



# All Saints' Church Braunston

"The Cathedral of the Canals"

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## September 2019

### Services:

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b> 11.15 am - Holy Communion	<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 11.15 am – All Age Service with Baptisms
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b> 11.15 am - Café Church in Braunston Village Hall	<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b> 11.15 am – Holy Communion 6.00pm – No Labels Worship
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b> 08.00 am - BCP Holy Communion 11.15am – Holy Communion	

Tiny Treasures – Parent/carers toddler group held at the Rectory **every Tuesday** in term time, 9-11am, for more information please contact Rev Nat. The new term starts on 10<sup>th</sup> September.

Peace at lunchtime **every Wednesday** in the parish room, 12.30pm – 2pm, a short reflective service followed by a home cooked lunch. Everyone is welcome.

If you would like prayer for yourself, or for someone else, please let Rev Nat know or fill in a "Can we pray for you?" leaflet & drop it into the prayer box in the St Giles Chapel (left hand side, next to the library).

### Those who need prayer

From next month there will be a prayer list (first names only) so that we can all pray for those who particularly need God's healing touch and presence at this time, those dealing with the loss of a loved one and for our local community. Please contact Rev Nat if you would like to be included and for how long. The list will be updated each month.

## **John's Gospel – discover what it means to be a friend of Jesus!**

I hope that you have all had a good summer, whether this was a holiday at home or elsewhere. Holidays mean different things to us all; a new adventure, time with friends and family, a chance to relax. For me, I enjoyed some space to catch up on the ever-growing pile of books in my study!

This summer I have enjoyed several novels, a biography on St Paul by Tom Wright and the best book on John's Gospel I have ever read. It's called 'Drawn into the Mystery of Jesus through the Gospel of John' by Jean Vanier.

We have been preaching on John's Gospel for the past 3 months to help us as we begin our journey of reading through this gospel by using 'the Word one to one' booklets this month and in the months to come.

The booklets are now available, and I hope and pray that you will have the courage to ask someone you have been praying for if they would like to read John's gospel with you. You may want to read them with your partner/spouse, friend, or family member first. This may be a good resource for a small group. My prayer is that I hope to see as many of our church family reading John's gospel over the next few months and to then have the courage and confidence to read with those who do not know the love of Jesus yet.

There are 38 sessions spread over 11 booklets; each session includes a few verses to read with a few pointers to help you with discussion. You do not need to be a theologian to do this, if you have not read this gospel through before that is fine. The first 3 booklets are free and available from Rev Nat.

'The Gospel of John gives some facts about the life of Jesus, although every fact leads further into a mystery revealed in a symbolic way that tells us something about who we are called to be. Thus, the Gospel of John is not only about the disciples at the time of Jesus, their growth in faith and trust, and the passages and crises of faith they had to live. It is also about the growth in faith and trust of all followers of Jesus, and crises and passages we have to go through in order to become beloved disciples' (Jean Vanier)

The purpose of reading this gospel is not just to gain more knowledge, but like Jean Vanier, I hope that you will gain a desire to 'be drawn into a mystery'. So, let's set off as pilgrims and discover the journey of the first disciples and make it our journey too.

Please speak to me if you would like more information or a copy of the booklet.

God bless you,

Rev Nat

**Dates for your Diary:**

***Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September***

Jackie Green's memorial service and burial of ashes at All Saints Church Braunston at 12.30pm followed by a soup and bread lunch.

***Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September - Historic Churches Ride & Stride***

The annual sponsored cycle ride/walk is taking place again this year. For those keen cyclists or walkers in the parish, this is an enjoyable way to raise funds for the Church and the Historic Churches Trust and where half the money raised will be given directly back to our church. Sponsor forms are now available. If you are not actively taking part, then please consider sponsoring those participating on the day and raise important funds for both All Saints' Church and the Historic Churches Trust.

***Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30pm, Last Night of the Proms with the City of Coventry Brass Band and musical director Stephen Cooper***

Tickets £10 adults, concessions £8, available from the Church, Braunston Post Office or contact Colin on 01788 890988.

***Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Macmillan Coffee Morning at the back of church from 10am.***

For more information speak to Aileen Membery.

**Forthcoming dates:**

***Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Barn Dance***

Fundraising event for St Martin's Church at 7.30pm in Welton Village Hall. Dancing to the Weltones with a Caller. Price £15 which includes pie and chips (bring your own drinks). Contact Jan Wall on 07713 294403 for tickets

***Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival***

Joint Benefice Service at Bragborough Hall Farm for the service followed by a traditional harvest lunch. Time to be confirmed.