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Newsletter of the Churches of Ashby St. Ledgers, Braunston and Welton

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Please continue to pray for our Churchwardens who give up so much time for our churches.

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Website: www.allsaintsbraunston.org.uk

Facebook: All Saints Church Braunston

Ashby St. Ledgers:

Facebook: Ashby St Ledgers Church

Welton:

Website: www.stmartinswelton.org.uk

Facebook: St Martin's Church Welton

The next **"Ride and Stride"** takes place on 10th September. Ashby, Braunston and Welton are looking for sponsorship where half of the money raised goes to NHCT (Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust) with the remainder going towards much needed funds for our individual churches. Churches who participate are prioritised for grant aid. This year, Welton Church have been granted £3000 towards the repairs that are needed.

To take part or help, please see Janet Weaver (Ashby), Gloria Brough (Braunston) or Jan Wall (Welton).

SUNDAY SERVICES

Please note: There are no zoom mid-week communion services during August.

7th August **Braunston** (Communion)

14th August **Ashby** (Communion)

21st August **Braunston** (no Communion)

28th August **Welton** (Communion)

6th September **Braunston** (Communion)

11th September **Ashby** (Communion)

18th September **Braunston** (no Communion)

25th September **Welton** (Communion)

All Services are at 10.30am. Coffee and edible goodies available from 10am.

Outdoor Family Church

Our three churches are working together to give families a fun way to worship God and learn more about Him.

When: Saturday 13th August, 11am-1pm.

Meet at: The Scout Den, Cross Lane, Braunston at 11am (follow the footpath from Cross Lane).

Outdoor family games and activities in the nearby woodland and field (or inside if the weather is *really* bad!).

A short Bible story.

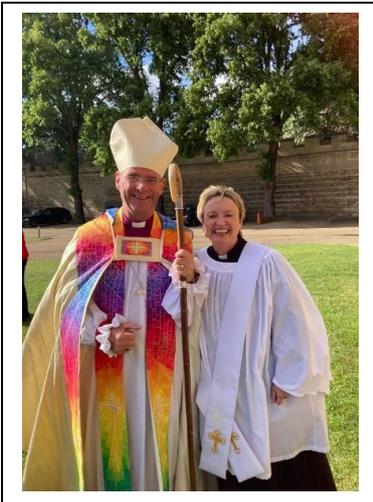
Lunch (bacon rolls provided or bring your own picnic).

All families welcome (you don't have to live in one of the villages).

No charge, but small donations towards costs are welcomed.

Any questions? Contact:

safeguarding@stmartinswelton.org.uk



THANK YOU

I just want to say an enormous thank you to my Braunston, Welton and Ashby family for my lovely ordination gifts especially the beautiful red stole. I will have a photo taken the first time I wear it so that you can see it in action!

Thank you all for supporting me through this special time. It was lovely to have so many of you at the service and also to know that many of you were watching on screen.

Love and prayers always

Revd Kim x

Update on the appointment of a Vicar

The post has been advertised in the Church Times and on the Diocesan website.

By the time you read this, we should have received applications. Interviews are scheduled to take place in mid-August.

Please pray for potential candidates and those people who are involved in interviews.

Bible Study Groups

For details, please speak to Anne Parker-Tyler, either in person after a service, or by email through the Braunston website contact page.

Prayer Chain

If you would like to be included in the prayer chain and receive a copy of the prayer chain or receive prayer for yourself, please contact either suejennens21@gmail.com or your church warden. The list is updated each month (first names only).

I don't like cricket – I love it

What a summer of sport we are having – tennis, golf, football, cricket, rugby, motor racing, and the Commonwealth Games. Anyone who has played sport seriously will know the dedication, focus, discipline and perseverance it takes to be successful, along with a lot of support from others. If all goes well, there will be trophies and medals to show for it. In the New Testament, St. Paul referenced sport quite a bit in his letters to the early churches in Turkey, Greece and Rome. Paul emphasises that the Christian life is a long-distance race. Christians need to run the race well and with perseverance, keeping our eyes fixed on the 'prize', which is Jesus, heaven, and eternity. We need to target our efforts, not wasting energy on running aimlessly or throwing punches at thin air. We need to be disciplined and act with integrity so as not to lose our 'crown' by failing to compete according to the rules. We need to fight well and finish the race. Successful athletes aren't superhuman; they simply dedicate themselves to doing the right things well. Succeeding in sport, in life, in faith is all about building good habits, constantly making small changes to achieve better results, and surrounding ourselves with people who will help and encourage us. Whatever race you are running, whatever challenges you are facing, I pray that you will benefit from the support team around you, and that you will find your strength in Christ.

"God is my strength and power" 2 Samuel 22:33

Anne Parker-Tyler Lay Minister, Reader

A verse for August

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." Hebrews 12:1