee meeting at the Rectory
7.30pm Buildings group meeting at the Rectory

Tuesday 20th June

9.30am Tuesday Tots in the ARK
11.00am Prayer group meet in Church
12.30pm Revd Diane Chapter meeting
3.30pm Revd Diane Home Communion
6.00pm Revd Diane Baptism visit

Wednesday 21st June

11.00am Uvedale Hall Bible and fellowship
2.00pm Revd Diane meeting
7.30pm Revd Diane Bosmere Governors meeting

Thursday 22nd June

10.30am Christians together at Christchurch Linda Hills – my time in Zambia
2.00pm Revd Diane burial of ashes

Sunday 25th June

2nd Sunday after Trinity

Proper 7

PATRONAL FESTIVAL

10.00am Sung Eucharist
12.30pm Bring and share lunch at the Rectory
3.00pm Songs of Praise at the Rectory

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Please include in your prayers

-Madge and Iris
-Mary's family as they mourn their loss of Mary
-Pat who is in hospital
-Ruth and her family
-the Ruby family
-Edna
-Kate, Steve and family
-Peter's sister Margaret
-Cora, John and family
-Ted recovering from his fall
-Catherine's friend David and for Janet and the family.
-All those affected by the horrific fire at Grenfell Tower. Those who are injured, those who are homeless, those who lost their lives and those who mourn. Also those from the emergency services whose lives have been affected from what they witnessed.
-for our Parliamentary leaders as they work together to form a government to see our country through these troubled times

We also pray for the many names that appear on our prayer board, and all those who are suffering in mind, body and spirit, for those who are in pain and distress and for those who care for loved ones. Give skills to doctors and nurses and patience to all those who care for invalids.

-we thank you Lord for the diversity and richness of our world, for the natural goodness of many, and the innocence of the very young.

We pray for the victims of our world's mistakes and evils, and ask your guidance and courage for our leaders and advisers.

**St. John the Baptist Church
Needham Market,**

Sunday 18th June

1st Sunday after Trinity

Proper 6

Fathers Day

10.00am Sung Eucharist

Readings

Genesis Ch18 v1-5 pg17
Romans Ch5 v1-8 pg1132
Matthew Ch9 v35 -Ch10 v8 pg974

Hymns

185 For the fruits of his creation
212 God forgave my sin
sheet Here I am wholly available
204 Give us wings of faith
541 O thou who camest from above
752 Will you come and follow me?

Collect

O God

the strength of all those who put their trust in you mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed:

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen

PATRONAL FESTIVAL SUNDAY 25TH

JUNE as usual we will be celebrating this special day with a bring and share lunch at the Rectory. There is a list on the notice board for you to indicate you are coming and to give an idea of what food you are bringing. This year once again we will finish the afternoon with a Songs of Praise service. Please pick up a yellow slip to complete to select your favourite hymn to sing and to say why it is so special to you. These are to be put in the "W" pigeon hole by 21st June

MEDITATION GROUP Please note the next session will be on **MONDAY 26TH JUNE at 6.30pm. NOT 19th June**

PCC the next Standing Committee meeting is on **Monday 19th June at 3.00pm** and will PCC members please note that the next PCC meeting is on **Thursday 29th June at 7.30pm (Note earlier time for this and all future PCC meetings)**

VALUATION MORNING In association with Bishop & Miller, Valuers of Stowmarket, I am organising a Valuation Morning 9.30am-12 noon on Saturday 23rd September 2017 in the ARK. Entry will be £3 per person, regardless of how many items you wish to be valued. Oliver Miller, senior Valuer with B&M, will be carrying out sessions with individuals to do valuations on their items For those waiting their turn, there will be refreshment as well as a Tombola in the main room throughout the morning. *Do you have something in the attic you've always wondered about? Then please do come along on the 23rd September - you may get a pleasant surprise!* (All proceeds to Church Funds). Ann Levett

HOME WORSHIP Mrs. Sue Riches, a Christian Counsellor, told us about her life and work. Her husband had been a heart surgeon, and having lost his first wife aged 42, he met and married Sue In his work he said he was extending life, but was now beginning to come to the view that the quality of life was more important, and eventually became a priest After some years he very sadly died leaving Sue a widow. Sue trained in Social Work and gradually turned to Christian Counselling. She gave examples where people had been helped with whatever was worrying them. She quoted the line from the hymn 'All that is needed His hand hast provided'.

3rd July Kate Holmes, Hospital Chaplain and Lay Reader is coming to lead our worship

Afterwards, we will have our annual shared lunch and draw, and any money will be shared with the churches represented. All welcome

BOSMERE DEANERY QUIET DAY Saturday 7th October 10.00-4.00pm at Otley Hall, cost £10.00 per person (incs 2 course buffet lunch)

places are limited so booking is essential. There is a form on the notice board near the choir where you can sign up if you wish to attend. Further details from Revd Diane or Kate Holmes

CHRISTIAN AID the house to house collection this year raised £2,514.00.74p Thank you to all those who did the collecting and all those who counted the money

From the Vicarage

The electioneering and the voting is over and the decision made; with no political party in overall control. It has seemed that the country's politicians have spent much of the last year in seeking votes for one election or another and I wonder whether the outcome is a measure of how frustrated many people feel.

Alongside all the politics we have seen the terrorist attacks in London and Manchester and I realised how protected we are from it all when in Bury St Edmunds recently I saw two heavily armed policemen on patrol down a quiet street. Such a thing is commonplace for the bigger towns and cities but not part of our life here in Needham. We surely all feel for our fellow citizens in their suffering and share their fear and hopefully, their determination not to give in to the threats of terrorists

Maybe, now that the election is over, and now that we realise as a nation that our security is not as strong as it we assumed, there can be a move to something different; a move towards community and that working together that lies at the heart of a healthy society and the heart of the Christian Gospel.

Last Sunday was Trinity Sunday when we considered how our God lives in Trinity – three in one- working collaboratively in a Trinitarian dance of Father, Son and Holy Spirit – a community in diversity; one in three persons as a hymn puts it.

This is what our country needs – that working together, true collaboration that enables the diversity to exist and to enrich all that is around it. This is what the church can and should model for our country and for the world; maybe this is what Trinity Sunday challenges us to take seriously as we seek to speak into a frightened and confused country in God's name

Diane